



POOL RULES

Objectives of Pool Rules

- Foster and enhance mutual respect, and understanding of the principles of good behavior among all swimmers.
- Promote safety and respect, and ensure fun and enjoyment.
- Eliminate behaviors and actions that distract from a positive environment.
- Zero tolerance of any forms of abuse, foul/offensive language, and/or harassment during swimming events.

Pool Rules

- To achieve the objectives discussed above, the Park District of Oak Park includes a process to educate all patrons that they are accountable for preventing and resolving incidents should they occur. The following requirements set rules for each patron:
- Lifeguards are trained to respond to emergencies. They are NOT in place to supervise children.
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at least 16 years of age at all times.
- No pushing, shoving, horseplay, profanity or obscene language.
- Lifejackets must be Coast Guard approved. Patrons wearing lifejackets must have an adult 16 years of age or older within arm's reach at all times. Water wings are prohibited at all times.
- Swimmers must wear a lined bathing suit. Exercise and street clothes are prohibited.
- Non-potty trained swimmers must wear a lined bathing suit, over rubber pants, over a swim diaper.
- Flotation devices, toys, masks, and fins are only allowed during Passholder Swim. Motorized toys are prohibited.
- Food is prohibited on the main pool deck. Food and drink must remain in the concessions area, grass area, or on the raised deck. Glass containers are prohibited.
- Chairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis and must remain 5 feet from the pool's edge.
- Lock your valuables. The Park District of Oak Park is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Pool patrons cannot be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other substances. No smoking, use of tobacco products, or vaping on Park District property.
- This is not an exhaustive list of rules. Any unsafe or inappropriate behavior can and will result in disciplinary action.

Disciplinary Action

- Lifeguards and Pool Management will determine the severity of the inappropriate behavior and immediately take steps to correct it. These may include but are not limited to:
- A verbal warning.
- A suspension from open/public swim for a designated time period. When determining the timeframes of suspension, staff will consider the severity of the actions; the length of open/public swim; any past behavior issues with the individual; and willingness to improve their inappropriate behavior.
- Expulsion from open/public swim.
- If inappropriate behavior persists or the behavior completely disrupts patrons, removal from open swim may be necessary. The agency reserves the right to dismiss a patron whose behavior endangers his or her own safety or the safety of others.
- Pool Management will contact the police:
- If a patron makes a direct threat of hurting himself or another.
- If a patron becomes overly aggressive or violent.
- If a patron does not abide by the directives given by pool management.
- If a patron is removed from a program and returns to the facility.
- All corrective actions will be communicated between patron, pool management, and when appropriate with a patron's parents

I have read, fully understand, and agree to follow the above pool rules. If registering on-line or via fax, my on-line or facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.
