

POOL RULES AND POLICIES

Zeeland Recreation is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable pool environment for all patrons. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

GENERAL POOL RULES

- **Admission:** All patrons must check in and pay the applicable admission fee upon entering the facility.
- **Shower Requirement:** All swimmers must take a pre-swim shower.
- **Swim Diapers:** Children not toilet trained must wear swim diapers or tight-fitting rubber pants.
- **Food and Drink:** Food and alcoholic beverages may not be brought into the locker rooms or pool area. Glass containers are strictly prohibited.
- **Attire:** Patrons must wear clean, proper swim attire. Street shorts and cutoffs are allowed.
- **Behavior:** Patrons may not run, engage in horseplay, splash excessively, dunk or hold another person underwater, spit, or push.
- **Lifeguard Instructions:** Patrons must stop and listen for instructions from a lifeguard when a whistle is blown.
- **Private Instruction:** Outside private swim instruction or coaching may not take place.
- **Policy Enforcement:** Zeeland Recreation reserves the right to deny swimming privileges to anyone who violates pool rules or engages in unsafe or inappropriate behavior.

AGE-BASED SUPERVISION GUIDELINES

- **Supervision:** Children 11 and younger must be accompanied by a responsible person at least 16 years old in the pool area.
- **Unattended Swimming:** Children 12 and older may swim unattended.
- **Flotation Devices:** Children wearing flotation devices must be within arm's reach of a responsible person 16 and older at all times.
- **Non-Swimmers:** Non-swimmers wishing to swim in the deep end must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved flotation device and be accompanied in the water within arm's reach of a responsible person 16 and older.
- **Deep End Access:** Children 15 and under wishing to swim in the deep end must pass a swim test.

DEEP-WATER SWIM TESTING

To ensure safety, swimmers 15 and under must pass a swim test to access the deep end.

Test Procedure:

- Begin just beyond the lifeline, where the pool slope starts.
- Wait for the lifeguard's start signal.
- Jump in feet first.
- Swim from the lifeline to the deep end wall without assistance or grabbing the wall.
- Climb out of the pool without assistance.

Post-Test:

- Pass: Swimmer receives a wristband indicating deep-water competency.
- Fail: Swimmer may retake the test at a later time.

DIVING BOARD RULES

- Non-swimmers may not use the diving board.
- Only one person may be on the board or ladder at a time.
- Swimmers may not bounce more than once before entering the water.
- Walk to the end of the board before entering the water.
- Dive straight off the end of the board. Twisting, flipping, inward, and backward dives may not be performed.
- Goggles and flotation devices (life jackets, puddle jumpers, noodles) may not be used on the board.

YOUTH SLIDE RULES

- Riders must be under 48 inches tall.
- Riders must be able to safely submerge underwater without assistance.
- Only one person may use the slide at a time.
- Riders must enter the slide feet first, either sitting or lying on their back.