

5.3 Public Swimming Pool Patrons Aquatic Rules for Use

1. POLICY PURPOSE

To ensure safe and ongoing use of Merredin District Olympic Swimming Pool (Pool)

2. POLICY SCOPE

This policy is intended to provide a clear outline of the rules of pool usage to ensure the pool is operating to consistently high health and safety standards.

3. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Health (Aquatic Facilities) Regulations 2007

4. POLICY STATEMENT

The Shire of Merredin supports the education of children and adopts a policy whereby children are not permitted at the Pool, during school hours, unless the event is a school based activity. Students who are registered Home School students are permitted to use the pool during regular school hours, where evidence of Home School Enrolment is provided and the parent or care giver is in attendance.

Aims:

1. All pool patrons have the right to feel safe at the Pool.
2. Patrons should understand the Pool rules and act in a courteous and respectful manner towards other patrons and property.
3. To help staff control inappropriate behaviour and ensure that the majority of patrons enjoy their visit to the Pool.

Centre Rules

- Do not enter the facility if suffering from any skin problem, illness or disease that is contagious. Exceptions will be made on provision of a medical certificate stating the condition is not a risk to other patrons.
- Do not enter the water if you have diarrhea or have had gastroenteritis within the last fourteen (14) days.
- Children under ten (10) years of age must always be supervised by a person eighteen (18) years or older.
- Children under five (5) must always be within arm's reach of their parent/guardian/carer.
- Parents or guardians with children under ten (10) years of age shall be dressed for entry into the water if required.
- Persons must not permit animals under their control to enter the facility. Exceptions are made for guide dogs etc.; however, they must not enter the water.
- Do not enter the water if you are in an unclean condition or wearing unclean clothes.
- Do not enter water if under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Babies, children and persons suffering incontinence and who ordinarily wear nappies or continence pads must wear an aqua-nappy/continence aid when in the water body
- The maximum number of persons permitted in the water bodies at any one time is 100 (may be increased subject to provision of lifeguards).
- Use the toilet if needed, and shower before entering the pool.
- Do not deposit rubbish, or any offensive or unsafe material e.g. bodily waste into the water.
- Do not enter the water if you are bleeding.
- No dive-bombing, back-flips, running or rough play in the pool.

- No disorderly behaviour.
- No alcohol in the pool area.
- No smoking or vaping in the pool area.
- No food or drink is allowed in the pool area.
- No glass objects are to be taken into the pool area.
- Surfboards, boogie boards or similar, are not allowed in the pool.
- Floating toys and similar objects are not allowed in the pool unless approved by the Aquatic Co-Ordinator.
- Do not use soap, detergent or any other substance in water.
- Remove any rubbish you bring from the pool area.
- Do not climb up, or onto any fence or partition or roof within the pool.

Waterslide Rules

- The maximum weight limit on the slide is 85kgs.
- All riders are to start from a forward facing, sitting position ONLY.
- Tandem riding is not permitted.
- Children must be aged 5 and over and capable of using the slide without immediate supervision.
- No rough behaviour.
- No harassment of others.
- No glass or sharp objects.
- No loose jewellery, watches or glasses.
- Persons are not to use the waterslide in a manner which may cause bodily injury to other slide riders.
- Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs are not permitted.
- All riders are to exit the splash pool immediately.
- Do not ride this waterslide unless your physical health is sound.
- Health authorities warn that it is considered unsafe to use a waterslide:
 - If you are pregnant.
 - If you have limb or back weakness/disability.
 - If you suffer from heart ailments or if you have any condition which could predispose you to further aggravation of your pre-existing condition or injury.

5. KEY POLICY DEFINITIONS

NIL

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Aquatic Coordinator is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

Pool Lifeguards and attendants are responsible for ensuring all patrons are safe while attending the Pool.

7. MONITOR AND REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed by the Governance Officer every 2 years.

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