



# Outdoor Pool Information/Rules/Regulations

- **All employees must be treated with respect and spoken to calmly; verbal abuse, threatening behavior, or physical aggression towards staff will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the facility.**
- **Pool Management reserves the right to enforce stricter or supplement rules listed below to ensure the safety and well-being of all guests.**
- **Management reserves the right to expel individuals from the facility for violating any of these rules.**

## Conduct

- Always obey Lifeguards. The staff has the right to take disciplinary action. **Lifeguards are responsible for enforcing safety rules and responding to emergencies.**
- Each adult may be responsible for **no more than 4 youth under the age of 7**. Anyone under 10 must always have a parent or responsible adult (16 or older) with them. Parents or guardians supervise their children.
- **Smoking, vaping, and other tobacco/drug use are strictly prohibited.**
- Personal conduct within the pool facility must be such that the safety of oneself and others is not jeopardized.
- **No running, boisterous, or rough play** (e.g., pushing, extreme splashing, chicken fights, holding or pushing someone underwater, etc.)
- Jumping from the side of the pool must be feet first and forward; back jumps or spins are not permitted. No holding hands, running starts, cannonballs, or belly flops are permitted.
- Do not hold on to the lane lines.
- Lap lanes are reserved for lap swimmers only; loitering is not permitted.
- Breath-holding games are not permitted.
- Only clean footwear, baby strollers, wagons, or wheelchairs are allowed in the pool area or bathhouse.
- **Use of foul language, foul gestures, spitting, or physical contact is prohibited.**
- Spitting, spouting water, blowing the nose, or otherwise introducing contaminants into the pool is not permitted.
- The pool water is not suitable for drinking. Avoid swallowing pool water.
- The use of cell phones and/or video cameras is prohibited in all locker rooms and changing areas. Radios, CD/DVD/tape players, cell phones, and other electronic devices must be restricted to low volume for personal use. Out of respect for other patrons, please keep cell phone calls brief and quiet. In all cases, headphones are preferred with electronic devices in order to avoid disturbing other patrons.
- Prohibited items include mermaid tails, inflatable rafts (except at designated times), water guns, and all toys.
- Use of cell phones or cameras is not permitted in the locker rooms.

## Apparel/Accessories

- All apparel worn in the pool shall be clean. Swimsuits are preferred. Apparel is limited to appropriate, tight-fitting athletic wear. No jeans, khaki pants/shorts, jean shorts, or clothing with metal fasteners allowed.
- All children who are not toilet-trained shall wear tight-fitting rubber or plastic pants.
- All people are encouraged to take a shower before entering the pool area.
- All bikes, scooters, and skateboards must be kept outside of the facility at the bike rack.
- **Strollers, wagons, and carts are permitted in restricted areas only.** Car seats are preferred for pool decks.
  - **Family Aquatic Center:** In stroller parking (Men's & Women's Locker Room Walls) or on the Grass
  - **Eagle & Birchwood:** At least 2 wheels must be on the grass/off the concrete
- Towels, beach robes, books, and chairs are allowed on the deck but must be 6 feet from the water.
- Littering is prohibited. In addition, no food, drink, gum, or tobacco is allowed in areas other than specially designated and controlled sections of the pool area.
- Glass containers are prohibited.
- Glass, soap, or other materials that might create hazardous conditions or interfere with the efficient operation of the swimming pool are not permitted in the swimming pool or on the pool deck.
- **Only US Coast Guard Type 2 & Type 3 flotation devices are permitted in the pool.** Water wings or inflatable life jackets are not permitted. Pool floats are only allowed during designated float times & days. Lifejackets are available to rent, free of charge, at each pool in various sizes.
- Toys are not permitted in the main pools/diving wells at all facilities. However, toys are permitted in the baby pools at Birchwood and Eagle Pool
- The Palatine Park District is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

## Pool Regulations

- Diving in water less than 5 feet deep is not permitted except when allowed for competitive swimming and training.
- Pulling or hanging on lane lines is not allowed.
- Caution shall be exercised in the use of diving facilities.
- Swimming is prohibited at outdoor swimming pools when lightning is present, including a 30-minute period after the last lightning is observed.

- In the event of lightning being detected and/or thunder heard, the pool will be cleared, and individuals will be asked to go into the locker rooms.
- Management will inform the public when it is safe to reenter the pool deck/pool.
- No one should swim alone.
- Children under the age of 18 must get a manager's approval to swim in the lap lanes.
  - Kickboards are to be used in the lap lanes only.

## Slides

- **All riders at Family Aquatic Center & Birchwood Pool must be 48 inches or taller to ride** & be able to swim 25 yards. **All riders will be measured before using the slide.**
- **All riders at Eagle Pool must be 44 inches or taller to ride** & be able to swim 25 yards.
- All riders must enter & exit feet first only. Standing, stopping, or sliding down headfirst are strictly prohibited.
- Elderly persons, those suffering from heart disease or high blood pressure, or persons using prescription medication should consult their physician before using the water slide.
- No pregnant women are allowed on the slide.
- No metal objects (including clothing items), locker keys, sunglasses, eyeglasses, swim goggles, metal snaps, watches, or hats are allowed.
- Shirts are allowed on the slides as long as there are no metal zippers or buttons.
- Aqua shoes/socks are not allowed.
- No diving from the end of the slide into the pool.
- Hands, arms, feet, and legs inside the slide at all times.
- Tandem or chain riding is not allowed.
- Exit the pool immediately after the ride.
- Violations of any rules will result in loss of slide privileges.
- Staff reserves the right to administer swim tests before using the slides.
- Lifejackets, goggles, hats, sunglasses/glasses, and masks are not allowed down the blue tower slides.
- **Management reserves the right to make final decisions on height requirements.**

## Diving Boards

- One person is permitted on the diving board at a time.
- Must be able to swim 25 yards to go into the area. Staff can administer swim tests before using the diving boards.
- No metal objects (including clothing items), locker keys, sunglasses, eyeglasses, swim goggles, metal snaps, watches, or hats allowed.
- Aqua shoes/socks are not allowed.
- One bounce per use permitted on the diving board.
- Must swim to the designated ladder after using the diving board to exit. No parents assisting.
- No swimming under the boards. No hanging or swinging on railings or boards.
- Persons waiting to use boards must wait on the pool deck until the previous person is off the board.
- No seat drops or inwards allowed.
- Dive straight off the board.
- Do not swim within 4 feet of any diving board.
- Exit the pool immediately after

## Float Night

- Approved floats are only allowed at designated times indicated at each facility.
- **Water wings or inflatable life jackets are not allowed.**
- No jumping into the pool with inner tubes around the waist or jumping into tubes in the water from the deck.
- Standing in inner tubes is not allowed.
- Sitting, kneeling, and limited flipping while playing in tubes is allowed, based on guards' discretion regarding safety and nuisance to other swimmers and oneself.