

City of Sioux Falls Aquatics Program

Policy Statements & Aquatic Facility Rules



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Mission Statement

The City of Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department intends to provide a comprehensive outdoor aquatics program within geographic and economic reach of all sectors of the city. A primary objective is to provide a healthy, safe, and aesthetic swimming environment.

Policy Statements

1. **Bather Attire**—Every patron of the Sioux Falls aquatic facilities must wear appropriate swim wear so as to sufficiently cover and not allow exposure of genitalia when entering the water at a Sioux Falls City aquatic facility. Swimwear may not consist of cutoffs, basketball, biker, or soccer shorts, or other items which may not be conducive to the health, safety, and welfare of all patrons. Any attire which may be deemed by Sioux Falls City aquatic facility personnel as amounting to public indecency pursuant to Sioux Falls City Ordinance 130.004 shall not be allowed.
2. **Compliance with Written or Oral Rules**—It shall be a violation for any patron to not comply with any written or oral rules, regulations, or requirements imposed by Sioux Falls City aquatic facility personnel. Personal conduct in and around the aquatic facilities must be such that the safety of self and others is not jeopardized. Any such violation may result in immediate removal from the aquatic facility. Any individual who refuses to leave when requested to do so or violates any written or oral rules, regulations, or requirements of the Sioux Falls City aquatic facilities may be charged with violating Sioux Falls City Ordinance Section 131.001 or 131.002.
3. **Restricting Admittance to Aquatic Facilities**—Given the fact that health, safety, and welfare is an extreme concern in the regulation of access to Sioux Falls City aquatic facilities, the Sioux Falls City Park personnel reserve the right to exclude or deny admission to any patron or potential patron for documented health or safety reasons. City of Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation personnel shall not, however, deny admission to any person or persons on the basis of race, sex, religion, or disability.
4. **Aquatic Facility Load Limits**—Sioux Falls City aquatic facilities shall be limited in their capacity according to the following formula: one person for every 25 square feet of water less than 5 feet in depth plus one person per 300 square feet of water deeper than 5 feet plus one per person per 50 square feet of deck space. In calculating square footage of deck space, the zone equal to the first 8 feet of deck around the water's edge is deleted from gross deck square footage. Deck considered as concession space is also deducted from gross square footage of deck.
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.

Outdoor 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 may be 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. 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.

Roughness, running, pushing others, dunking, splashing, snapping of towels, hanging on the separation/lane rope that divides the aquatic facility, 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.

2. Expected behavior on body and tube slides:

Children going down wading pool slides or slides in zero depth area must be able to climb the ladder by themselves or must 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.

All patrons using the large water slides at Terrace, Laurel Oak, and Drake Springs Family Aquatic Centers 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.

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 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 or lazy river.

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.

3. 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 off the front end of the board with 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 the high diving board at Drake Springs.

4. Expected behavior when using Lazy River:

Entry and exit is at designated areas only.

Patrons must remain in tubes until exit.

Patrons must use tubes supplied by SFPR, and they must use them when using lazy river.

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 of aquatic facility.

Floaters must follow direction of current at all times.

No tipping of other floaters.

5. Personal items allowed in aquatic facility area:

Strollers, infant seats, coolers (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, MP3 players (listening on headsets), handheld umbrellas, and small bathtub toys are allowed.

6. Personal items not allowed:

Inflatables of any kind (water wings, puddle jumpers, air mattresses, etc.).

Life jackets (except for disabled persons requiring such protection), fins, and snorkels.

Lawn chairs.

Gum, tobacco, and alcohol.

Glass containers of any kind.

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.
- An adult should actively watch children at all times while they are in a pool. 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.

General Information

- Open swim hours are 1 to 5 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. at all aquatic centers and traditional aquatic facilities. Wading pool hours are 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Family swim hours are 5 to 6:30 p.m. The closing break will be called at 10 minutes before the hour.
- Admission fees are required for swimmers and spectators.
- 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) 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.
- Swim passes for 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 may be reclaimed by aquatic facility staff. Lost or stolen key fobs can be replaced for \$3 at the Midco® Aquatic Center.
- 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 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.
- No refunds on daily admission, season passes, or swimming lessons after lessons begin.

- Children ages 7 and older are not allowed in the opposite sex’s locker room. If needed, a same-sex employee can accommodate the child.
- Image recording devices may not be used in the locker room area.
- There is a ten-minute rest period each hour. During this period, all patrons must exit the water area.
- If the air temperature is below 70 degrees, the aquatic facility may close upon announcement.
- Aquatic facility lockers are available for 25¢. No refunds for lost money.

Emergency Information

- Individual aquatic facility telephone numbers are not released to the public. Please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 367-8222 during business hours Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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.

Pioneer Spray Park Rules

(Pioneer Spray Park is unsupervised)

General Information

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

Patron Behavior

1. 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 spray park. There must be one adult for every five children six years of age or under.

Misconduct of individuals brought in by an organized group will lead to the dismissal of the entire group from the spray park.

Roughness, running, pushing others, climbing or hanging on equipment, snapping of towels, or any other rough housing actions are not permitted.

Hanging of clothing or towels on equipment is not permitted.

2. Personal items allowed on outer edge of spray pad area:

Strollers, infant seats, coolers (after inspection), and other personal items may be brought in but must be kept from the edge of the water area of the spray pad.

Radios/iPods, MP3 players (listening on headsets) and handheld umbrellas.

3. Personal items not allowed in spray pad area:

Gum, tobacco, and alcohol.

Glass containers or breakable objects of any kind.

Food and beverages are not permitted on the spray pad area.

Bather Attire

1. Swimsuits are preferred, but street clothing will be accepted.

*Notice: Water is chlorinated and filtered.

2. Infants/children not toilet trained and incontinent adults must wear snug plastic pants under their swimsuits or clothing or wear a swim diaper.

3. Footwear may be worn.

Admittance to the Spray Park

1. Admission to the spray park 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.

2. The department reserve(s) the right to dismiss, suspend, or prohibit from the spray park any person endangering the health, safety, or pleasure of the spray park patrons.

3. No person shall be allowed to enter the spray park while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Emergency Information

1. The spray park's phone number is not released to the public. Please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 367-8222 during business hours Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After hours, please call 911 in case of an emergency.

2. If a tornado warning is announced, all guests should move to shelter areas in the facility rest rooms. Stay close to interior walls.

3. Whenever thunder is heard or lightening is seen, all patrons are required to get off of the spray pad and deck area and remain under shelter of the rest rooms until the sky is clear or until 20 minutes have elapsed after the last clap of thunder is heard or lightning is sighted.

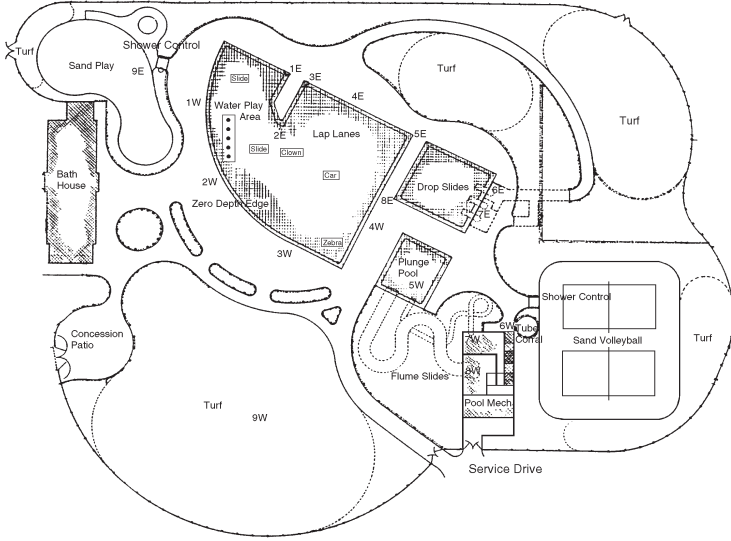
Bather Load Limits

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

Terrace Park Family Aquatic Center

101 West Madison Street

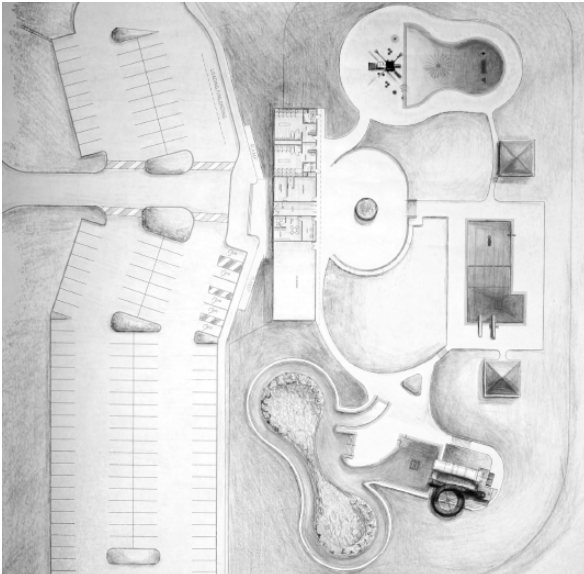
Bather Load Limit: Pool—1,000



Drake Springs Family Aquatic Center

301 South Fairfax Avenue

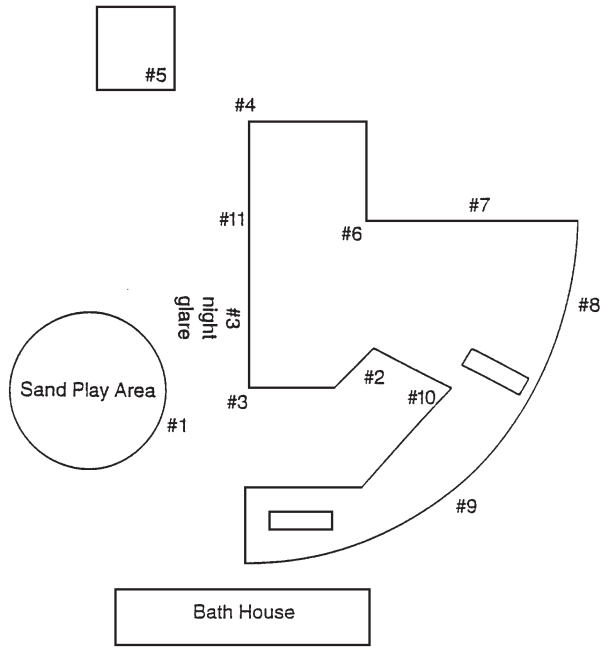
Bather Load Limit—787



Laurel Oak Family Aquatic Center

3401 East 49th Street

Bather Load Limit: Pools—650

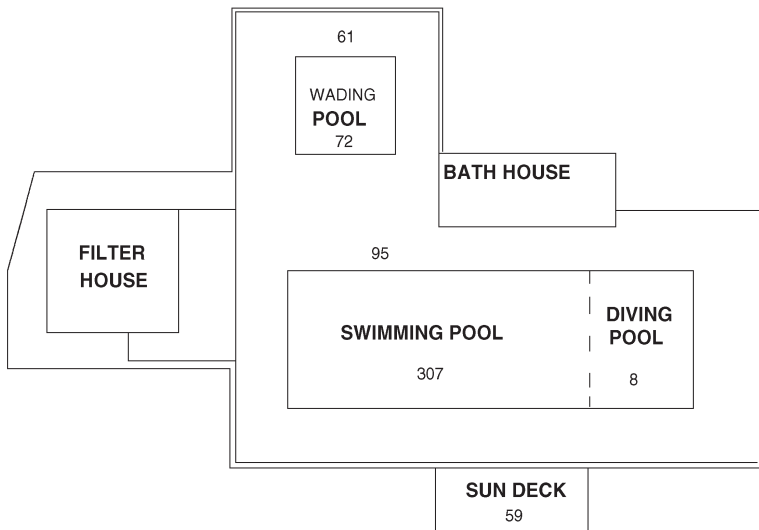


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4101 East 16th Street

Bather Load Limit:

Wading Pool—133, Main Pool—469

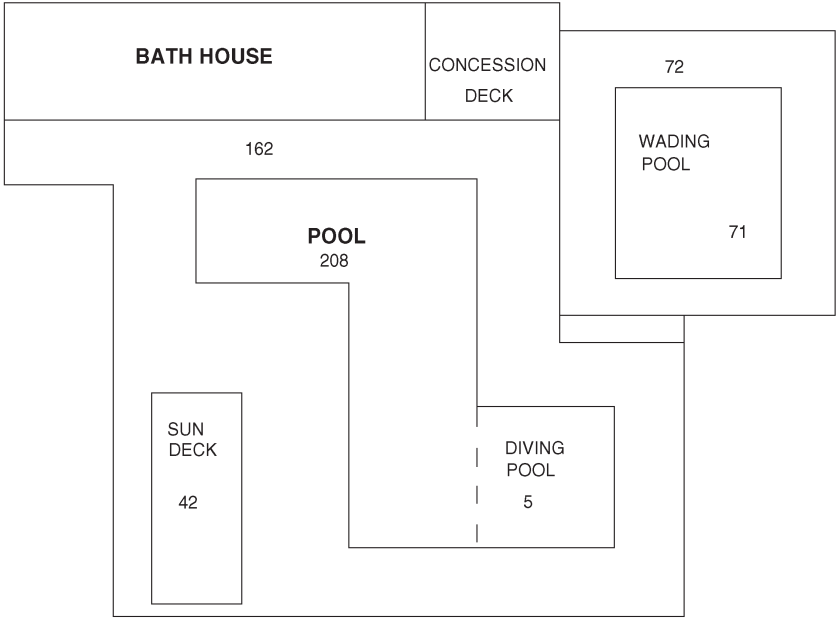


Kuehn Park

2309 Kuehn Park Road

Bather Load Limit:

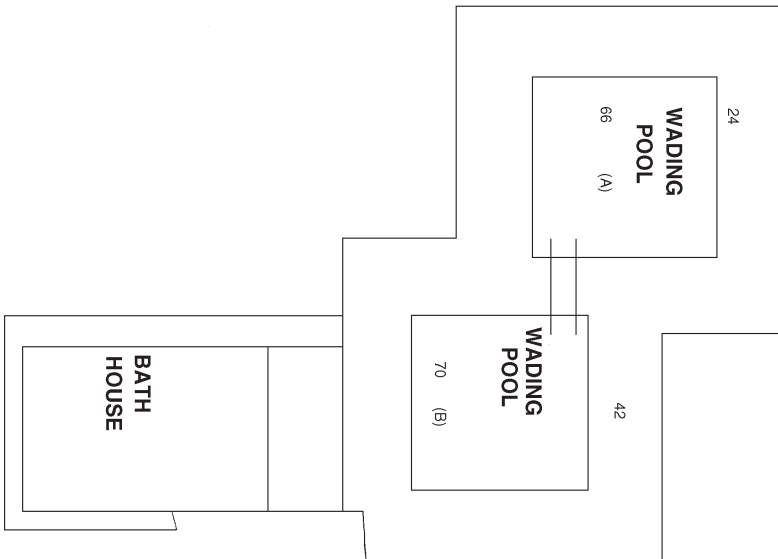
Wading Pool—143, Main Pool—417



McKenna Wading Pool

1500 South Third Avenue

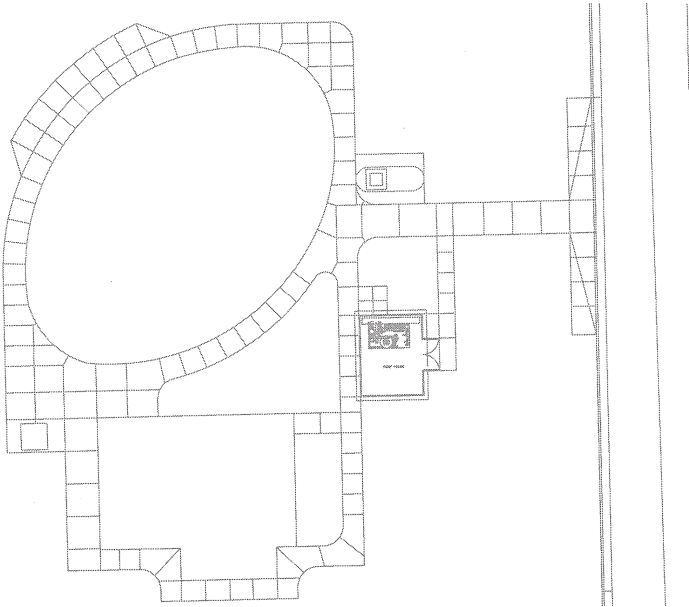
Bather Load Limit: Pools—202



Mansor Pioneer Spray Park

1800 East Walnut Street

Bather Load Limit—228



Midco® Aquatic Center Facility Rules

Hours of Operation:

Monday—Friday: 5:30 a.m.–8 p.m.

Saturday: 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

Sunday: 12 noon–5 p.m.

General Rules

No coolers, glass containers, outside food, drinks, or chewing gum.

One adult 16 years of age or older must be present for every five children under 7 years of age.

Children under 7 years of age must be within an arm's reach of parent or guardian 16 years of age or older.

All guests are required to pay the daily admission fee, regardless of intention to use the pools or other attractions. Re-entry is permitted with proof of valid daily admission on the same day of visit only.

The Midco® Aquatic Center is a drug and tobacco free facility.

The Midco® Aquatic Center is a family friendly facility. Inappropriate behavior, language, or attire are not permitted and will be grounds for refusing admission or removal from the facility without a refund.

The Midco® Aquatic Center 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.

Use of recording devices (cameras, video cameras & cell phones) is strictly prohibited in locker room areas and restrooms.

To be on the pool deck, patrons must be attired in a swimsuit.

Non-swimming spectators can use the mezzanine area.

Dress Code Rules

Swimmers must be attired in swimsuits, which must include linings and have adequate coverage.

Infants/children not toilet trained and incontinent adults must wear a swim diaper.

Flotation devices (water wings, life vests, inflatable tubes, puddle jumpers etc.) are not permitted.

Shoes are not permitted to be worn on any slides or water attractions.

Body Slide Rules

Must be 48" tall to use the slide.

Lifeguard will instruct patrons when to slide.

Ride feet first, seated on back or bottom only.

Do not stop, twist, or swing body.

Only one person can go down the slide at a time. NO TRAINS.

Recreation Pool Rules

One adult 16 years of age or older must be present for every five children under 7 years of age.

Children under 7 years of age must be within an arm's reach of parent or guardian 16 years of age or older.

Flotation devices (water wings, life vests, inflatable tubes, puddle jumpers etc.) are not permitted.

Small bathtub toys are allowed but may not be thrown.

No running, horseplay, or unruly behavior.

Snorkels are not permitted.

Infants/children not toilet trained and incontinent adults must wear a swim diaper.

No diving allowed.

Maximum Bather Load for Recreation Pool and Warm Water Pool: 684

Warm Water Pool Rules

Children under 7 years of age must be within an arm's reach of parent or guardian 16 years of age or older.

Flotation devices (water wings, life vests, inflatable tubes, puddle jumpers etc.) are not permitted.

Stairs & zero depth entry way must remain clear at all times.

No diving.

If entering from the side of the pool, must sit on deck and slide in feet first.

No horseplay or unruly behavior.

Lifeguards may ask swimmers to stay where they can touch.

Swimmers must be attired in a swimsuit with a liner.

No sitting on the tile peninsula.

Recreation Pool In-Water Play Feature Rules

One child permitted per slide at one time.

Patrons must slide feet first, seated on bottom or back only on all slides.

No crawling up slides.

NO TRAINS.

Lily Pad In-Water Play Feature Rules

One patron on feature at a time.

Patrons must cross from the south side to the north 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.

Please do not sit on the tile peninsula.

Children under 7 years of age must be within an arm's reach of parent or guardian 16 years of age or older.

Flotation devices (water wings, life vests, inflatable tubes, puddle jumpers etc.) are not permitted.

Stairs & 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.

No toys are allowed in the current channel.

Splash Pad Rules

One adult 16 years of age or older must be present for every five children under 7 years of age.

Children under 7 years of age must be within an arm's reach of parent or guardian 16 years of age or older.

No running, horseplay, or unruly behavior.

Hanging of clothing or towels on equipment or fence is not permitted.

Glass containers or breakable objects of any kind are not permitted.

Swimmers must be attired in swimsuits, which must include linings and have adequate coverage.

Infants/children not toilet trained and incontinent adults must wear a swim diaper.

50 Meter Pool Rules

One adult 16 years of age or older must be present for every five children under 7 years of age.

Children under 7 years of age must be within an arm's reach of parent or guardian 16 years of age or older.

Flotation devices (water wings, life vests, inflatable tubes, puddle jumpers etc.) are not permitted.

Small bathtub toys are allowed but may not be thrown.

No running, horseplay, or unruly behavior.

Snorkels are permitted for fitness use only.

Infants/children not toilet trained and incontinent adults must wear a swim diaper.

Diving from the pool decks is not allowed in less than 5 feet of water. Obey pool deck markings.

Maximum Bather Load: 820

Diving Board Rules

Must be able to swim across diving well without stopping.

Must take swim test if requested by lifeguard.

One person allowed on diving board at a time.

No dives or jumps allowed where your head comes towards board.

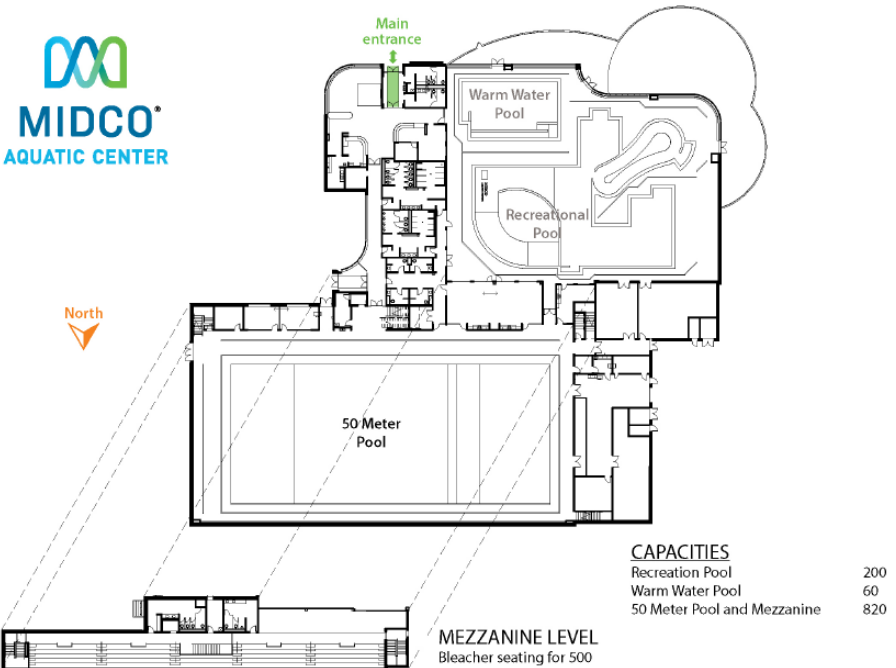
Only one bounce on board.

No goggles or mask allowed to be worn off diving board.

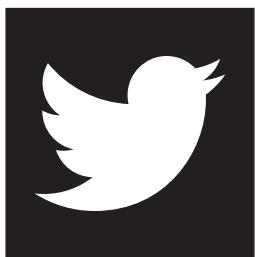
Use nearest ladder to exit diving well.

Only divers allowed in diving area.

No running, horseplay, or unruly behavior.



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