

Vermilion Community Pool Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations have been established for the benefit of all users of the swimming pool to assure the safe operation of the pool facilities and to provide enjoyable recreation for all. Patrons are requested to cooperate in observing these rules and to obey the instruction of the aquatic staff. Patrons violating swimming pool rules are subject to the revocation of their swimming privileges. The Vermilion Community Pool reserves the right to refuse admittance into the swimming pool when the capacity of the pool has been reached or when otherwise deemed necessary for the health, welfare, or safety of the patrons.

The Vermilion Community Pool welcomes patrons to enjoy use of the facilities without regard to race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. ***Please contact the pool manager for special accommodations required.***

The pool manager or designated assistant is responsible for the operation of the pool. **Lifeguards have the authority to enforce all pool rules.** Policies and procedures may be altered to match guidelines provided by the county or federal government.

General Rules / Admission Policies

- Admission fees/memberships must be paid for admittance to the pool. Loitering is not permitted.
- No one will be allowed inside the gate unless the pool is officially open, and a lifeguard is on duty. Entering the pool when it is not open for public use is punishable by law.
- No talking, socializing, or distracting the lifeguard on duty for reasons other than pool safety.
- Bringing an animal other than a certified service dog is prohibited. Service animals may not enter the water.
- **All swimmers must be attired in swimming/bathing suit apparel.** No Cut-offs, gym shorts, cotton T-shirts or underwear.
- **Staff at the facility are not able to provide refunds for general admission or programs.**

Facility

- **CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES.** Please refrain from cell phone use and other objects of distraction while supervising children.
 - Only Coast Guard approved life jackets/personal flotation devices are permitted, and use limited to the shallow end of pool only.
 - Any child requiring an approved flotation device must be supervised by a designated adult at the edge of the pool or within arm's reach of the child.
- Lifeguards reserve the right to enact a "three- strike rule" enforcement.
 1. Verbal warning
 2. Benching for a 10-minute time out
 3. Expulsion from the facility for the day.
- **No person within the facility shall behave in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety and health of themselves or others.**
 - Abusive or profane language shall be grounds for expulsion.
 - No Running
 - No chewing-gum.
 - No INTENTIONAL splashing
 - No Boisterous or rough play, including:
 - pushing, dunking, wrestling, yelling, spitting water, snapping of towels, sitting on shoulders or backs
 - Any improper conduct causing undue disturbances on or about the pool area which could endanger any patron is prohibited. And is strictly enforced for your safety.
 - We are a public family pool. Please as a rule keep hands to yourself. Public displays of affection should remain minimal.
 - No diving in shallow water.
 - No forward /back flips, belly/back flops, or back dives allowed.
 - No prolonged underwater swimming for time or distance. Competitive /repetitive breath holding can be deadly and is not permitted.
 - Leave valuables at home. The Vermilion Community Pool is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

- The Lost and found clothing and towels will be purged weekly. Toys and goggles placed for in basket for general use.
- Food or refreshments are permitted from home.
 - NO FOOD OR DRINKS (except water) ALLOWED ON THE POOL DECK.
 - All food must be consumed in designated picnic area, pavilion, or grassy area only.
 - All bags, baskets, and coolers are subject to inspection.
 - GLASS CONTAINERS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SMOKING, VAPING, OR DRUGS PROHIBITED.
 - Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be admitted or asked to leave.
 - No grills, cooking devices
- Weapons/guns are not permitted at the facility. This includes sharp knives used for food preparation.
- Employees are the only persons allowed in staff room, filter/mechanical room, or storage shed.
- Chairs and Chaise Loungers are for adult use only.
- Headphones must be worn when listening to entertainment devices out of respect of those around you.
- Every Hour the pool will be cleared for a 15-minute safety/adult (18+) break.
 - All patrons 17 years and younger must exit the pool and stay behind the white safety line away from the pool during the safety break.

Safety and Health Rules for Swimmers

Swimming and aquatic programming present certain inherent risks and hazards which the participant assumes. Due to the strenuous nature of some activities, the participant is advised to consult their physician to participate.

- Non-swimmers must remain in shallow water (chest deep or less)
- A deep-water test is required to swim in the deep end of the pool.
 - PLEASE NOTE: This test will only be administered once per day per swimmer.
 - Swimming in the deep end is at the discretion of the lifeguard or pool manager.
 - No flotation devices of any type are permitted in the deep end.
- Patrons MUST shower before entering the pool.
 - Please rinse off lotions/oils and perspiration
 - Please have children rinse off after returning from playground to keep dirt out of the pool.
- Spitting/spouting water, urinating or defecating in the pool is prohibited.
- Any person experiencing even a mild case of diarrhea may not use the pool.
- Any person having skin disease/infection, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal, or ear discharge, communicable disease, or wearing any kind of band-aid or bandage will not be permitted in the pool.

Equipment/Toys

- THE USE OF SNORKEL /SCUBA STYLE MASKS IS PROHIBITED. Only swimming goggles are permitted.
- Inner-tubes (unless used in supervised programming) and rafts are not permitted in the pool.
- Diving toys are allowed in both the shallow and deep ends of the pool. Please make sure all toys are retrieved and not left on the bottom of the pool.
- Toys may be allowed in the pool at the manager's discretion for patron safety.
- Wearing eyeglasses in the pool is discouraged unless necessary.
- Specialized equipment such as kickboards and exercise equipment may be used by adults only.

Weather

- In the event of storms the pool will be immediately cleared, and all patrons are required to exit the facility.
- The pool may not open until after 30 minutes of the last lightening strike or thunder and when it is determined safe to swim.
- During periods of cool weather (below 70 degrees) the pool may not open. Operations will be at the discretion of the manager.
- Rainchecks may be issued to those admitted within sixty minutes of a facility closure due to inclement weather or equipment malfunction. No money will be refunded.

Restrooms/Diapering Rules

- Use the bathroom before getting into the pool. Take children for bathroom breaks, and check diapers often.
- Infant/children who are not toilet trained and adults who are incontinent must wear a clean disposable SWIM DIAPER UNDER A BATHING SUIT. It is recommended that snug fitting plastic pants be worn over the swim diaper. Children may not swim in only a swim diaper. Regular disposable diapers are not allowed in the swimming pool.
- Change diapers in the bathroom (not the pool area). Throw diapers away in trash receptacle and wash hands.
- Children 6 years of age and older must use the changing facility/restroom for changing clothes.
- For the safety of children regarding the use of cameras or devices containing recording equipment, CELL PHONE USE IN RESTROOMS IS PROHIBITED.
- Use of the bathroom/shower is limited to patrons for the intended purpose.

Under Ohio Health Department standards adopted by The Center for Disease Control, accidents involving fecal matter require pool closure.

In helping to keep our swimmers healthy we ask that you please follow the CDC Healthy Swimming Habits. Prevention is far better than contamination. PRACTICE HEALTHY SWIMMING HABITS:

1. Shower before entering the pool.
2. Wash hands with soap after using the toilet.
3. Children (and adults) who have had diarrhea in the last two weeks should not go swimming.
4. Avoid swallowing pool water or even getting in your mouth.

The staff and management of The Vermilion Community Pool thanks you for doing your part to help maintain a fun and safe swimming environment for all. See you at the pool!