

Gifford Aquatic Center Rules and Regulations

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ATTENTION

GIFFORD AQUATIC CENTER
STAFF AND MANAGEMENT RESERVE
THE RIGHT TO MAKE A JUDGEMENT
CONCERNING THE POTENTIAL
DANGER OF ANY BEHAVIOR TO
POOL PATRONS AT ANY TIME!

ENTRY INFORMATION:

1. The pool membership is non-transferable, and will be revoked if misused.
2. Our daily fee is an admission fee; every individual entering the pool facility must pay the daily entry fee or present their pass.
3. Children under 5 years will not be permitted into the pool unless a responsible adult (18 years or older) accompanies the child in the pool.
4. An adult (18 years or older) must accompany children under the age of 13 into the facility.
5. Infants and non-swimming young children must be within arms reach of a responsible adult 18 years of age or older at all times.
6. People between the ages of 13 and 18 can visit the pool without an adult, if they have a signed waiver from their parent or legal guardian.
7. The Indian River County, Gifford Aquatics Center swimming pool is not responsible for any lost, stolen or broken belongings.
8. There are no cash refunds; pool passes will be issued if needed.

WEATHER POLICY:

1. Due to the quickly changing nature of local weather, several resources are combined to determine the danger to swimmers by impending storms:
 - a. Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System
 - b. Intellicast.com
 - c. Staff auditory and visual awareness
2. The Thor Guard will clear the pool when electrical activity is in the area.
3. Patrons must leave the facility when the Thor Guard sends the red alert signal.
4. The pool will be re-opened when our resources show electrical activity has subsided to a safe distance.
5. Storm passes may be issued if a time stamped receipt is presented to the front desk showing entrance no more than two hours prior of closing time.

FACILITY RULES:

1. Public use of the facility is permitted only when a lifeguard is on duty.
2. Shower before entering pool.
3. **Children under the age of 3 must wear swim diapers (No Exceptions).**
There will be no diaper changing on the deck.
4. No running or horseplay on the pool deck.
5. Animals are not permitted on the pool deck.
6. No alcohol, glass, drugs, or tobacco products are permitted in the facility
7. Profanity and other unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated at this facility.
8. No hanging on lane lines or lane markers.
9. **Diving from the side of the pool is not permitted.**
10. Only U.S. Coast Guard approved floatation devices are permitted in the pool.
11. Street clothes, thong suits and bathing suits with metal ornamentation are NOT permitted in any of the pools.
12. People with open sores, and or band-aids will not be permitted in the pool.
13. Swimmers under the 42-inch height requirement are not permitted to use slide.
14. Report all injuries to lifeguard immediately.
15. Obey the lifeguard's directions at all times.

SLIDE RULES

1. Maximum operational load: 1 person, 300lbs (136kg.)
1. Children under 42' inches (1.22m) tall are not permitted on this ride
2. Eyeglasses must be securely affixed to riders with head straps.
4. Swim wear with exposed zippers, buckles, rivets or metal ornamentation are not permitted.
5. Only one rider to enter the flume at a time.
6. Never form chains.
7. Slide must be ridden feet first lying on your back or in a sitting position
4. Riders must wait for the attendants start signal before starting the ride.
5. Do not run, dive, stand, kneel, rotate or stop in the slide.
6. Keep arms and hands inside flume at all times.
7. At the end of the slide, obey all instructions by splash pool attendant and exit quickly.
8. CAUTION: For safety reasons, pregnant women and persons with heart conditions or back trouble should not ride this ride.
9. **Absolutely no flotation devices on slide**

SPLASH POOL

1. Do not block the end of the slide.
2. Leave the splash pool quickly and orderly.
4. No catching children off slide

LAP SWIMMING RULES & ETIQUETTE

Swimming is a great form of aerobic exercise. We encourage you to use the pool as part of your fitness program. There are certain rules of lap swimming etiquette that we would appreciate all lap swimmers to follow. These guidelines will enable you and all other swimmers to enjoy your visits to the Gifford Aquatic Center.

1. The lap lanes are for those trying to get into shape, or for those trying to stay in shape, and continuous swimming is encouraged.
2. The Gifford Aquatic Staff strongly urges that lap **swimmers share lanes when all lanes are occupied.**
3. When entering an occupied lane, please let the swimmer know before you enter the water.
4. When there are three or more swimmers in a lane, please swim counter clockwise direction.
5. When passing a slower swimmer, please let the person know by tapping their foot. If you find that you are much faster/slower than the others in your lane, please move to another lane.
6. At all times be aware of what is going on in your lane. If a swimmer behind you looks as though he/she may overtake you on the next lap, stop and wait at the wall. Let that swimmer pass first.
7. Please do not stop in the middle of the lane.
8. Please leave enough room at each wall for turns.
9. If you need to stop, squeeze into the left corner of the lane so that other swimmers have ample room for turns. Likewise, at the end of a set, move left so other swimmers can swim in to the wall. Push off under water to avoid making waves for oncoming swimmers.
10. Lap swim schedule is subject to change.

POOL CLOSURES

When someone defecates or regurgitates in either pool, HRS regulations State that we must close that pool for certain time periods depending on the amount and consistency and our chemical levels.

Please refer all questions concerning Policy and Procedure to the Pool Manager.