



AQUATIC FACILITY RULES & REGULATIONS

The following is a general list of rules for all four County pools. This is not an all-inclusive list and may be subject to change to meet certain conditions for individual facility under Facility Managers' discretion.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY POOLS CHAPERONE POLICY ***(effective beginning July 2024)***

- Visitors ages 17 and under are required to be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age, with valid photo ID. Proof of age will be required for those 18 and older if age is not easily determined.
- One parent/guardian, over 21 years of age, may escort all their children. Additionally, one chaperone, over 21 years of age, may escort no more than four youths during any one visit.
 - Group leaders and/or camp counselors may escort all children they are responsible for. For groups interested in visiting a County pool, please call 412-350-2455 in advance.
- Chaperones are responsible for the actions of the escorted youth.
- If an escorted youth is banned from the pool, the adult escort and group will be banned for the same period.
- Each adult chaperone must be present at the time of entry and remain within the facility for the duration of their party's visit.
- Any person violating the posted rules of behavior will be asked to leave the pool.

1. GENERAL FACILITY RULES

1. The Department retains the right to refuse any individual's admission into its facilities.
2. Only the Parks Directors, Facility Managers or Assisting Managers, Head Guard, or other supervisory personnel retain the right to eject anyone from the bathhouse, pool or concession area who is conducting oneself in such a manner that jeopardizes the safety of oneself or others.
3. At the discretion of the Facility Managers, people with signs of illness or disease, skin rashes, or sores are not allowed in the pool or pool area, unless they present to the manager a doctor's certification proving they are not in a communicable stage.
4. At the discretion of the Facility Managers, people with excessive amounts of plaster, adhesive tape, or bandages of any kind on their body will not be allowed in the pool.
5. Any patron that trespasses areas designated ONLY for **authorized personnel** (i.e., **filtration areas, cashier's booth, guard room, or private sectors of the concession stand**) or areas only for **Allegheny County certified lifeguards** (including guard

chairs or the wall at the back of each wave pool) will be immediately ejected and banned from the facility.

6. The following items are **prohibited** at ALL County pools:
 - Beach balls and other toys (i.e., footballs, basketballs)
 - Snorkeling gear, including masks or fins
 - Goggles with nose coverings
 - Any outside food or beverages
 - Coolers of any size
 - No glass containers, bottles, or cups
 - Illicit drugs or alcoholic beverages
7. **ONLY TRAINED SERVICE PETS PERMITTED** – No other pets or animals allowed inside facility.
8. **Umbrellas** – Personal umbrellas are allowed but policy is subject to change depending on weather and crowd conditions at the discretion of facility managers. Canopy/tents are **not** allowed.
9. **Radios** – May not be played at such high volumes that may interfere with emergency signals, public address systems, or disturb other patrons.
 - **NO profane, abusive, or vulgar language shall be used or permitted and transmitted on radios.**
10. **Smoking** – Use of cigarettes, pens, e-cigs, etc., is not permitted inside the facility. Designated smoking areas will be located outside of each facility.
11. **Swim Attire** – Appropriate swim attire is required in the pool and pool deck (i.e., turf) areas. Such apparel including street clothes, jeans, cargo or sweatpants, socks are not permitted in the pool. Under the discretion of Facility Managers, patrons may be asked to change and/or leave facility.
 - **Diapers** – Infants and children in diapers must wear a protective cover over the diaper
 - **Sunglasses** – Only shatterproof glasses (inc. sunglasses) with a tight-fitting safety strap can be worn inside the pool.
12. **Flips & Dives** – Patrons are only allowed to perform any type of flip (front or back flips, gainers, etc.) or dive in the Settler’s Cabin diving well and **IS NOT PERMITTED** at any other County pool, including North Park swimming pool or wave pools.
13. **Organized Groups** – Any groups or organizations must name a Point of Responsibility that assumes responsibility for the conduct and behavior of all members in their group while visiting the facility.
14. NO running!
15. NO rough or boisterous play in the pool or pool areas!
16. NO food, drink, gum, or chewing tobacco near pool or pool areas and is restricted to concession areas.
17. There is **no** use of pool ladders to enter pools. As a safety precaution, pool ladders are EXIT only.

18. The Allegheny County Department of Parks is **not** responsible for any articles, lost or stolen. Any found articles will be held in the “Lost and Found” located in the Manager’s Office for two weeks before disposal.




2. SETTLERS CABIN DIVING WELL

1. The tower is open to anyone **over the age of 5-years-old** and will be monitored by a lifeguard.
2. **Any patron using the diving well must be able to swim.**
3. No one is permitted to dive or jump in from the side of the diving pool
 - a. Patrons must use the diving boards or tower
4. Only one person is allowed on the tower at a time. On crowded days, a lifeguard should be poised to regulate the number of people on the tower.
5. To use the 7 ½ and 10-meter platforms, divers must first perform a successful dive from the 5-meter platform.
6. When utilizing the platforms, divers must adhere to the following rules:
 - a. Wait for the lifeguard’s signal to proceed
 - b. Jump or dive as soon as they signaled
 - c. Swim to the surface as soon as possible
 - d. Swim to the nearest ladder and exit the water

3. RAFT RENTALS & FLOATATION DEVICES

1. Only those rafts which are rented from the facility are acceptable for use
2. Rafts are **not** permitted in Settler’s Cabin dive pool
3. Raft users:
 - a. Will not kneel or stand on rafts when they are in the water
 - b. Will not sit, lay, stand, or jump on rafts when not being used in the water
 - c. Will not jump on or dive through the center of their rafts from the side of the pool
 - d. Will not drag their rafts along the ground
4. Raft users will return their rafts in the same condition as when they were originally rented
5. Life preservers, such as Coast Guard type 4 & 5, floatation wings are **prohibited** (unless medically necessary)
6. Lifejackets must have certification displayed and must be Coast Guard approved, in good and serviceable condition, and the appropriate size for the intended user
7. Properly fitting Coast Guard Approved Life Jackets Type 1, 2, and 3 ARE acceptable (see next page)

Life Preserver Types

TYPE	EXAMPLES
<p>Type I</p> <p>Adult size: 22 lb. of buoyancy Child size: 11 lb. of buoyancy Will turn unconscious wearers to face-up positions</p>	 A high-visibility orange life preserver with reflective silver stripes and a black strap across the chest.
<p>Type II: Near-Shore Buoyant Vest</p> <p>Adult Size: 15 ½ lb. of buoyancy Child Size: 11 lb. of buoyancy Infant Size: 7n lb. of buoyancy Will turn some unconscious wearers into face-up positions</p>	 A high-visibility orange life preserver with a large central opening and a black strap across the chest.
<p>Type III: Flotation Aid Same buoyancy as Type II</p> <p>i.e., float coat, fishing vest, water sport vest</p> <p>Wearers must put themselves in face-up position</p>	 A high-visibility orange life preserver with reflective silver stripes and a black strap across the chest, similar to Type I but with a different internal structure.