

2021 HWAC POOL RULES & REGULATIONS

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The following rules and regulations are designed to ensure safe and healthy operation of the Huntington Woods Aquatics Club and to comply with the State of Michigan Regulations for Public Swimming Pools.

COVID SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

Policies and procedures are subject to change and may be updated as they become available.

1. Face masks required while checking into the pool facility and in the locker rooms.
2. Frequent touchpoints will be cleaned throughout the day in addition to the scheduled cleaning times.
3. Wipes and hand sanitizer will be available for personal use.

GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

Parents or guardians are responsible for supervising their children. Small children should remain within arm's length of a responsible adult at all times while in the water and on the deck. A lifeguard's role is surveillance of the pool, not to assist with the supervision of individual children or a group.

1. Facemasks should be removed before entering the water. Secure your face mask with your personal belongings and proceed directly to the water.
2. Only U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices (PFD) are permitted in the pool. Any patron wearing such a device is permitted in the shallow area of the pool up to the deep end dividing rope and lane lines in the competitive end of the pool. Children wearing such devices must be accompanied and actively watched in the pool by a parent or guardian (at least 15 years of age) while remaining within an arm's reaching. Inflatable toys, rafts, and other floatation devices are not permitted. An example of a label featuring a U.S. Coast Guard approval is depicted on the last page.
3. Goggles and diving masks that may cover the nose and face are permitted with the understanding that the devices may be removed in such a method that may damage them should an emergency situation occur where a head, neck or back injury is suspected from the wearer.
4. Camera use is not permitted in the locker rooms.
5. Deck chairs and strollers must be at least 6' away from the side of the pool.
6. Persons with communicable diseases (including Covid), skin lesions, inflamed eyes or mouth, or ear discharge are not permitted in the pool or pool facility.
7. Sunscreen must be in unbreakable plastic containers only.
8. Smoking is prohibited anywhere on the pool/city grounds.
9. Foot showers are required for all patrons exiting the grass area.
10. The roped lanes are for reserved lap swimmers only. Please do not enter or exit the pool from the stairs while a lap swimmer is present.
11. Management is not responsible for the loss of personal belongings. Lockers are available for day use only. You must supply your own lock.

ADMISSION

1. Valid membership key tag/card must be scanned at time of entrance into the facility. A \$5.00 replacement fee will be charged to replace a lost tag/card.
2. No transactions at the pool desk. Residents may purchase 6 visit punch cards
3. Arrive swim-ready. Wear your suit to the pool to reduce time in locker rooms.
4. Swimmers under 52" tall and unable to swim independently must be supervised in the pool at all times by an adult or guardian at least 15 years old OR able to swim 1 length of the pool without stopping. **Children under the age of eleven (11) cannot be left alone at the facility without direct supervision from a parent or guardian (15 yrs. or older).**

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5. Parents or guardian (15 yrs. or older) must actively watch their children. This means that reading, lying down, talking or facing away from the child is not permitted any time the child is in the pool or on the deck.
6. School age children, 5 yrs. and older, must use their respective locker rooms.
7. Contact the manager if there are special accommodations required for persons with mobility or any physical concerns.

BEHAVIOR

1. Hanging on the ropes, running, rough housing, chicken fights, ball throwing, sitting on shoulders or back, dunking, spitting water, jumping over or near another swimmer or any other behavior affecting the safety and comfort of other patrons will not be tolerated.
2. The use of profane or abusive language and/or fighting will not be tolerated and is grounds for immediate ejection from the pool complex.
3. Please do not talk to or distract lifeguards while they are on duty, unless there is an emergency.
4. Be respectful of Covid guidelines as Lifeguards are there for water safety and surveillance and not to police mask wearing and social distancing.
5. Lifeguards on duty have the authority to prohibit activities which, in their judgment, may be dangerous, put other patrons at risk or interfere with patron's enjoyment of the pool and the facilities.
6. Persons suspected of being under the influence of alcohol/drugs will be refused admittance to the pool or asked to leave the pool immediately.
7. Loitering in the locker rooms is prohibited.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY

Based on the severity and/or repetition of the offense, pool management may either remove patrons from the pool immediately, or at its option, impose any of the following disciplinary actions:

- Warning by the lifeguard
- Sitting out of the pool for fifteen (15) minutes
- Ejection from the pool complex for the remainder of their reservation
- Suspension from the pool for a designated period of time
- Revocation of season pass

DIVING

1. Diving is permitted from the diving board only. No diving in the shallow areas.
2. Children must be able to swim one length of the pool without assistance in order to dive, jump or swim in the diving area.
3. Patrons may not catch children off the board or wall.
4. Only one person on the board at a time. Divers waiting will not proceed up the ladder until the diver enters the water.
5. Divers may only bounce on the board one time.
6. Dives or jumps must be performed forward, off the front of the board. No running dives, inward, reverse, or back dives, handstands, or cartwheels are allowed.
7. No sitting or hanging on the board.
8. The person in front of you must be at the side of the pool before you go off the board.
9. Diving from the side walls of the diving area is not permitted except at the discretion of the lifeguard.
10. The fulcrum is locked in place and may not be moved.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

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1. Woods Café will not open for the 2021 season.
2. Food must be consumed in the café area only.
3. Water bottles should be plastic or metal - glass containers are prohibited in the pool area.

HEALTH & SANITATION

1. Pool will close between reservations for deep cleaning and sanitizing of the pool facility including: Locker rooms, deck chairs, frequent touch points, and play structure.
2. Frequent touchpoints will be cleaned throughout the day in addition to the scheduled cleaning times.
3. Wipes and hand sanitizer will be available for personal use.
4. A shower should be taken before entering the pool deck area.
5. Parents are encouraged to have children use the toilet before entering the pool and during adult swim.
6. Swim diapers are required if children are not toilet trained. It is suggested that tight fitting vinyl pants also be worn for added protection. Swimmers may not wear swim diapers alone, they must be worn with an appropriate swim suit as cover.
7. **All diaper changing must be done on the changing station in the locker room, not on the pool deck or chairs. Diaper changing on the deck violates state health code, is unsanitary, and could spread germs and disease.**
8. Spitting, spouting water or blowing the nose in the pool is strictly forbidden.
9. Proper swim attire must be worn. This is defined as a commercial swim suit with a built-in liner. Lightweight, non-restrictive shorts and shirts may be worn over proper swim attire. **However, these may not be street clothes.**
10. Religious Accommodations – a lined swimsuit is the required attire and may be worn underneath commercially approved full-body swim attire. The clothing material must be light weight, such as nylon, polyester or lycra, so that it does not inhibit one's ability to swim or support one's self at the water's surface should the clothing become water logged or water laden.
11. Patrons requiring special accommodations that conflict with pool rules may request an exception with a written explanation by a physician. No exceptions will be granted if the condition affects the health of others using the pool.
12. If a pool patron requires the assistance of a floatation device as a modification for a qualified disability, the patron must request approval from the Pool Manager. **Only Coast Guard Approved Personal Floatation Devices are permitted.** A reference sheet has been added to the end of this document to visually assist this requirement.
13. Swim suits, clothes, and diapers must be changed in the locker rooms. **No changing on the pool deck.**

WATER SLIDE / SPECIALTY AREA

1. All height requirements are to be measured with bare feet and flat hair.
2. Children must be at least 46" tall to use the big slide.
3. One person allowed on the slide at a time.
4. Swimmers may go down the slide only when instructed by the attendant.
5. Riders must go down feet first, lying on back or sitting upright. Keep arms and hands inside the flume.
6. Only riders under 48" may use the small slide. Parents must be at the end of the small slide to catch the children.
7. Swim wear with exposed metal zippers, buckles, or rivets in the back is not permitted on the slides.
8. Eyeglasses must be securely affixed to riders with head straps.
9. For safety reasons, pregnant women and persons with heart conditions or back trouble should not ride the slide.
10. Patrons are not allowed to sit on the wavy tile or other tile walls near the slide splash pool or near the small water slide.

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11. **Play Structure:** 5 yrs. and under only may play on the equipment with direct supervision of a parent or guardian (15 yrs. or older) being required. Face mask required.
12. In some warm and sunny weather, the floor and equipment pieces of the play structure may become hot. Please use at your own risk. Feel free to apply water to the warm areas to cool them down.

WEATHER / CLOSING POLICIES

1. **Thunder/Lightning:** The pool will be cleared immediately. Patrons must leave the pool and deck area. The pool will remain closed for 30 minutes after each occurrence of thunder/lightning.
2. **Severe Weather:** The facility will close in the event of a severe weather warning. Patrons will be encouraged to go into the Recreation Center.
3. **Contamination:** The pool will be cleared in the event of contamination. The closing period is dictated by the severity of the contamination. The Pool Manager will determine the length of time required based on Health Department standards.
4. **Swim Meets:** The pool will close at 3:00 pm for Swim Meets on the following days: June 17, June 21, and July 1.

Lifeguards are on duty for your safety and the safety of those around you. The pool staff is trained to enforce these rules as well as monitor and correct behavior which they feel is inappropriate in an aquatics environment. Any and all of these regulations may be changed if it is deemed necessary to enhance the safety of our members and the facility.



Above is an example of a label which the U.S. Coast Guard had approved the attached flotation device. You can notice that it displays the intended use, and size towards the top of the label. There are also instructions on how to properly fit the PFD to the wearer given with the manufactures instructions upon purchase of the PFD.



Above are some examples of U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation devices

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THESE ITEMS BELOW ARE NOT LIFE SAVING DEVICES and ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THIS FACILITY.



On any float that is NOT a coast guard approved PFD there will be a warning present to state that it is not a life saving device.