

Winchester Parks and Recreation Department Outdoor Pool Rules

Lifeguards are on duty to prevent accidents and provide for your safety.
Please respect their judgement when enforcing rules and regulations.

Swimmers who have any serious or potentially serious medical conditions,
MUST notify a lifeguard on duty.

General Rules:

The following are the rules and regulations that are enforced by WPRD lifeguards and staff. Note that posted signs are approved by the CITY OF WINCHESTER and apply to all guests.

- All individuals must pay admission. No refunds are issued due to inclement weather.
- Admission may be denied for safety reasons at the discretion of WPRD staff.
- Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult 18 years of age or older at all times. Children 12 and up may enter without an adult. One adult for every four underage children.
- Children under 6 must be within arm's reach of a parent.
- Swimmers are permitted to wear bathing suits, shorts, and tee-shirts. Undergarments, jeans, and denim are not permitted.
- Diapers are not permitted in the pool. Swim diapers or plastic diaper covers **MUST** be worn at all times, if needed.
- It is recommended that all swimmers shower before using the pool.
- Jim Barnett Park is an alcohol-free zone. Anyone found with alcohol in the pool facility or park will be asked to leave. All coolers and bags are subject to being checked. Found alcohol will be confiscated and discarded.
- Tobacco, e-cig, vape, etc. use is prohibited within 50 ft. of the pool facility. Smoking is permissible in designated areas only.
- No running, rough play, or fighting on the deck or in the pool. Dunking, riding shoulders, throwing others, and diving off others is not permitted.
- Toys are permitted, but can be removed at the lifeguard's discretion.
- Abusive or profane language will not be permitted or tolerated in any area of the pool facility.
- Loitering is not permitted adjacent to the pool facility entrance.
- Glass bottles are prohibited. Food and beverages in plastic containers are permitted in designated areas. No food or beverages in the pool.
- Acts of excessive physical affection are not permitted.
- Swimmers must stay off lane ropes, safety lines, starting blocks, and lifeguard stands.
- No inflatable flotation devices in the Main Pool, unless during designated special events.
- Deep end is for lap swimming and diving board use only. Lap swimmers must stay within the lane lines at all times.
- The facility supervisor has the authority to restrict the use of fins in the lap lanes to ensure the safety of the lap swimmers.

- Animals are not allowed inside the pool area except for service animals or during designated special events.
- During designated Adult Swim times, all patrons under the age of 18 must leave the water.
- Deck Managers may eject and suspend persons from the pool area for violation of pool rules, not following lifeguard instructions, harassment of lifeguards or other pool staff, or any other action detrimental to the safe and orderly operation of the pool. In case of serious misconduct, the Winchester Police Department will be called. In cases involving children, parents will be notified.
- If a child unaccompanied by an adult is asked to leave the pool area, they will not be permitted to reenter the pool area until a parent or guardian returns with them.
- Additional safety rules may apply if deemed necessary by WPRD staff.

Deep End/Diving Area Rules:

- Deep end is for lap swimming and diving board use only.
 - Lap swimmers must stay within the lane lines at all times.
- No diving from the sides of the pool.
- Only one person on the dive board at a time.
- Only one bounce on board.
- Jump straight off the board.
- No catching others jumping off the board.
- No handstands or inward dives.
- No personal floatation devices.
- Do not dive until the person in front of you reaches the ladder.

Waterslide Rules:

- Must be 48" tall to go down slide.
- Only one person down the slide at a time.
- Feet first at all times down the slide (no spinning).
- Listen to slide attendant.
- No catching people at the bottom.
- No personal floatation devices.
- Walk up the stairs.
- No horseplay on the stairs.

Activity Pool Rules:

- All children must be directly supervised by an adult in the activity pool area. Supervising adults may enter the water.
- Children 9 years old and over are not permitted in the water. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- No running.
- No horseplay on the duck.
- Only individuals accompanying children are permitted in the activity pool area.