

City of Sioux Falls

AQUATICS PROGRAM

Policy Statements and
Aquatic Facility Rules



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5. Changing Areas and Restrooms—The facility has designated Women's and Men's changing areas and restrooms, which are available for patron use. In addition, universal changing areas with restrooms are also available with the same or similar features and provide enhanced privacy for patrons. Use of recording devices (cameras, video cameras and cell phones) is strictly prohibited in locker room areas and restrooms.
6. Breastfeeding is allowed at the mother's discretion anywhere in the park or pool facility where the mother and child are authorized to be, including in the pool and pool deck area. So long as the user is in compliance with all state and municipal laws, a breastfeeding mother will not be asked by staff to relocate while breastfeeding for any reason except safety.

Admittance To Aquatic Facilities

- Admission to the aquatic facilities will be refused to all persons having contagious diseases or other infectious conditions such as colds, ring-worm, fevers, foot infections, skin lesions, inflamed eyes, ear discharge, or any other condition which has the appearance of being infectious.
- Children six years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times by an adult or student 16 years of age or older. The ratio of children six years and under may not exceed five children per adult. Children left unsupervised will be dismissed, along with the person responsible for their supervision. This supervision rule applies at all wading pools, aquatic centers, and traditional aquatic facilities.
- Adults should actively watch children at all times while they are in the facility. For infants and toddlers, an adult should be in the water and within arm's reach, providing "touch supervision."
- The department and/or aquatic facility manager reserve(s) the right to dismiss, suspend, or prohibit from the facility and/or related facilities any person endangering the health, safety, or pleasure of the facility patrons.
- No person shall be allowed to enter the aquatic facility while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Wading Pools: Children 6 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult 16 years of age or older to swim at any of the 3 wading pools. Ratio of children 15 years of under cannot exceed 5 per adult.
- Service animals are allowed on the pool deck and areas where public is allowed to go (other than the water).



General Information

- Hours for aquatic facilities can be found at: www.sioxuxfalls.gov/parks.
- All wading pools will close from 4:50 p.m. to 6 p.m. The closing break will be called at 10 minutes before the hour.
- Admission fees are required for swimmers and spectators at all of our aquatic facilities except for McKennan wading pool and Hayward and Pioneer Spray Parks.
- No refunds on daily admission, season passes, or swimming lessons after lessons begin. Patrons leaving the aquatic facility may have their hand stamped to allow for reentry on that calendar day.
- Swim passes for youth (2 to 17 years old) and adults (18 years and older) are key fobs which need to be scanned by the cashier to gain entrance into the aquatic facility area. A photo must be on file before admission.
- Key fobs are not transferable. Misused key fobs will be revoked by aquatic facility staff. Lost or stolen key fobs can be replaced for \$3 at any aquatic facility except for McKennan wading pool, and the Hayward and Pioneer Spray Parks.
- Season pass holders must display their key fob to the aquatic facility cashier as they enter the aquatic facility. If no key fob is present, pass holder will be required to purchase a replacement fob or pay the daily fee in order to gain admission.
- Season pass holders - Save your key fob each year. Key fob reactivates upon renewal. Key fob replacement is \$3 each at the Midco® Aquatic Center or at any aquatic facility when open.
- Children ages 7 and older are not allowed in the opposite sex locker room. If needed, a same-sex employee can accommodate the child.
- There is a ten-minute rest period each hour at the outdoor pools. During this period, all patrons must exit the water area.
- If the air temperature is below 70 degrees, the outdoor aquatic facility may close upon announcement.
- Outdoor aquatic facility lockers are available for 25¢. No refunds for lost money. Lockers are available for use at Midco Aquatic Center. Patrons must provide their own locks or purchase one for \$7 at the front desk. Items cannot be stored overnight in lockers.



Aquatic Facility Rules

Bather Attire

- Swimmers must be attired in swimsuits, which must include linings and have adequate coverage. Compression shorts are allowed underneath a swim suit. No other undergarments may be worn as they are not permitted for health reasons.
- Street clothes are acceptable for patrons who are wading or spectating, but may not get wet.
- Footwear may not be worn while swimming or wading. Footwear is allowed in sand area.
- Infants/children not toilet trained and incontinent adults must wear snug plastic pants under their swimsuits or a swim diaper.

Patron Behavior

1. Personal items allowed in aquatic facility area:
 - Strollers, infant seats, coolers at outdoor pools (after inspection), and other personal items may be brought in but must be kept from the water's edge and from emergency corridor areas.
 - Swim goggles, cameras or video cameras, radios/iPods, and handheld umbrellas are allowed.
 - Small bathtub toys are allowed but may not be thrown.
 - SFPR is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Guests are encouraged to use on-site lockers to store personal items.
 - Items cannot be stored overnight in lockers.
2. Personal items not allowed:
 - No outside food or beverage is allowed in the Midco® Aquatic Center.
 - Inflatables of any kind (water wings, puddle jumpers, air mattresses, etc.)
 - Life jackets (except for persons with disabilities requiring such protection), fins, and snorkels.
 - Lawn chairs
 - Gum, tobacco, and alcohol, glass containers of any kind.
3. Supervision and general behavior:
 - Children six years of age and under must be supervised by an adult or a student 16 years of age or older in the aquatic facility and sand areas. There must be one adult per every five children six years of age or under. For large groups and day cares, a 1:10 ratio of children over the age of 6 per teacher is required.
 - Misconduct of individuals brought in by an organized group will lead to the dismissal of the entire group from the aquatic facility.
 - All aquatic facilities are a drug and tobacco free facility. All aquatic facilities are family friendly. Inappropriate behavior, language, or attire is not permitted and will be grounds for refusing admission or removal from the facility without a refund.

- Roughness, running, pushing others, dunking, splashing, snapping of towels, hanging on the separation/lane ropes, and any other rough housing actions are not permitted.
 - Spitting or blowing of nose in the aquatic facility is not permitted.
 - Protect our water. If you have or have had diarrhea in the past two weeks, please do not use the aquatic facilities.
 - Lifeguards may ask swimmers to stay where they can touch.
 - No running, horseplay, or unruly behavior.
 - Obey pool deck markings.
4. Expected behavior on body and tube slides:
- Children going down wading pool slides or slides in zero depth area may be assisted by a parent or guardian.
 - Children will slide feet first, on backside, one at a time and must not climb up the slides. NO TRAINS.
 - All patrons using the large water slides at any Aquatic Center must be 48 inches tall. Patrons will wait for the guard to signal and then proceed down the slide, feet first, seated on their bottom, hands inside the rail, and facing forward.
 - Lifeguard will instruct patrons when to slide. Ride feet first, seated on back or bottom only. Do not stop, twist, or swing body.
 - Patrons wearing glasses or sunglasses are asked to hold them while going down the slide.
 - Parents/guardians may not catch children in the splashdown area.
 - Goggles or glasses cannot be worn on or around the face while going down the slide.
 - Patrons are asked not to sit, swim, or loiter along the edge of the splashdown area.
 - One person at a time on tubes. The rider is to remain on the tube the entire ride. No stopping, twisting, or turning while riding on the tube. Return the tube to the designated area.
5. Expected behavior when diving:
- Diving is permitted only in designated areas and aquatic facilities, not to include Terrace.
 - Back dives, back jumps, flips, or cartwheels from the side of the aquatic facility are not permitted.
 - Only one person is permitted on the diving board and the ladder at a time.
 - All dives must be forward in nature with hands above head off the front end of the board. One bounce per dive.

- Divers must swim directly to the nearest ladder without stopping and leave the diving area.
- Children may be asked by a lifeguard to take a swim test before using any high diving boards
- Goggles or glasses cannot be worn on or around the face while using the diving boards.
- Only divers allowed in diving area.

Emergency Information

- Individual aquatic facility telephone numbers are not released to the public. Please call the Midco® Aquatic Center at 605-367-7665 during business hours. After hours, please call 911 in case of an emergency. Every effort will be made by the aquatic facility staff to convey emergency messages. The PA system is used for aquatic facility emergencies only and for aquatic facility announcements; no paging may be done. People may enter the aquatic facility area to look for their children but must leave keys or an ID and must exit the aquatic facility area within 15 minutes.
- If a tornado warning is announced, all guests and staff should move to shelter areas in the facility rest rooms and shower areas. Stay close to interior walls.
- Whenever the aquatic facility manager either hears thunder or sees lightning, all swimmers and patrons are required to get out of the aquatic facility and off all deck areas and remain under shelter of the bathhouse until the sky is clear—or until 20 minutes have elapsed after the last clap of thunder is heard or lightning is sighted.



POOL SPECIFIC RULES

Midco® Aquatic Center Rules

General Rules

- Non-swimming spectators can use the mezzanine area after a daily entry fee has been paid.
- Shoes are not permitted to be worn on any slides or water attractions.
- Inflatables of any kind (water wings, puddle jumpers, etc.) are not permitted. Lifejackets are not permitted (except for persons with special needs requiring such protection)

Recreation Pool and Splash Pad

In-Water Play Feature Rules

- One child permitted per slide at one time.
- Patrons must slide feet first, seated on bottom or back only.
- No crawling up slides.
- NO TRAINS.
- No hanging on dumping bowls.

Lily Pad In-Water Play Feature Rules

- One patron on feature at a time.
- Patrons must cross from the west side to the east side.
- If patrons are tall enough to use the rope, they must.
- Smaller patrons may cross the feature on their knees.

Current Channel Rules

- Swimmers must be attired in a swimsuit with a liner. No sitting on the tile peninsula.
- Flotation devices (water wings, life vests, inflatable tubes, puddle jumpers etc.) are not permitted.
- Stairs and zero depth entry way must remain clear at all times.
- If entering from the side of the pool, must sit on deck and slide in feet first.
- Heads must remain above water at all times and feet must remain on bottom of pool. No toys are allowed in the current channel.

Splash Pad Rules

- No running, horseplay, or unruly behavior.
- Hanging of clothing or towels on equipment/fence not permitted. Glass containers or breakable objects not permitted.

Warm Water Pool

- Snorkels are not permitted.
- No diving allowed.



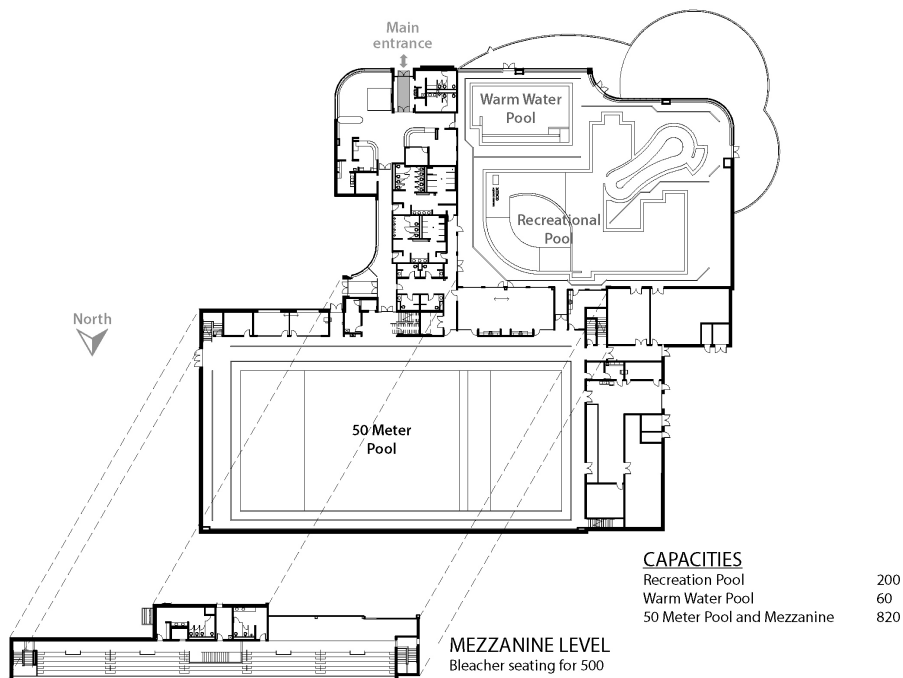
- Stairs and zero depth entry way must remain clear at all times.
- In the warm water pool if entering from the side of the pool, must sit on deck and slide in feet first. No jumping from the edge into the pool in the warm water pool or in the current channel.
- No sitting on the tile peninsula.

50 Meter Pool Rules

- Snorkels are permitted for fitness use only.
- Diving from the pool decks is not allowed in less than 5 feet of water.

Midco® Aquatic Center

1601 South Western Avenue
Bather Load Limit—1,080



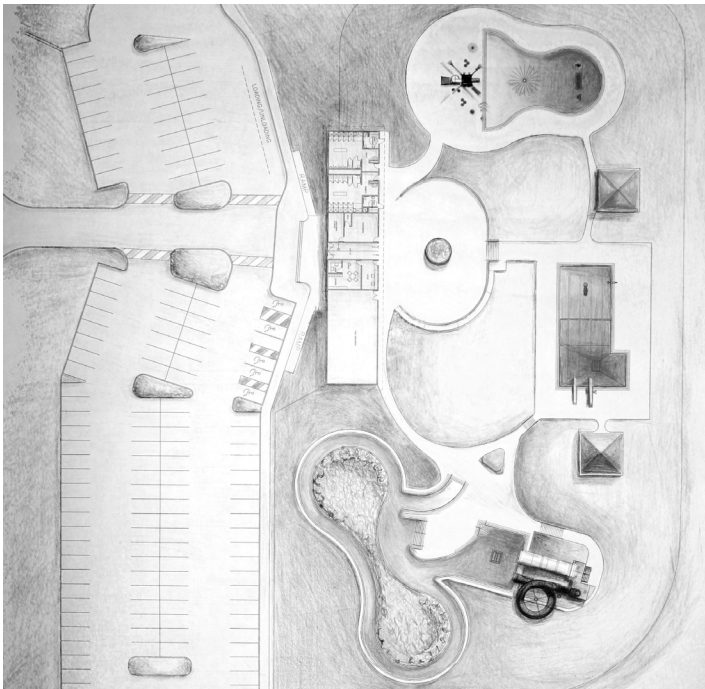
Drake Springs Family Aquatic Center Rules

Lazy River Rules

- Entry and exit is at designated areas only. Patrons must remain in tubes until exit.
- Patrons must use tubes supplied by SFPR to ride lazy river.
- Rider's elbows must be outside tube while riding.
- Patrons must sit on the tube; no standing is allowed. No climbing or sitting on wall of lazy river.
- No jumping into lazy river from side.
- Riders must follow direction of current at all times.
- No tipping of other riders.
- Patrons are asked not to sit, swim, or loiter along the edge of the lazy river.
- All riders must be 48" tall or taller to ride alone.

Drake Springs Family Aquatic Center

301 South Fairfax Avenue
Bather Load Limit—787





Hayward and Pioneer Spray Park Rules

(Pioneer Spray Park is unsupervised)

General Information

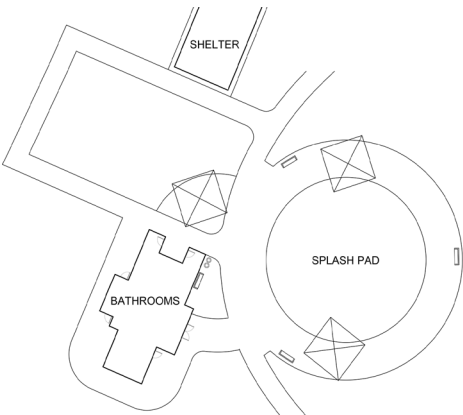
- Open hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.
- Admission is free.
- If the air temperature is below 70 degrees, the spray park may close upon announcement.
- Surfaces may be HOT— Footwear may be worn and is recommended.
- “Protect our Water.” If you have or have had diarrhea in the past two weeks, please do not use the spray park.
- Pets are not allowed on the spray pad.

Bather Load Limits

In accordance with the formula stated in Policy Statement 4, the following load limits are set:

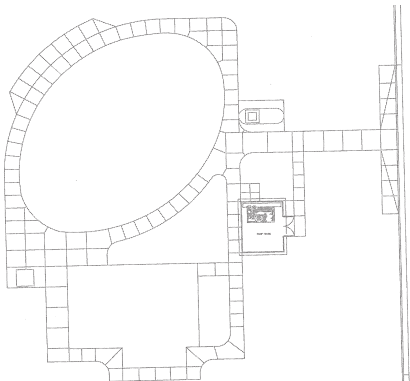
Hayward Splash Park

400 North Valley View Road
Bather Load Limit—228



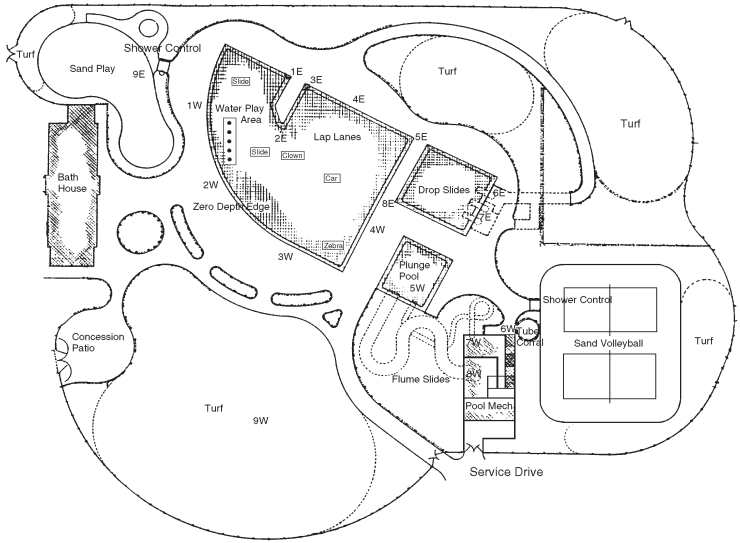
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1800 East Walnut Street
Bather Load Limit—228



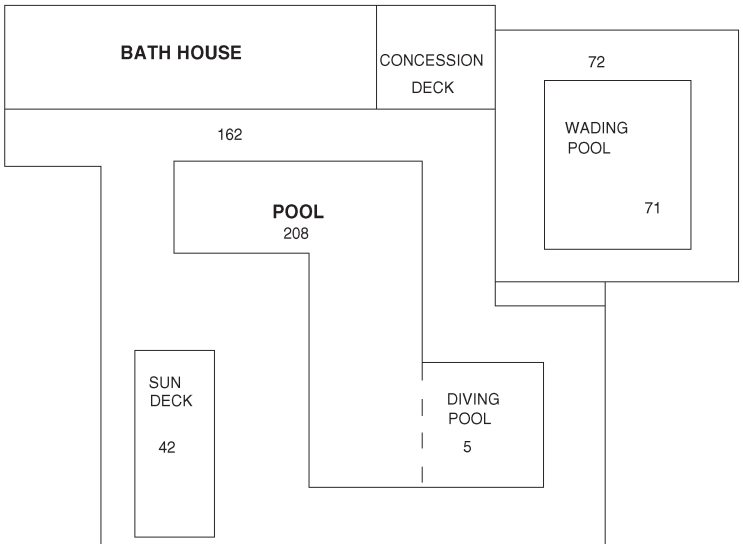
Terrace Park Family Aquatic Center

101 West Madison Street
Bather Load Limit: Pool—1,000



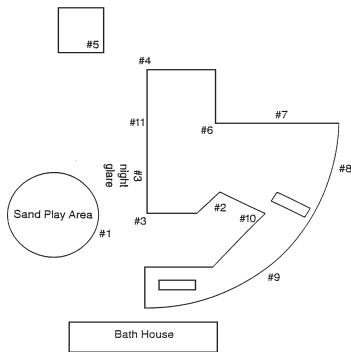
Kuehn Park

2309 Kuehn Park Road
Bather Load Limit:
Wading Pool—143, Main Pool—417

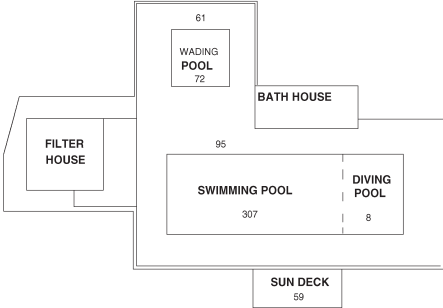




Laurel Oak Family Aquatic Center
 3401 East 49th Street
 Bather Load Limit: Pools—650



Frank Olson
 4101 East 16th Street
 Bather Load Limit:
 Wading Pool—133, Main Pool—469



McKenna Wading Pool
 1500 South Third Avenue
 Bather Load Limit: Pools—202
 Wading Pool—143, Main Pool—417

