



POOL RULES AND POLICIES

Welcome to the Zeeland Recreation pools! All rules are in place in order to ensure patrons have a safe, enjoyable time when they visit our facilities. If you have any questions or concerns regarding policies and rules, please contact the Aquatics Coordinator, Kristine Ferry, at 616.748.3229 or kferry@zps.org

GENERAL POOL RULES

1. Admission fee must be paid by all patrons entering the pool area. (Included with all memberships)
2. Showers are required before entering the pool.
3. Remove street shoes before entering the pool area.
4. Swim diapers or tight-fitting rubber pants are required for children who are not toilet trained.
5. Food is not allowed in the locker rooms or pool area.
6. Children ages 11 and younger must be accompanied in the pool area by a responsible person at least 16 years of age.
7. In-water supervision by a responsible person at least 16 years of age is required at all times for children wearing flotation devices.
8. Children ages 12 and older may swim unattended.
9. Children ages 15 and younger who wish to swim in the deep end unattended must pass a swim test.
10. Non-swimmers who wish to swim in the deep end must wear a Coast Guard approved flotation device and be accompanied in the water within arms reach of a responsible person at least 16 years of age.
11. Clean proper swim attire is required in the pool.
12. Running, horseplay, splashing, dunking, spitting or pushing is not allowed.
13. When a whistle is blown, stop and listen for instructions from a lifeguard.
14. Outside private swim instruction or coaching of any kind is not permitted.
15. Zeeland Recreation reserves the right to deny swimming privileges to anyone who continually breaks pool rules or misbehaves

SWIM TESTING

For the safety of our patrons, swimmers under the age of 15 who wish to swim in the deep end of the pool must pass a swim test.

1. Test begins just beyond the lifeline, where the pool slope begins.
2. Wait for the lifeguard to give the start signal.
3. Jump feet first into the water.
4. Swim at the surface to the wall without assistance or grabbing the wall (approximately 14 yards).
5. Exit the pool.

Swimmers who pass the swim test are considered deep water competent and may access all parts of the pool. Deep water competent swimmers will be given a wristband for identification.

DIVING BOARD RULES

1. Non-swimmers are not permitted on the diving board.
2. One person is allowed on the diving board at a time.
3. One bounce is allowed on the diving board.
4. Walk to the end of the diving board before jumping or diving straight off the end of the board.
5. Flipping, twisting, backward and inward entries are not allowed.
6. Swim goggles and floatation devices (life jackets, puddle jumpers, inner tubes, noodles, etc.) are not permitted on the diving board.

YOUTH SLIDE RULES

1. The slide is intended for children under 48” tall.
2. Users must be comfortable going under the water.
3. One person is allowed on the slide at a time.
4. Feet-first entries only are allowed.

MISCONDUCT PROCEDURES

1. 1st offense- verbal warning
2. 2nd offense- removal from Fitness Center for the remainder of the day and contact member’s parent/guardian
3. 3rd offense- one-week suspension from the Fitness Center and contact members’s parent/guardian
4. 4th offense- indefinite suspension from Fitness Center pending an in-person meeting with parent/guardian
5. Zeeland Recreation reserves the right at any time to suspend a member from all privileges if said member has violated any of the guidelines adopted by Zeeland Recreation.

Note: Serious incidents may skip steps in the misconduct procedures.

LIFEGUARD PROCEDURES FOR MISCONDUCT

1. After a verbal warning has been made and if further misconduct occurs:
 - a. Ask the patron's name
 - b. Address the specific behavior(s) that is out of line
 - c. Explain next steps if the behavior continues
 - d. Fill out the behavior incident report and share it with the Aquatics Coordinator.