



RECREATIONAL ADMISSION GUIDELINES FOR AQUATICS

Children aged 3-6 years and under:

Children 6 years of age and under must be accompanied in the water by a caregiver who is 14 years of age or older and responsible for their **direct supervision**. A caregiver may provide direct supervision for up to a maximum of 2 children.

Children between 3-6 years of age will be issued a **PURPLE wristband** at the admissions desk. If they successfully complete the swim test, they will be given a **GREEN wristband** by the lifeguard on deck. This will allow them to go in the deep end and down the slide, but they will be asked to stay with their caregiver under direct supervision at all times while in the pool.

Children aged 7-10

Upon arrival, all children aged 7 to 10 years will be issued either:

1) a RED wristband if the child's parent/guardian will not be entering the water (the child's parent/guardian must still remain in the facility) or **2) a YELLOW wristband**, if the child's parent/guardian will be coming into the pool with the child.

Children with a red wristband must take a facility swim test to determine if they can stay in the pool by themselves. Upon entering the pool deck, they must report to the lifeguard on deck for the swim test. If they are successful, they will be given a **GREEN wristband**. If the child does not pass the swim test, they must return to the front admissions desk to receive a **YELLOW wristband**, and their caregiver must accompany them into the pool and provide direct supervision.

Children under the age of 11 who have not passed the swim test must be accompanied by a caregiver who is 14 years of age or older at all times in the pool.

Children under the age of 11 who have passed the swim test may swim unaccompanied, but their caregiver must remain within the facility at all times.

Non Swimmers

Children under 11 years of age who are non and/or weak swimmers **MUST** be accompanied in the water by a caregiver who is 14 years of age or older and responsible for their **direct supervision**.

Non swimming children aged 7-10: maximum ratio of 3 children for each caregiver.

Non swimming children aged 6 and under: maximum ratio of 2 children for each caregiver.

ABILITIES SWIM TEST

Children must swim on their front across the shallow end of the pool (22m distance) without touching the bottom of the pool, with the ability to put their face in the water, and to keep their feet at or near the surface.

If the swim test is not successfully completed, a green wristband **will NOT** be issued, and the child will be required to remain under **direct supervision** of their caregiver while in the pool.

Direct supervision is defined as being within arm's reach in the water and able to render immediate assistance at all times.

Children may attempt the swim test **ONLY ONCE** during a scheduled swim time.

These standards are in response to a recommendation from the Chief Coroner of Ontario. Effective as of March 30, 2012.

THANK YOU!

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