



POOL RULES AND POLICIES

Welcome to the Zeeland Recreation pools! All rules are in place in order to ensure all 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 Zeeland Recreation Aquatics Coordinator, Kris Ferry, at 616.748.3229 or kferry@zps.org

GENERAL POOL RULES

1. Showers are required before entering the pool.
2. Please remove street shoes before entering the pool area.
3. Swim diapers or tight-fitting rubber pants are required for children who are not toilet trained.
4. Food is not allowed in the locker rooms or pool area.
5. Children ages 11 and younger must be accompanied in the pool area by a responsible person at least 16 years of age.
6. In-water supervision by a responsible person at least 16 years of age is required at all times for children wearing flotation devices.
7. Children ages 12 and older may swim unattended.
8. Children ages 15 and younger who wish to swim in the deep end unattended must pass a swim test.
9. All 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 by a responsible person at least 16 years of age.
10. Clean proper swim attire is required in the pool.
11. Running, horseplay, splashing, dunking, spitting or pushing is not allowed.
12. When a whistle is blown, stop and listen for instructions from a lifeguard.
13. 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 lifeguard to give 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.

1-METER AND 3-METER DIVING BOARD RULES

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

DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

Offenses such as excessive running, horseplay, profane language, pushing, fighting, backtalk, etc. are subject to disciplinary action. Violations will be subject to the following guidelines:

1. 1st offense- verbal warning
2. 2nd offense- 5-minute “time out” from swimming; patron will be required to sit beside the lifeguard; the name of the patron and a detailed account of the incident should be noted on the daily pool log
3. 3rd offense- expulsion from the pool for the remainder of the day; notify pool coordinator immediately with the name of the patron and a detailed account of the incident
4. 4th offense- one-week suspension from the pool area
5. 5th offense- suspension of pool indefinitely

Serious incidents may skip steps in the discipline guidelines. If applicable, the child’s parents or guardians will be notified for a third offense or higher disciplinary actions.