

SLIDE RULES

1. Riders must line up at the bottom of the slide stairs.
2. Riders must be at least 48 inches (48") tall.
3. Only one person at a time is allowed on the slide.
4. Landing area must be clear before rider slides down.
5. No floatation devices are allowed on the slide.
6. Backside must always be against the slide, no sliding face first, no standing, squatting, or kneeling.
7. No spinning while riding slide.
8. Riders must exit landing area immediately after ride.

BE WATER SAFE!

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Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations



UNSCHEDULED CLOSURE

1. During storms, pools will be closed and the entire area cleared of patrons at the discretion of the Pool Manager. Due to limited cover, patrons are encouraged to go home, or remain within the shelter of the bathhouse or their car. The pool will normally open thirty (30) minutes after the storm has passed or following the last occurrence of thunder or lightning.
2. If the overhead pool lights go off, affecting visibility surveillance, the pool will be cleared immediately and not reopened until the light is fully restored.
3. During periods of cool weather, outdoor pools will not open when the water temperature is below 70° F.

INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

1. The fee is only for the lesson and no other use of the facility.
2. Participants may enter the facility no earlier than 10 minutes before the start of the class.
3. Participants may not enter the water until the Instructor is on deck and gives verbal instruction to enter the water safely.
4. Parents, in order to assist us in offering a quality swim program for your child, do not remain at the pool side. Observation is allowed from designated areas. At some facilities, observation may not be possible.

DIVING BOARD RULES

1. Only one person is allowed on the diving apparatus (including ladder) at a time.
2. Divers must dive straight from the front end of the board.
3. Divers may not spring more than once on the board.
4. Upon surfacing, immediately swim to the nearest ladder. Do not swim toward or under the boards at any time.
5. A diver must wait until the preceding diver has surfaced and reached the ladder.
6. No general swimming is permitted in the diving area, unless the diving boards are closed by pool staff.
7. Extended dives, or dives for distance from the one-meter boards toward shallow water are prohibited.
8. Diving board users must be able to swim to the ladder unassisted.

MASK AND SNORKEL RULES

1. Masks and snorkels are not permitted for recreational use.
2. Mask and snorkel may be used during lap swimming time.
3. Mask and snorkel use is subject to other safety conditions at the discretion of aquatic staff.

General Rules and 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 premises when it is not open for public use is punishable per code 10.08.050 for trespassing on city swimming enclosures.
2. The City assumes no liability for injuries or damages arising from the results of participation unless due to willful or gross negligence on the part of the City. Due to the strenuous nature of some activities, the participant is advised to consult his/her physician concerning fitness to participate. All activities present certain inherent risks and hazards which the participant assumes.
3. Anyone that wears a disposable under garment and wishes to enter the pool must wear a disposable under garment that is designed for swim use, which must fit snugly around the legs and waist. If the diaper becomes soiled, this person must leave the pool immediately, and may not return until he/she has taken or been given a soap shower and has been recovered by a new swim use diaper.
4. Admission fees must be paid by all persons to include infants and spectators upon each entry or designated session to the pool facility.
5. Children six years and younger must be accompanied and directly supervised, within arms reach of an adult at all times in the water and within the facility. Children 6 and under, who pass the swim test, are not required to have an adult in the water.
6. Children 12 and under entering the pool facility must be escorted and directly supervised by an adult or responsible person 18 years of age or older.
7. Groups of children age five and under must have one adult for every six children. For groups of children six to 17, there must be one adult for every 12 children. Groups must Contact pool management before coming to facility. Groups must be directly supervised in the pool by an adult in swim attire per the mentioned ratios.
8. Children six years of age or older must change in the appropriate gender locker room. Contact the Pool Manager for special arrangements.
9. Picnic baskets and coolers are permitted in the grass or patio area of the pool facilities. No grills, gas or electric cooking devices may be brought into the pool facility/grounds.
10. No grills, gas or electric cooking devices may be brought into the pool facility/grounds during normal hours of operation. Gas or electric cooking devices may be used in designated eating areas during private rentals.
11. Glass containers, alcoholic beverages, drugs and pets are not permitted in the pool facilities. An exception will be made for service animals.
12. The City assumes no liability for personal property or valuables at any time. Valuables may not be checked with the pool staff.
13. Lockers are available at some of the pools. The City does not provide locks. Locks are not allowed to be left overnight. If so, locks will be removed.
14. Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted in the pool facility or in the surrounding area.
15. No person within the pool grounds shall behave in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety and health of him/her and others. Such behavior, including abusive or profane language, shall be grounds for expulsion.
16. Loitering will not be permitted on the pool grounds or within any of the facilities.
17. Prior to entering the pool facility, any patron requiring reasonable accommodations for a disability should inform staff of his/her needs. Such a person may provide a personal care attendant at no additional charge.
18. Any injury occurring in the pool area must be reported to the pool staff immediately.
19. The office telephone and public address equipment may only be used by staff to deliver messages of an emergency nature or facility information to persons at the pool.
20. Patrons are not allowed in the guard room, filter room, mechanical room, storage room or offices.
21. The use of cell phones, cameras, video cameras or any device containing camera equipment is prohibited in locker rooms, bathrooms and changing facilities.
22. Headphones must be worn when listening to musical or entertainment devices.
23. Gum chewing is not permitted anywhere in the pool facility for health and safety reasons.
24. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the indoor and outdoor pool facilities. Smokers shall dispose of smoking materials before entering.
25. Chairs are not permitted on the pool deck except during facility rentals.
9. Non-swimmers must remain in shallow water (chest deep or less).
10. Coast Guard approved and labeled personal flotation devices, such as vests designed to provide vertical support, may be worn with permission of the Pool Manager. Each individual 12 years and younger wearing a personal flotation device must be accompanied by an adult in the pool within arm's reach. No water wings, back floats, bubbles, rings, or one sided flotation devices are permitted. Boat float with a holster seat is allowed.
11. Soft inflatable beach balls are permitted in the main pools or tot pool. Toys, water guns, balls, inner tubes, inflated boats, and rafts are not permitted in the main pools or tot pool. In the event of overcrowding, beach balls will be restricted as a safety measure.
12. Groups shall not monopolize a particular area of the pool and thereby limit its use by other patrons. (Parks and Recreation scheduled classes, team activities, or rental groups excepted.)
13. Patrons are not allowed to provide instructional activity for private gain.
14. Wearing eyeglasses in the pool is discouraged. If necessary, non-breakable lenses and frames are allowed.
15. Dive only in designated areas.
16. No flips, back jumps, or back dives from the side of the pool.
17. Private group uses are not permitted during a Recreation Swim period and must be scheduled as a private rental.
18. No playing on or congregating around pool ladders.
19. Flotation or swimming aides are not allowed in the deep end of the pool.
20. The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Aquatic Centers are designated as circle swim facilities.

Rules For Swimmers

1. Pool users must wear an authorized swim wear. Clothing such as cut-offs, sports-wear, underwear, and under garments is not permitted as swimwear. For Indoor Aquatic Centers, shirts may not be worn. For outdoor pools, for extra protection from sun exposure, rash-guards and white shirts may be worn.
2. All patrons must take a cleansing soap shower before entering the deck area. Sun bathers should shower before each entrance into the water in order to rinse off perspiration, lotions, and sunscreens.
3. Any person having a skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharge, communicable disease, or who is wearing any kind of adhesive bandage or band-aid will not be permitted in the pool. Persons having any considerable area of exposed sub-skin tissues, open blisters, cuts, are warned that these are likely to become infected. Such persons may not use the pool.
4. Any person who is experiencing diarrhea may not use the pool.
5. Running, boisterous or rough play, pushing, acrobatics, dunking, wrestling, splashing, yelling, diving or jumping haphazardly, snapping of towels, improper conduct causing undue disturbances in or about the pool area or any acts which would endanger any patron are prohibited.
6. Swimming under the bulkhead is prohibited. Patrons may not walk or sit on the bulkhead.
7. Spitting, spouting of water, blowing nose or urinating in the pool are prohibited.
8. Prolonged underwater swimming for distance is not permitted.