

2019 Membership Application Detailed Instructions

Your application for membership constitutes your agreement that you understand and will comply with the Club Rules. These rules are posted as a .pdf file on the Club's website home page:

www.rhstc.com

The Club Board, or the "Board", has decided that all regular membership fee payments for the 2019 season are due by June 1, 2019; unless payment is being made via the EZ Pay system, in which case, final payment is June 15, 2019.

Rolling Hills Swim and Tennis Club, or the "Club", is a non-profit non-charitable social club, operated by its members on a strictly volunteer basis. The members elect a board of volunteers from the membership, which then employs staff predominantly to provide for the operational aspects of the pool and tennis courts. This staff typically includes a Club Manager, assistant managers, as needed, coaches for swimming and tennis, lifeguards, and concession stand attendants.

Club fees are established on an annual basis by the Board, and may be adjusted at any time. These fees and any special discounts are at the discretion of the Board, both as offered to the general membership and on an individual membership basis. Individual concerns with fees are addressed by the entire Board at regular meetings.

A common question is whether tax is due on Club membership fees. Although we are non-profit, we are not charitable, so we do pay sales tax on membership fees, and fees or other donations to the Club are not tax deductible to the member. Sales tax is not included in the total fee amount quoted to you, so you do have to add 6.5% to it.

A \$50 per Family membership and a \$25 for Dual and Single memberships Maintenance Fee was voted into effect at the annual All Member Meeting. This fee will be added to membership dues after taxes.

Some people do prefer to pay with cash and this is acceptable. We prefer you pay by cash at the pool after it has opened. Please give your payment to the Manager or one of the Assistant Managers, and get a receipt. They will inform the Membership Committee of your payment. Please do not send cash through the mail and do not send account information, such as credit card or checking account information by email.

Another common question is regarding membership types. The Club is intended to be a "family" social organization and the core membership type we call a "Family Membership". When projecting income for budgeting, we equate all membership to "Family". However, we recognize that our community is made up of a diversity of household types, and we want our fees to be reasonable to all of them. Again this year the Board recognizes that households with only one or two members probably do not use as much Club resource as the typical "Family" membership. To reflect this in the fees, the Board has approved the "Dual" (formerly "Couple") and "Single" membership types. The term "Dual" is used versus "Couple" to avoid discrimination. It simply means any two people living under one roof. It can be anything from a parent and a child, to a couple with grown children no longer living with them, to two college roommates.

"Single" memberships are available to any adult individual. An adult for our Club is any person over the age of 18 before 6/1/2019. A young person, under age 18, may join as a "Single" with a sponsoring "Family" membership. This sponsoring "Family" membership must be identified in a simple note on the membership application. Two young people in the same household may join as a "Dual" membership with the same restrictions as stated for the "Single" membership.

The Board also approved the "Senior" discount again this year. This is in recognition of the limitation of a fixed income and consistent with the discounts offered through most other organizations and in most commercial establishments. "Senior" means above the age of 60 before 6/1/2019. For a "Dual-Senior" membership, only one person in this membership need be a "Senior" to qualify.

This year the Board also approved a "New" membership discount for "Family", "Dual", and "Single" membership types. This is a marketing effort on the part of the Board to attract that segment of our community, which has never experienced the enjoyment of belonging to our Club. This discount is only available to memberships where no adult participant in that membership has been a member of the Club for the last three years.

Over the years the Board has approved a number of initiatives in an effort to reduce cost. One of these has been to reduce the cost of mailings to every member, so we are attempting to use email to accomplish much of our communication. If you have an email address, please provide it on your application. And if you have questions or comments, the Club's general email address is:

rolling.hills.membership@gmail.com