

2009
Manchester Parks and Recreation Department
Municipal Outdoor Pool Rules

The following rules and regulations are designed to assure safe and sanitary operation of the Town of Manchester municipal pools and to comply with the State of Connecticut regulations for public swimming pools. Town of Manchester residents and their guests are requested to cooperate in observing the rules.

General Rules

- Town of Manchester outdoor pools are open to Town of Manchester residents who possess a valid pool pass. No one will be admitted without a pool pass. A lost or damaged pool pass should be reported immediately to the Recreation Department. A \$5.00 replacement fee will be charged for a new card. Residents are responsible for all actions of their children and guests.
- The primary responsibility of the lifeguards and aquatic personnel is to provide for the safety and comfort of members using the pool. **PLEASE DO NOT TALK TO LIFEGUARDS WHILE THEY ARE ON DUTY!** In the case of an emergency, notify the nearest lifeguard and follow their instructions. Lifeguards on duty have the authority to prohibit activities that, in their judgement, may be dangerous or interfere with other patrons' enjoyment of the pool and the facilities.
- Please remember that lifeguards are not babysitters and that all children must remain under the supervision of the accompanying adult. If an underage child is found at the pool unaccompanied, the lifeguard will telephone the parents and request that the child be picked up immediately. Lifeguards will report all incidents to the Aquatics Director or Recreation Supervisor.
- First aid supplies may be obtained from the lifeguard. All injuries, however slight, should be reported to the lifeguard.
- All persons using the pool or pool area do so at their own risk and sole responsibility.
- Radios are prohibited from all pool areas. Cameras, video cameras and other electronic devices are prohibited during general swim times.
- Any person having a communicable disease, open blisters, or cuts, sore or inflamed eyes, ears, nose or mouth infections, excessive sunburn or any type of skin disease will be excluded from the pool area.
- No person is permitted in the pool area except during the regular pool hours. Violators of this rule are subject to immediate loss of pool pass for the season and to possible prosecution.
- All persons must shower before entering the pool.
- Non-swimmers under the age of ten (10) will not be admitted unless accompanied by a responsible adult, eighteen (18) years of age or older. Non-swimmers are not permitted in the main pool unless they can stand with their head fully above water.
- A deep end swim test must be taken and passed by all children to swim in deep end areas. Parents should be advised: for the safety of your child, lifeguards may test your child more than once throughout the summer. Deep Water Test:
 - 30 seconds treading water
 - Length of the pool crawl stroke (25 yards)

- Appropriate bathing suits must be worn when using the pool. No jeans, shorts or cut-offs may be worn. No T-shirts may be worn in the water over bathing suits unless special circumstances apply (i.e. bad body scars, excessive obesity, and or severe sunburn). If a T-shirt is worn, bather is permitted in shallow water only.
- Babies must wear bathing suits. They also must wear diapers specific for swimming or rubber pants. This applies to use of wading pool and the main pool.
- Eyeglasses and sunglasses with glass lenses are not permitted in the pool at any time. Plastic lens eyeglasses and sunglasses with safety strap may be worn in the pool.
- Animals are not permitted in the pool area. Guide dogs for the blind will be admitted to the pool area, but shall not enter either pool and must be leashed.
- Smoking is not permitted.
- No toys, rubber balls, inflatable or artificial aids including masks, fins and flotation devices of any kind shall be permitted in any pool. Aids for use by lap swimmers or by patrons with disabilities may be used at the discretion of and with prior approval from the head lifeguard.
- Bicycles, scooters, skateboards must be parked outside the pool area at the owners risk. These items must be kept clear of the pool entrance.
- Consumption/possession of alcohol and drugs is not permitted on Town of Manchester property. Persons suspected to be under the influence of alcohol/drugs or in possession of illegal substances will be refused admittance to the pool.
- Recreation personnel reserve the right to close the pool or restrict its use whenever the safety or health of patrons is endangered.
- Day care providers who are supervising children may only utilize the pool during designated hours, and must have a valid permit and meet all permit policy guidelines.
- Diving or jumping into the pool from the shallow end or any side of the pool is not permitted. Diving and jumping is allowed from the deep end wall only.
- The Town of Manchester and the Recreation Department will not be responsible for the loss of or damage to personal property of any kind.
- A phone is provided for limited use. Phone calls are limited to local calls and are permitted at the discretion of the lifeguard. The phone is not to be used for business purposes.
- Private swim instruction is not permitted unless consent is given from Recreation personnel.

Food and Beverages

- No food is permitted on the pool decks. Beverages in non- glass, covered containers are permitted and shall not be consumed within eight (8) feet of the pool edge.
- No glass containers of any kind are permitted in any pool area.
- Garbage must be deposited in garbage containers

Pool Behavior

- Running, rough housing, splashing, spitting water, or any behavior affecting the safety and comfort of other patrons will not be tolerated.
- The use of profane or abusive language will not be tolerated and is grounds for ejection from the pool complex.
- Fighting will not be tolerated and will be grounds for ejection from the pool complex.

Discipline

- 1st Offense: Warning by Lifeguard
- 2nd Offense: Sitting out of the pool for fifteen (15) minutes
- 3rd Offense: Ejection from the pool complex for the remainder of the day.

Serious offenses may result in the revocation of pool pass. Patron will be denied access to all pools until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of Recreation Supervisor. The Recreation Department may impose a permanent suspension of pool privileges for the remainder of the season to any individual who is in violation of the rules.

The Aquatics director and head lifeguards have been delegated the responsibility of the strict enforcement of rules and regulations. He/she has the authority to temporarily deny any patron or guest the use of the pool. If the Aquatics director or head lifeguard takes such action, he/she must file a written statement with the Recreation Supervisor within 24 hours after taking such action. The written statement shall include a brief description of the facts and rules, which he/she alleges have been violated.

Refusal to comply with local health codes, pool rules and regulations can result in the suspension of pool privileges for a period of time to be determined by Recreation personnel.

Complaints

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the daily safe operation of the pool and its grounds. Any questions, comments, complaints or problems with the facilities should be brought to the attention of the Aquatics Director or the Recreation Supervisor.

Guest Policy

- Town of Manchester residents possessing a valid pool pass are allowed to bring guests to the pools. Residents can purchase day pass booklets for \$5.00. The fee for guests is as follows:
 - \$1.00 for youth under 21 (1-day pass ticket)
 - \$2.00 for adults 21 and over. (2-day pass tickets)
- Residents with a valid pool pass must accompany their guests to the pool. When the residents leaves, the guest must also leave. Under no circumstances may a guest

remain at the pool without a resident. Each resident is limited to 3 guests per day. A guest pass must be presented upon entry.

- Residents are responsible for the behavior and actions of their guests and their guest's compliance with the pool rules and regulations.
- Recreation personnel may refuse entry to guests in cases of overcrowding, under staffing or for any safety issue, which may arise.

Globe Hollow

In addition to all of the above rules and regulations, the following are specific to Globe Hollow usage.

Raft and Diving Board Rules

- One diver on the board at a time.
- Only one bounce on the diving board is permitted.
- Dive straight off the end of the board. Do not dive off the side of the board.
- No sitting or hanging on the board.
- No swimming under the diving board. Divers should swim directly to a ladder.
- Individuals using the diving board must pass a swim test.
- No swimming under the raft.

Use of the raft and diving board may be discontinued at any time at the discretion of the head guard.

Please comply with all rules and regulations so that all pool patrons can have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.