

Pool Rules

The following is a list of pool rules in addition to the State of Minnesota Pool Rules all employees and patrons must follow.

General Pool Rules

1. The State Health Department requires all persons to shower in the nude using soap before entering the pool area.
2. Smoking is not allowed.
3. No glass containers or alcohol is permitted
4. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed. Anyone under the influence of alcohol while on the premises will be asked to leave.
5. Chewing gum or tobacco is not allowed
6. Proper swimwear is required at all times. Cut-offs are not allowed.
7. The City of Northfield Memorial Pool is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please secure all valuables in lockers.
8. Lost and found items will be kept on the premises for one week. After this time, any lost and found articles will become the property of the City of Northfield and will be disposed of at their discretion.
9. Lockers are provided for temporary storing of property securely, please remove items daily. You must provide your own lock
10. No running, pushing, dunking, or throwing objects in or around pool is allowed.
11. All jewelry, Band-Aids, and watches should be removed before swimming.
12. No spitting or blowing nose in the water or pool area.
13. Report any broken equipment, accident or injury to pool staff immediately.
14. U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets are permitted. All other personal flotation devices are NOT permitted. Examples: water wings, inflatable rings, etc.
15. Everyone entering the City of Northfield Memorial Pool must pay daily admission fee or have a season pass.
16. Should the City of Northfield Memorial Pool close for any reason, (severe weather, water chemical imbalance, accident in pool) refunds will NOT be granted.
17. Diving is allowed in designated areas ONLY.
18. Individuals not toilet trained must wear plastic, rubber pants, and/or swim diapers.
19. Children 8 years of age and under must be accompanied and supervised (within arms reach at all times) by responsible person 15 years of age or older (*i.e. 14 year old Suzy cannot supervise her 5 year old sister Amy*)
20. Obscene or profane language, gestures, horseplay, or abusive behavior will not be allowed.
21. If any patron is posing a danger to him/herself, to others or distracting the pool staff from doing their duty, they will be immediately suspended from the facility.
22. According to State Health Department directive, admission to the pool must be refused to all persons having any contagious or infectious condition. Examples are: colds, fever, ringworm, boils, inflammation of the eyes, and/or skin lesions.
23. Lifejackets may NOT be worn on climbing wall or on diving board.
24. There will be 5-minute safety breaks every hour on the hour.
25. Catching small children at the bottom of the diving board is NOT allowed.
26. The facility will close if the air temperature falls below 65 degrees, or inclement weather causes unsafe conditions.
27. A patron wearing a t-shirt in the pool may only utilize sections of the pool where the water depth is below his or her armpits
28. Swim goggles (covering the eyes only) are allowed
29. Swimming/Diving masks, fins and snorkel use are NOT permitted during open swim times
30. Noodles, balls*, and any other toy consider by staff not to be safe are not allowed in large pool area. Age appropriate toys are allowed in toddler pool. ***Noodles, balls and other toys provided at the facility are allowed in designed, specific areas*
31. The use of BBQ grills are not permitted inside of the pool facility
32. No pets are allowed inside pool area
33. No bicycles, skateboards, in-line skates or other wheeled devices may be used in the pool area (Infant/Child strollers are permitted)
34. Patrons failing to leave the facility when asked will result in the police being called on to assist with removal
35. Slow/Low Attendance Day and Early Closing Policy/Procedure (see examples below)

Example I: It is a sunny, cool 68 degree day and it is extremely windy (making it feel like 58 degrees), the current rules state that we are open until the temperate falls below 65 degrees. We open the pool for open swim but our attendance is extremely low and no one is attending. After three hours of operation if there are less than 15 patrons in the facility at that time the pool will close for the day.

Example II: It is a cloudy, raining off and on morning and it looks like it will remain the same the entire day. The temperature is above 65 degrees but it is not a good “pool day”. After three hours of operation if there are less than 15 patrons in the facility at that time the pool will close for the day.

Example III: It has been a beautiful day and it is now 5:30pm. The pool was extremely busy earlier in the day but currently there is little patron use due to a special event taking place downtown. If at 6:30pm there is less than 15 patrons in the facility the pool will close earlier for the evening.

***Note: If we are going to close for one of the above reasons all patrons will be given notification of this policy as we approach these closing times. We will also cut back on staffing during these times to run facility as cost efficient as possible.

36. Additional rules may be established and enforced as necessary to protect the health, safety and/or pleasure of the patrons utilizing the facility
37. No hanging on the ropes
38. No flips or backwards jumps off of the side of the pool
39. No Running in the pool area.

Diving Board Rules

1. Obey Lifeguard at all times.
2. One diver on the board at a time.
3. Only one jump on board is permitted.
4. Dive/jump straight off the board. Do NOT dive/jump to the side.
5. No sitting or hanging on diving board.
6. No swimming under diving board. Divers must swim directly to their left and exit pool
7. Life Jackets are NOT permitted on the diving board
8. You must be able to swim one width of the pool to use the diving board

Toddler/Zero Depth Area Rules

1. No running on or around the pool area.
2. Do not sit directly on top of water geysers
3. No diving off of islands
4. Limit the use of play in the toddler pool to age appropriate patron

AquaClimber Rules

1. Only patrons climbing on the aquaclimber are allowed in designated roped off water (drop zone)
2. No personal flotation devices are allowed while using the aquaclimber. You must be a good swimmer to utilize the climbing wall.
3. A maximum of two climbers may climb on the wall at one time (if two climbers, each must stay on left two or right two panels, ideally one panel of separation at all times)
4. You are given two opportunities to attempt to climb the wall, once you have fallen a second time you must exit the designated roped off water. Please exit the side/ladder closest to you; do not swim under someone climbing the adjacent side of the wall.
5. No diving, feet first entries only