

Hopkins Park Aquatic Center - Pool Rules and Regulations

General Rules:

- Due to Illinois Department of Health regulations, admission to the pool shall be refused to all persons having any contagious disease; any infectious conditions such as colds, fever, ringworm, foot infections, skin lesions, carbuncles, boils, diarrhea, vomiting, inflamed eyes, ears discharges; or any other condition that has the appearance of being infectious. Persons with excessive sunburn, abrasions that have not healed, corn plasters, bunion pads, adhesive tape, rubber bandages of any kind also shall be refused admittance. A person under the influence of alcohol or exhibiting erratic behavior shall not be permitted in the pool area.
- The use of digital imaging and photography equipment, including cell phones, is strictly prohibited in locker rooms.
- Smoking and alcohol are strictly prohibited.
- All persons are encouraged to take a shower before entering the pool area.
- All patrons must wear appropriate and clean swimming apparel in the pool. Street clothes/shoes and revealing swim wear (including but not limited to thong style and/or see through) may not be worn in the swimming pool.
- A photo ID is required for all daily pass pool users.
- The pool water is not suitable for drinking. Avoid swallowing pool water.
- Children of Season Pass holders that are 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult 16 and older in swim attire, including in the water, on deck, and in the restroom/locker room.
- All patrons purchasing Daily Admission passes (not season pass holders) must be at least 16 years of age and any individuals younger, must be accompanied by an adult 18 and older in swim attire, including in the water, on deck, and in the restroom/locker room.
- Only children 7 years and younger are permitted to swim in the kiddie pool.
- Children who are not toilet-trained shall wear tight fitting rubber pants, or swimming diapers. Swim diapers are available for purchase at the front desk.
- Lap swim only times are for those who are 18 or older in the main pool. From 9:30 am to 11:30 am, youth between 8 and 17 will not be able to be within the facility and from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday and Wednesday, you must be 18 years or older to be in the main pool.
- Lap swimming in lanes only – NO hanging on lane markers.
- Lifeguards are responsible for enforcing safety rules and responding to emergencies. Parents or guardians are responsible for supervising their children.
- The only floatation devices permitted in the main swimming pool are Type II & III US Coast Guard approved life vests. Children using permitted floatation devices must be constantly supervised and within arm's reach. No floatation suits, tubes, or water wings are allowed in the main pool.
- Only goggles and masks are allowed in the main swimming pool. Snorkels can be used by lap swimmers only in the lap area.
- Soft spandex-based floating objects are permitted to be thrown (i.e. balls, frisbees, etc.). Prohibited items include, but are not limited to tennis balls, footballs, and other items with a firm exterior. Even approved items may be removed from the water if attendance does not permit for safe conditions.
- Food and drink must be consumed in the concessions area only. Glass containers are prohibited.
- Spitting, spouting of water, blowing the nose, or otherwise introducing contaminants into the pool is not permitted.
- No diving is allowed in the kiddie pool or main pool. Patrons must enter the water feet first.

- Swimming is prohibited when lightning is present or eminent, including a 30-minute period after the last lightning is observed. All patrons must quickly evacuate the deck in a safe manner.
- Formal swimming instruction is only permitted by DeKalb Park District Swim Instructors.
- Pool may close at any time without warning due to water quality, weather conditions, or lack of patrons. Rain checks for daily admissions will only be issued to patrons who have been in the facility less than two hours and have a receipt.
- If you paid a daily admission and wish to leave the facility and return later in the day, you must get a wristband from the cashier.
- The DeKalb Park District is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.

Behavior:

- Personal conduct within the pool facility must be such that the safety of self and others is not jeopardized. No boisterous, rough play, dunking/holding people underwater is permitted.
- Patrons may not hang or sit on other patrons' shoulders.
- Inappropriate conduct such as running, swearing, fighting, stealing, and vandalizing will not be tolerated and may result in ejection from the facility, loss of season pass privileges, and criminal prosecution. Refunds will not be given.
- Single groups shall not monopolize any area of the pool and thereby limit its use by intimidating others.
- Staff and other patrons are to be respected at all times, failure to comply will result in expulsion from the facility, no refund will be given.

Attractions:

- **Diving boards**
 - Caution shall be exercised in the use of diving and slide facilities. Jewelry, goggles, and floatation devices are not permitted on the slides or in the diving well.
 - Divers must be able to proficiently swim 25 yards.
 - Head and neck injuries can result from improper diving. To avoid such injuries, use caution while diving.
 - Diving is only allowed in the diving well area and only permitted off the diving boards
 - Only one person at a time is allowed on the diving board.
 - Be sure the area is clear before diving.
 - Wait for the previous diver to reach the pool side before diving.
 - Do not double bounce on the diving board.
 - Dive straight off the board.
 - Do not swim under the diving board.
 - No floatation devices allowed in the diving well.
 - No goggles can be worn while diving. You may hold them in your hand.
 - Individuals are not allowed to catch another person off the board.
- **Slides**
 - All patrons riding the slides must be at least 42" tall.
 - No floatation devices allowed on the slides
 - No goggles can be worn while riding the slide, you may hold them in your hand.
 - Individuals are not allowed to catch a child off the slide, all individuals will need to be able to swim out of the slide zone on their own.

The pool management has the authority to implement and enforce rules that are more stringent or that supplement those listed here.