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## GENERAL PUBLIC RULES

### FOR CITY OF DEER PARK DOW PARK POOL

- During regular operating hours, all guests are required to pay an admission fee, or purchase/have a pool pass, in order to enter the facility.
- Patrons may only enter the pool under the direction and supervision of lifeguards.
- Lifeguards are pool authorities and will enforce rules.
- Do not drink pool water or put the water in your mouth.
- Parents or guardians must accompany and actively supervise their children at all times.
- No running.
- No diving.
- No congregating on or near steps or ladders.
- No hanging on entry and exit railings.
- No loud music.
- No food or drinks within six feet of the pool edge.
- No excessive PDA (Public Display of Affection) in the facility.
- Children 12 years of age and under must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or competent person at least 16 years of age.
- State Health Code requires that all guests must shower before entering pool.
- No sitting, standing or jumping on or from another person.
- No throwing or propelling another person out of the water into the air.
- Hard balls are not permitted. Soft balls are permitted at the discretion of the Pool Manager, with public safety and comfort in mind.
- No horseplay/dunking.
- No flips, somersaults, twists or belly flops allowed. Jump into pool facing forward and feet first only.
- No hanging or sitting on lane lines or pool ropes.
- No playing with or sitting on ADA pool lifts.
- A 10 minutes before the hour, each hour, all swimmers must get out of the pool for a safety break. This break is for water quality to be check, lifeguards to take a break and swimmers to take a break from the sun exposure.
- No loitering around front desk staff, lifeguards on duty, or lifeguard stands.
- No profanity, cursing, crude language or behavior.



- No tents allowed in the facility including pop up/E-Z up tents.
- Facemasks and goggles are permitted provided they are properly used and have non-breakable lens. Facemasks and goggles are not permitted on the slides.
- No glass containers allowed in pool complex.
- Smoking or tobacco use of any type is not allowed in pool complex. This includes chewing tobacco, pipes and e-cigarette of any form. Smoking is permitted outside the pool area – 20 feet away from any City building.
- No alcohol, in any form, is allowed in pool complex.
- If a person is infected with a contagious disease or condition, pool use is prohibited.
- Individuals ill with diarrhea are prohibited to swim.
- The City of Deer Park is not responsible for lost, stolen, damaged or broken items.
- Pets/animals are prohibited inside the facility (service animals are permitted).
- All Day Care Centers and Agencies must get approval from the Aquatics Division prior to arrival at Dow Park Pool. Failure to do so may result in being denied entry.
- All Day Care Centers and Agencies must abide by the City's "Use of City Swimming Pools by Day Care Centers and Agencies" policy.
- Throw away trash you generate in designated containers.
- No private or group training sessions of any kind are permitted in the facility unless the instructor/organization is under contract with the City of Deer Park.
- No private swim instruction is permitted without prior approval from the City of Deer Park.
- When the maximum pool capacity is reached, no additional guest(s) will be allowed in until guest(s) permanently leave the facility.
- Management reserves the right to enforce other rules as necessary to ensure the safety of our guests and staff.
- Management reserves the right to refuse entry to any person or group at any time.
- Management reserves the right to evict any person, or group at any time.

## SWIMWEAR

- **Swimmers must wear proper attire**; i.e. swimming suit or trunks. A list of appropriate swim wear is located at the front desk.
- An opaque swimsuit must be worn at all times when inside the pool
- Guest are not permitted to wear the following clothing items as swim suits:
  - Frayed clothing (cutoffs)
  - Underwear



- Jeans (including jean and khaki shorts)
- Thong bathing suits
- See-through garments
- Swim wear with exposed zippers, buckles, rivets or metal ornamentation

If you are not in proper swim attire, you will be asked to get out of the pool.

## LIFE JACKETS

- Life jackets are allowed only under the following conditions:
  1. US Coast Guard Approved Lifejackets
  2. Properly fitted and worn correctly
  3. The City has 3 different children's life vests available on site for use for kids.
    - Youth Small with a strap between the legs is for kid's under 50lbs.
    - Youth Medium for kid's between 50 – 90lbs
    - Adult XS for kid's chest measurements between 31" – 34"
- **If a child is wearing arm floaties, noodles, puddle jumpers, anything to assist with swimming or unable to swim must be within arm's reach of an adult, in the water, at all times. Stay with your child.**

## SWIM DIAPERS

- All infants and toddlers not potty trained will be required to wear swim diapers. Swim diapers are on sale with the front cashier for \$2.00.
- Diaper dependent guests must wear a swim diaper or vinyl pants/coverings in order to enter the pool, regular diapers are prohibited.
- Changing diapers within six feet of pool is prohibited.
- Changing diapers on top of picnic tables is prohibited.

## WEATHER EVENTS

- The pool will be closed for thunderstorms at the first sign of lightning or thunder. The pool will re-open 30 minutes after last thunder is heard.
- In the event that inclement weather has occurred and we have to close for an extended period, Rain Passes may be passed out. You may receive a rain pass if you have been at the pool less than 2 hours. Rain Pass is good for that season of swim only, one entry/pass/person.

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## SLIDE RULES

- ALL RIDERS MUST BE AT LEAST 48" TALL.
- Maximum rider weight is 300 pounds.
- Non-swimmers not permitted on the slide.
- No combs or foreign objects are allowed in pockets and no jewelry can be worn while riding the slide.
- No swim wear with exposed zippers, buckles, rivets or metal ornamentation; only approved swim suits allowed.
- Riders must enter the slide in a sitting position and wait for instructions from the lifeguard stationed at the top of the slides.
- Blue Slide must be ridden feet first, lying on your back, with legs firmly crossed at the ankles and arms folded across the chest.
- Eyeglasses and goggles are not permitted while on slides.
- Blue Slide: only one rider at a time.
- Yellow Slide: Up to 3 guests are allowed at one time.
- Guests are not permitted to "catch" another guest at the exit of the slide.
- No walking or climbing up the slide.
- No tubes, mats, or lifejackets are permitted on the slide.
- Riders must be in good health. Elderly persons, those suffering from heart disease, high blood pressure, epilepsy, or person using prescription medication should consult their physician before using this slide. Individuals with medical conditions including, but not limited to pregnancy, heart, or back problems should not ride.
- No running, standing, kneeling, rotating, tumbling or stopping in the slide. Riders should remain in the proper riding position until forward movement is terminated.
- No diving from the slide.
- Leave the slide well promptly after entering by swimming to the closest ladder and exit the water quickly.
- WARNING: DEEP WATER (5 feet)
- Rider assumes all risk of injury due to misuse of the slide or failure to follow these rules.



## USE OF CITY SWIMMING POOLS BY DAY CARE CENTERS AND AGENCIES

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- A. Agency means organization that provide supervised care for children, including, but not limited to, state schools and hospitals, summer day camps and private schools.
- B. Day Care Center means any person or organization that provides care for six or more children.
- C. Staff member means any person who is employed by a Day Care Center or Agency, which uses a city swimming pool.

Groups of more than 15 people can request to use the Dow Park Pool during normal operating hours. Group requests must be made at least two weeks in advance to ensure proper staffing. This request does not guarantee a reservation and it does not guarantee patio space. If your group wants to reserve the patio, please make a reservation with payment.

Only one group may visit at a time.

### **Guidelines:**

1. The following ratios from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services must be followed at all times. Failure to comply with these ratios at any time shall result in the appropriate adjustments by the center or agency to comply with the ratios.

Age of Children	Number of Staff	Number of Children
0 – 23 months	1	1
2 years	1	2
3 years	1	6
4 years	1	8
5 years	1	10
6 years and older	1	12



2. Watch your kids closely.
3. Kids that require a life vest, arm floaties, or puddle jumpers have to be within arm's reach of an adult in the water.
4. Kids that cannot swim must stay in shallow water and are not allowed to go down the slide.
5. Swim tests will be administered if necessary and kids that cannot swim will wear a City of Deer Park bracelet.