



2025 Rules & Regulations

*Pool Managers and Lifeguards have complete authority in the pool. Lifeguards are on duty to provide a safe environment and respond & assist with aquatic emergencies. **It is always the parent or guardian's responsibility to watch their child.***

Please see our website and brochure for additional information regarding facility hours, rules, programming, and rental information.

Hours of Operation
Season Pass Holder Swim
11:00-11:30AM

Daily Open Swim
11:30AM-7:00PM

Season Pass Fees

Aquatics Season Pass: \$75/individual
Senior (55+) & Military: \$60/individual

O'NEIL AQUATICS CENTER SEASON

May 24–September 1

Holiday Hours of Operation
Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day
11:00AM–5:00PM

Daily Admission Fees

2 & Under: Free
Child (Ages 3–13): \$9
Adult (Ages 14–54): \$12
Senior (55+) & Military: \$8

Specialty Admission Fees

Sensory Swim: \$5
River Walk: \$5
Sunset (after 5:00PM): \$5

ADMISSION TO THE POOL

- All patrons entering the facility **must** pay the admission fee or use their season pass.
- The daily fee allows admittance to the pool for the day, no re-admittance if you leave.
- All people on the pool deck and/or swimming in the pool must have appropriate swim attire that supports a family-friendly environment. *All apparel worn in the swimming facility must be designed and manufactured for use in the water.*
- Those not in proper swim attire will be asked to exit the water and/or aquatic facility.
 - *Street clothes, revealing and/or transparent swim wear, cut-off jeans, jeans, skirts, shorts, sport bras, leotards, leggings, dri-fit wear, undergarments, compression shorts and compression shirts are prohibited.*
- Any person under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or exhibiting erratic behavior shall not be permitted in the pool area.
- Bags, purses, and diaper bags may be searched for your safety.
- Pool management is not responsible for articles lost/stolen or money left unattended in the pool/locker room area.
- No pets permitted. Service animals specifically trained to aid a disabled person are allowed to enter.

SAFETY CONCERNS

- **Video recording and photography of any kind must be approved by Pool Management.**
- For the protection of all guests, the use of cell phone cameras and equipment with digital video/photography capabilities are prohibited in our bathrooms/locker room area.
- Glass, oil products, soap, or other material that might create hazardous conditions or interfere with efficient operation of swimming facility shall not be permitted in the swimming facility or on deck.
- Do not sit or climb on pool ladders and stairs, top of tables, racing blocks, equipment and/or fences.
- No diving except in the deep end of the lap pool. Use caution when completing diving activities. Back rotations are not permitted.
- Extended underwater breath holding and hypoxic training are prohibited.

PERSONAL CONDUCT

- All patrons are encouraged to take a shower prior to entering the pool area.
- Spitting, spouting water, blowing the nose, or otherwise introducing contaminants into the swimming facility is not permitted.
- Personal conduct within the swimming facility shall not jeopardize a positive patron experience or the safety of self or others.
 - Respect all staff, guests, equipment and facilities. Refrain from using offensive or profane language.
 - Boisterous, rough play and running are not allowed (*i.e., dunking, sitting on shoulders, pushing, hanging on backs*).
- Per City of Bloomington Codes and Ordinances:
 - Smoking (including e-cigarettes and vaping), alcohol, concealed weapons, and drugs are prohibited.
- Violators of personal conduct regulations may be subject to disciplinary action or asked to leave without a refund.

LOUNGE CHAIRS & SWIM BREAK RULES

- Adults, 18 years and older, are given priority for the use of lounge chairs.
- A 15-minute swim break may be taken for staff safety reasons. The leisure pool will be cleared but the lap pool will remain open for individuals who are 18 years and older.

AQUATIC STRUCTURES & LAP SWIM

- Aquatic staff has the authority to request a swim test to be performed by anyone using the slides, diving boards, or lazy river. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) are not permitted on 30' slides or diving boards.
- Only one person at a time is allowed on the slides and diving boards. Exit the plunge pool area promptly after entering the water.
- 30' Waterslide Rules
 - Swimmers must be at least 48 inches tall, less than 300 lbs., and able to swim one width of the pool.
 - Must ride feet first while lying on your back. Hands must be kept inside the waterslide while riding. Standing, stopping and headfirst sliding are strictly prohibited.
 - No goggles or aqua shoes may be worn on the slide.
- Diving boards must be used with caution.
 - Jump straight off the end of the diving board.
 - One bounce per person, no backward rotations or inward dives, and no goggles are allowed.
- Lazy River Rules
 - One rider per single tube. Riders must always remain in tubes. Floaters must always follow the direction of current.
 - No horseplay on tubes (pushing, rocking, hitting, etc.). No stopping or standing in the river area.
 - PFDs are only permitted if a child is accompanied by an adult.
 - No swimming or walking is allowed in lazy river unless participating in River Walk (*see brochure for details*).
- Swimming lanes are designated for lap swimming (*swim to the right of the center in your lane*).

PLAY TOYS & SWIM DEVICES

- All water toys (*i.e., rings, snorkels, balls, water guns*) must be used in an appropriate manner. **Pool Management has the discretion of not allowing certain toys or when toys are not being used appropriately.**
- Fins and Mermaid Tails are prohibited. Goggles are acceptable.
- Inflatables, pool noodles, and boogie boards are not permitted inside the facilities.
- Only US Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) may be used. Must be non-inflatable and securely attached to be used in the water. Anyone wearing an approved PFD must be within arms lengths of a chaperone.

CHILDREN

- Parents/Guardians **MUST** be responsible for supervising their children.
- Children 13 years and under must always be accompanied by a chaperone at least 18 years old.
- Lifeguards are on duty only to enforce rules for safety and respond in the case of an emergency. It is always the parent or guardian's responsibility to watch their child.
- A swim diaper or tight-fitting rubber or plastic pants must be worn for children who are not toilet trained.
- Group/organization leaders are responsible for the conduct of their entire group.

FOOD & BEVERAGES

- Outside food & beverages are NOT allowed inside the facility. The facility offers a full-service concession stand.
- Glass containers are prohibited. Eating and drinking are permitted only in the designated concession areas.
- Chewing gum is not allowed at the pool facility. Littering is prohibited.

LOCKER ROOMS

As an Illinois municipality, the City of Bloomington is required to comply with state law, including the Illinois Human Rights Act. This law specifically prohibits discrimination based on gender identity, and mandates that access to public facility locker rooms be based on an individual's gender identity, not their sex assigned at birth.

CLOSING THE POOL

- Pools will be closed under the discretion of the Aquatics Program Manager. Aquatics Facilities follows AcuRite Weather for lightning tracking and detection. Pools will close if one of the following is true:
 - Air temperature is unfavorably cold (below 70 degrees);
 - Threatening weather or lightning is sighted or heard;
 - Water is not chemically balanced/mechanical failure;
 - If the pool has low attendance (less than 20 swimmers for a 1-hour period) the facility may close for the day.
- Scheduled programs and events may cause the facility to be shut down to the public.
- Refunds will not be given; this includes inclement weather.

RULES MAY BE ADDED OR WAIVED BY THE MANAGEMENT WHEN APPROPRIATE.

If additional rules or regulations are deemed advisable for the protection of the health and safety of the patron by management, the decision shall either be printed or verbal. Patrons violating any personal conduct regulations will be subject to eviction or disciplinary action deemed necessary by the aquatic center staff. NO refunds will be given. Loitering will not be allowed outside the facility.

All other state and local health laws apply.

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