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FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

## **Pool Guidelines**

**Here are some guidelines we honor to keep our Aquatic Center, and our community, as safe as can be. Please keep in mind that operating a safe pool facility is our priority, and as such, our lifeguards are given the final say regarding pool guidelines. Remember, have fun and be safe!**

- **Running is not permitted—please walk at all times**
- **Swimming is strictly prohibited unless a lifeguard is on duty**
- **No diving**
- **Everyone must shower before entering the pool**
- **No throwing objects into water buckets**
- **No standing/hanging on water features**
- **Inflatables are not permitted. Only Coast Guard approved flotation devices are approved for pool use**
- **Adults may not throw or toss children**
- **Proper swim attire is required—no t-shirts, jeans or non-swimming apparel**
- **Boisterous or rough play is not permitted. No dunking, pushing, throwing, etc.**
- **No hanging on ropes**
- **No breath holding activities of any kind**
- **All youth under age 13 must be swim tested each year and abide by supervision guidelines**
- **Parents are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children at all times**
- **Patrons must share lanes as needed to accommodate as many swimmers as possible**
- **Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs are not permitted in the pool area**
- **Food, beverages, glass, gum and tobacco products are not permitted in the pool area**
- **No animals or pets are permitted**
- **If there is an accident that involves body fluids, the pool will be shut down for no less than 30 minutes in order to clean and chemically treat the pool**
- **The pool is shut down in the event of thunder/lightning and will be closed for 30 minutes after the last sound or lightening strike. The pool deck will be cleared of all guests and employees. The reopen time will be posted on the pool doors as well as the front desk**

- Follow lifeguard instructions at all times
- Report any unsafe conditions or behavior

#### **Water Slide Guidelines**

- Everyone using the slide must pass a swim test first
- Be sure to follow lifeguard instructions at all times
- You must be at least 42" to use the slide
- Climb slowly
- Slide down feet first in a sitting position
- Maximum weight capacity is 250 lbs.
- No flotation devices are permitted
- If you use the right slide, swim right; if you use the left slide, swim left
- Parents may not ride down with or catch their children at the bottom of the slide
- Swimming below the slide is not permitted
- Parents are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children at all times

Not all rules can be listed, and policies may change depending on circumstances at the lifeguard's discretion. Management reserves the right to refuse admittance to, or eject from the pool premises, any persons failing to comply with any of the above health and safety regulations. Please contact our [Aquatics Director](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

In the event of an emergency, immediately notify a Williams YMCA staff member and call 911.

