



# Old Memorial Pool Rules

## Health Department / Safety Policies

1. All patrons must shower with soap before entering/reentering the pool.
2. No persons with or suspected of having a communicable disease that could be transmitted through use of the pool shall work at or use any public pool (cold, fever, diarrhea etc.).
3. A person with any considerable area of exposed sub epidermal tissue, open blisters, or cuts must be warned that these may become infected and advised not to use the public pool.
4. Changing of diapers must be done in the locker rooms or family changing area. The health department states that diapers must not be changed on the pool deck or pool area.
5. Spitting, spouting water from the mouth and blowing the nose in the pool is prohibited.
6. No running or boisterous or rough play, except supervised water sports, is permitted in the pool, in dressing rooms or shower rooms, on runways, on the diving board, or platforms.
7. No smoking, alcoholic beverages or glassware permitted anywhere in the facility.
8. Domestic animals are not permitted in the pool enclosure, showers, or dressing rooms. Service animals are welcome.
9. Report any broken equipment, accident or injury to pool staff immediately.
10. Food and drinks should be consumed on the grassy areas of the facility.

## General Rules / Admission Policies

1. No one will be allowed in the swimming area unless the pool is officially open and a lifeguard is on duty. Entering the pool facility when it is not open for public use is prohibited and may be considered trespass.
2. Obey Lifeguards at all times.
3. All persons entering the pool area must pay the appropriate admission fee or present proof of a valid membership or program registration.
4. Employees are the only persons allowed in the staff rooms, filter room, mechanical room, storage room, concession stand and office.
5. There will be 5-minute safety breaks every hour on the hour. Management has the right to add time to safety breaks.
6. The City of Northfield Old Memorial Pool is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please secure all valuables in lockers.
7. Lockers are provided for temporary secure storage of property. Please remove items daily. Users must provide lock.
8. Patrons are not permitted to leave locks on lockers overnight. Locks will be cut off and locker content will be placed in the Lost and Found.
9. Lost and Found items will be kept on the premises for one week. After this time, any lost and found article will become the property of the City of Northfield and will be disposed of at staff discretion.

10. Please keep off lane dividers and all ropes.
11. Diving is allowed in designated areas only. No diving in shallow water.
12. Swim tests may be given to persons in question of ability to swim in the deep end or to use the diving board or aqua climber.
13. Chairs other than lifeguard stands are not permitted within 6 feet from pool edge.
14. No diving off islands in the zero depth area.
15. The use of BBQ grills is not permitted inside of the pool facility.
16. Gum chewing is not permitted in the pool for health and safety reasons.
17. No bicycles, skateboards, in-line skates or other wheeled devices may be used in the pool area (infant strollers and wheel chairs are permitted).
18. Pool staff will call police for assistance if patrons refuse to leave the facility when asked.
19. \*\*\*Note: The City of Northfield has the right to establish and enforce additional rules as necessary to protect the health and safety of all staff members and patrons.

Locker Rooms
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1. School-aged children or older must change in the appropriate locker room or family changing rooms.
2. Food is not permitted in locker rooms.
3. The use of cameras, video cameras or any device containing camera equipment of any kind is prohibited in all locker rooms, bathrooms, and changing facilities.
4. Changing of diapers must be done in the locker rooms or family changing area. The health department states that diapers must not be changed on the pool deck or pool area.
5. All jewelry, Band-Aids and watches should be removed before entering the water.

Attire
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1. All patrons within the pool area must be attired in swimming apparel.
2. Pool users must wear swimming suits or swimming trunks upon entry into the pool. Clothing such as cutoffs, clothing with loose strings or ties, gym shorts, or undergarments are not permitted as swimwear.
3. Patrons with religious concerns or personal convictions regarding modesty may wear clean, covering garments that do not interfere with their safety in the water.
4. A patron wearing a loose or baggy t-shirt in the pool may only utilize sections of the pool where the water depth is below his or her armpits.

Behavior
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1. Socializing with or distracting the pool staff is prohibited.
2. No person within the pool grounds shall behave in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety and health of themselves or others. Examples: Running, horseplay, flips/back dives or twisting into the pool, profane language, dunking, diving/jumping haphazardly, snapping towels etc.
3. Loitering will not be permitted on the pool grounds or within the facility.

#### Age Restrictions

1. Infants/children who are not toilet trained must wear rubber pants and/or a swim diaper which must fit snugly around the legs and waist.
2. Children 9 years of age and under must be accompanied and supervised (within arm's reach at all times) by a responsible person 15 years of age or older (i.e., 14-year-old Suzy cannot supervise her 5-year-old sister).
3. Use of the wading pool (tot pool) is restricted to children five (5) years old and under and their parent or caregiver. Children must not be left unattended.

#### Equipment / Toys

1. Toys, balls, inflatables and noodles are not permitted in the main area of pool. Age appropriate toys are allowed in toddler pool and the zero-depth area of the pool. Diving sticks will be allowed at the Manager's discretion.
2. Coast Guard approved and labeled personal flotation devices, such as vests, may be worn by a non-swimmer who must be supervised by someone 15 years or older within arm's length at all times.
3. Water wings, back floats, rings, or swimsuits with a built in flotation device are not permitted.
4. Swim masks that cover the nose are not permitted.
5. Specialized equipment, such as snorkels, kickboards, fins, or paddles, is only permitted in the lap lanes during lap swim.

#### Diving Board Rules

1. One diver on the board at a time.
2. Only one jump on the board is permitted.
3. Dive/jump straight off the board. Do NOT dive/jump to the side.
4. No sitting or hanging on diving board.
5. No swimming under diving board. Divers must swim directly to their left and exit pool.
6. Lifejackets are NOT permitted on the diving board.
7. You must be able to swim one width of the pool in order to use the diving board.
8. No catching small children at the end of the diving board.
9. A swim test may be given to persons in question of ability.

#### Aqua Climber Rules

1. Only patrons climbing on the Aqua Climber are allowed in designated roped-off zone.
2. No personal flotation devices are allowed while using the Aqua Climber.
3. You must be able to swim one width of the pool in order to use the Aqua Climber.
4. A swim test may be given to persons in question of ability.
5. A maximum of two (2) climbers may climb on the wall at one time. Climbers must have one panel of separation at all times.
6. Climber is given two (2) attempts to climb the wall. After second fall, you must exit the designated roped off drop zone. Please do not exit or swim underneath another climber.

7. Must enter water feet first. Diving from the wall is not permitted.

Toddler Pool Area Rules
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1. No running on or around the pool area.
2. Do not sit directly on top of water geysers or drains.
3. Age-appropriate patrons in the toddler pool. Five (5) years old or under with a parent or caregiver.

Weather Policy/ Closing Policy
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1. The City of Northfield Old Memorial Pool will not grant refunds if closed for any reason, (severe weather, water chemical imbalance, accident in pool).
2. The facility will close if the air temperature falls below 65 degrees, or inclement weather causes unsafe conditions.
3. Slow/Low Attendance Day and Early Closing Policy/Procedure (see examples below)
  - I. **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 temperature falls below 65 degrees. We open the pool for open swim but our attendance is extremely low and no one is attending. If, after three hours of operation, there are fewer than 15 patrons in the facility, the pool will close for the day.
  - II. **Example II:** It is cloudy and raining off and on during the morning and looks like it will remain that way the entire day. The temperature is above 65 degrees but it is not a good "pool day." If, after three hours of operation, there are fewer than 15 patrons in the facility, the pool will close for the day.
  - III. **Example III:** It has been a beautiful day and it is now 5:30 p.m. 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 6:30 p.m. there are fewer than 15 patrons in the facility, the pool will close earlier for the evening.

\*\*\*Note: If we are going to close for the day 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 the facility in as cost-efficient a manner as possible.

\*\*\*All rules are put into place to protect the patrons and staff of this facility either from illness or injury. Lifeguards and staff are here to keep swimmers safe. These rules are part of the risk management taken by staff and will be enforced. \*\*\*