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We encourage you to make your visit a fun and safe experience. Please observe all rules. These are for your safety. Individuals who interfere with the staff's ability to perform their duty may be asked to leave the facility.

## **City of Deer Park Swimming Pool Rules**

1. Lifeguards are responsible for enforcing safety rules and responding to emergencies. Parents or guardians remain responsible for the supervision of their children.
2. Adult Supervision "Children under five (5) years of age must be directly supervised by an adult in the water and be within an arms length distance at all times.
3. All children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by a responsible adult or a parent or guardian within the fence at all times.
4. Non-swimmers cannot go beyond armpit depth water without an adult within arms' reach. Pool staff may ask anyone in the pool to perform a swim test before entering deep water.
5. Swimmers must enter feet first, facing forward from everywhere in the pool. Diving may only be done in the deep end between the ladders and the wall. No flips or spinning is permitted anywhere in the pool.
6. Diseases: Persons having skin lesion, sore or inflamed eyes, mouth, nose or ear discharge shall not be allowed to use the pool. Note, band-aides come off in pool water.
7. Alcohol, tobacco, and drug use are prohibited.
8. No outside food or drink except water. No gum or glass containers allowed.
9. All swimmers must shower before entering the pool.
10. Running, Horseplay or pushing is not allowed.
11. Masks, fins, snorkels, and inflatables must be approved by the pool staff.
12. A lifejacket is not a replacement for a parent being within arms' reach of a non-swimmer.
13. Infants and toddlers must wear swimming diapers.
14. Report all accidents and incidents immediately to pool staff.
15. Additional rules may be required, when necessary, for the safety and enjoyment of the user.
16. Failure to obey facility rules or facility staff may result in loss of privilege to use the facility

## **Locker Room Rules**

1. All swimmers must shower before entering the pool.
2. The City of Deer Park is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please report any incidents to the office. Lost and found items will be kept for three weeks. Valuables will be held for a longer period of time in the Deer Park City Hall Office.
3. Children six (6) years of age and older must use the locker room appropriate to their gender.
4. No loitering.
5. No horseplay.

## **Disciplinary action for patrons**

When any of the rules of the aquatic facility are broken, the staff may put into action this policy.

The City of Deer Park promotes putting safety and the comfort of other patrons first. Lifeguards and staff are first and foremost provided to maintain a safe and fun environment for the public. This includes enforcement of facility rules.

In most cases, violators of any aquatic enforced rules must first be given two verbal warnings before any other compliance technique/action is taken. If a patron's actions or behaviors are placing your safety or others safety at risk, contact the Pool Manager or supervisor on duty immediately. If necessary, call 911.

After two verbal warnings, violators know and understand the pool rules. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> violation occurs, the offender should be asked to sit out of the water for no more than 10 minutes. The offender should be spoken to discreetly and with respect and should not be made a mockery.

If a fourth offence occurs, the offender will be asked to leave the park for the remainder of the day. The offender may return the following day if he/she wishes to.

Again, the violator should be spoken to with respect, and notified during the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense, what the consequences will be in the event of a 4<sup>th</sup> offense.

If the offender is breaking different rules each time and not violating the same rule continually, direct them to the rule board during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> offense and notify them that if any of the facility rules are broken, they may be asked to leave the facility.

If the behavior persists, the offender will be banned for a week and up to the remainder of the season at the manager's discretion.

If the offender does not comply, authorities should be notified. Contact City Hall or the Sheriff's Department.

Under no circumstances shall physical punishment be used. This is NOT an acceptable option. Please use common sense and good judgment.

## **Staff Lockers**

Lockers are available in the pool office over the summer on a first come first serve basis. All lockers must be cleaned out at the end of the day so that staff members for the following day may use them, if there are enough lockers for all the staff members they do not need to be cleaned out at the end of the day. Bringing personal items of value is strongly discouraged. Personal items are not to be left on the pool deck, guard chair or lying around in the pool office.

## **Lost and Found**

Lost and found items should be handled in such a manner that they can be reclaimed quickly; they should not be piled up in a corner. Items of value such as watches and wedding rings should be given to the pool manager immediately. If high value items have not been claimed by the end of the day, contact the Pool Manager or City Clerk so they may come and retrieve the item(s). All lost and found property must be adequately described by the patrons before it is released into their care. Lost and found items such as clothing will be kept for a period of two weeks and will then be emptied by the Pool Manager. Please make sure that any wet items are completely dry before being placed in the lost and found box.

## **Theft**

In the case of theft, immediately notify the pool manager or lead guard who will follow through and obtain as much information as possible from all involved parties. This is to be done in private, away from the public. Contact the City Clerk and inform them of the situation. The City of Deer Park is not responsible for any theft that occurs at the facility.