

# Recommended Pool Rules

These recommended pool rules are intended as a guide to develop your community's pool rules. Substitute (or delete) any text in red with your community's preferences. Delete any section that does not apply to your community.

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## Safety

1. A parent or guardian must accompany a non-swimmer in the water at all times even if the non-swimmer uses a U.S. Coast Guard approved life vest.
2. To support a non-swimmer, the only item permitted is a U.S. Coast Guard approved life vest. Water wings, bubbles, inflatable objects, floating baby carriages, rings, or any other flotation device is prohibited.
3. If a parent or guardian needs assistance in determining a child's swimming ability, they must ask the manager or lifeguard for assistance.
4. Patrons shall not behave in a way that jeopardizes the safety of themselves or others. The pool manager or lifeguard has the authority to temporarily remove any member or guest of this facility and may use discretion in enforcing rules.
5. Lifeguards are on duty to enforce rules, respond to emergencies, and promote a safe environment. The parent or guardian is responsible for the supervision and safety his or her children.

## Pass Policy

1. All patrons entering the pool area, including people who are not swimming, must present a valid pool pass.
2. A resident/member must accompany guests at all times. Guests must present a guest pass.
3. Persons under the age of **number (#)** do not need a pool pass or guest pass.
4. Children under the age of **number (#)** must be accompanied by a parent or guardian **number (#)** years old or older.
5. Residents/members are responsible for the actions of their guests.

## General Policy

1. No one is permitted to use the pool until it is officially open and a lifeguard is on duty. Entering the pool area when the pool is closed is prohibited and may be considered trespassing.
2. All patrons using the pool area do so at their own risk. Owners and management does not assume responsibility for any accident or injury in connection with such risk.
3. Immediately report any accidents to the lifeguard or manager on duty.
4. The facility may be closed at any time due to mechanical breakdown, water chemistry adjustments or inclement weather.
5. All swimmers shall exit the pool area at the lifeguards or managers request.
6. Proper swim attire is required. Street clothes, cut offs, or denim shorts, are prohibited in the pool, unless deemed appropriate for religious purposes.
7. Patrons may not use the pool under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
8. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is permitted in designated areas only.
9. Rafts, tubes, mats, or any flotation device is prohibited. The only exception is noodles are permitted.
10. Patrons who are not toilet trained must wear tight fitting rubber pants or swim diapers.
11. Disruptive behavior and profanity will not be tolerated.

#### Health Department Regulations

[These recommended pool rules are base on the Model Aquatic Health Code's Recommendations. For more information on the MAHC visit the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/mahc/>). Substitute this section with your local health department regulations if available]

1. In case of emergency call 911.
2. [Hours of Operation]
3. All occupancy limits posted at the facility must be followed.
4. Pollution of the facility is prohibited.
5. Do not swim if you have open wounds.
6. Do not swim if you are ill with diarrhea or have had diarrhea within the past two weeks.
7. Shower before entering the water.
8. No glass items are permitted in the facility.
9. Do not swallow water or spit water.
10. Diaper changing on the deck is prohibited.
11. No diving in areas specified "No Diving".
12. No prolonged underwater swimming or breath holding. Competitive or repetitive breath holding is not permitted.
13. No animals are permitted in the pool enclosure except service animals.

#### Diving Boards

1. Anytime the diving board(s) are in use, the diving well must be completely cleared. No swimming is permitted unless the staff closes the diving board.
2. Only one person is permitted on the diving board (including ladder) at one time.
3. The person using the diving board must wait until the previous person has exited the diving well prior to stepping onto the ladder or board.
4. Persons may bounce only once on the board.
5. Persons must dive or jump straight forward off the board. Back dives, reverse dives, inward dives, back dives, handstands, cartwheels and other similar unsafe maneuvers are prohibited.

#### Wading pool rules

1. All children using the wading pool must be accompanied and closely monitored by a parent or guardian.
2. Wading pool toys must be small as to not disturb other patrons using the wading pool.
3. The wading pool is intended for children six (6) years or younger.

#### Spa

1. Children under the age of five (5) are not permitted to use the spa at any time.
2. Patrons five (5) to eighteen (18) years old must be accompanied in the spa by a parent or guardian.
3. Patrons must limit the time in the spa to 15 minutes. After fifteen minutes, patrons must rest, cool down, and then may reenter the spa.
4. Pregnant women and people suffering from heart disease, diabetes, high or low blood pressure should not enter the Spa without prior medical consultation or permission from their doctor.
5. Do not use the spa if you have consumed alcoholic beverages.