

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

GENERAL POOL RULES

1. **Admission:** All patrons must pay the admission fee upon entering the pool area; this fee is included with all memberships.
2. **Shower Requirement:** A pre-swim shower is mandatory for all swimmers.
3. **Swim Diapers:** Children not toilet trained must wear swim diapers or tight-fitting rubber pants.
4. **Food and Drink:** Food and alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the locker rooms or pool area. Glass containers are strictly prohibited.
5. **Attire:** Clean, proper swim attire is required. No cutoffs or shorts allowed.
6. **Behavior:** Running, horseplay, splashing, dunking, spitting, or pushing is not permitted.
7. **Lifeguard Instructions:** When a whistle is blown, stop and listen for instructions from a lifeguard.
8. **Private Instruction:** Outside private swim instruction or coaching is not permitted.
9. **Policy Enforcement:** Zeeland Recreation reserves the right to deny swimming privileges to anyone who repeatedly violates pool rules or engages in misbehavior.

AGE-BASED SUPERVISION GUIDELINES

1. **Supervision:** Children aged 11 and under must be accompanied by a responsible person at least 16 years old in the pool area.
2. **Unattended Swimming:** Children aged 12 and older may swim unattended.
3. **Flotation Devices:** Children wearing flotation devices must be within arm's reach of a responsible person at least 16 years old at all times.
4. **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 at least 16 years old.
5. **Deep End Access:** Children aged 15 and under wishing to swim in the deep end must pass a swim test.

DEEP WATER SWIM TESTING

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

Test Procedure:

1. Begin just beyond the lifeline, where the pool slope starts.
2. Wait for the lifeguard's start signal.
3. Jump in feet first.
4. Swim approximately 14 yards to the wall without assistance or grabbing the wall.
5. Exit the pool.

Post-Test:

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

DIVING BOARD RULES

1. **Non-swimmers** are not permitted on the diving board.
2. **One person at a time** on the board and ladder.
3. **One bounce only** before diving.
4. **Walk** to the end of the board before jumping.
5. **Dive straight off** the end of the board. No twisting, flipping, inward or backward dives.
6. **No goggles or flotation devices** (life jackets, puddle jumpers, noodles) allowed on the board.

YOUTH SLIDE RULES

1. The slide is intended for children under 48 inches tall.
2. Users must be comfortable going under water.
3. Only one person is allowed on the slide at a time.
4. Riders must enter the slide feet first, either sitting or lying on their back.

MISCONDUCT PROCEDURES

1. **First Offense:** Receive a verbal warning.
2. **Second Offense:** Removed from the Fitness Center for the rest of the day; parent or guardian will be contacted.
3. **Third Offense:** Suspended from the Fitness Center for one week; parent or guardian will be contacted.
4. **Fourth Offense:** Indefinite suspension from the Fitness Center until an in-person meeting with a parent or guardian occurs.

Zeeland Recreation reserves the right to suspend a member from all privileges at any time if they violate any guidelines.

Note: Serious incidents may bypass these steps and result in immediate suspension.

LIFEGUARD PROCEDURES FOR MISCONDUCT

1. **Initial Response:** If a patron continues inappropriate behavior after a verbal warning, the lifeguard should:
 - Identify the patron by name.
 - Address the specific inappropriate behavior.
 - Explain the consequences if the behavior persists.
2. **Documentation:** The lifeguard must:
 - Complete a Behavior Incident Report.
 - Submit the report to the Aquatics Coordinator promptly.

These steps ensure that all incidents are handled consistently and professionally, maintaining a safe environment for all patrons.