



# City of New Carlisle Swimming Pool Rules & Regulations

The following rules and regulations have been established for the benefit of all users of the swimming pool to ensure the safe operation of the pool facilities and to provide enjoyable recreation for all.

Patrons must comply with these rules and obey the instructions of pool staff. Any patron who violates these rules is subject to discipline, up to and including ejection for the day, by the Pool Manager, the Pool Manager's designee, or a Guard and may have their privileges suspended or revoked by City Administration. Criminal activity may be prosecuted under the New Carlisle City Ordinances and/or Ohio Revised Code.

The City of New Carlisle reserves the right to refuse admittance when full capacity of the pool has been reached or when otherwise deemed necessary for the health, welfare or safety of the patrons.

The City of New Carlisle welcomes patrons to enjoy the use of all its facilities without regard to race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

The Pool Manager and his/her designated assistants are responsible for the operation of the pool. Their instructions must be followed at all times.

These rules and regulations are subject to change by City Administration.

## **GENERAL RULES / ADMISSION POLICIES**

1. Anyone who is age five (5) years or older must pay an admission fee upon entry for each session.
2. The pool may close early for special events (per posted notice).
3. All persons entering the pool area must pay the appropriate admission fee and sign in, or present proof of a valid pass.
4. No one will be permitted in the swimming area unless the pool is officially open and at least one ready-to-rescue lifeguard is on duty and present on deck.
5. Program fees are only for the specific lesson or program and not for any other use of the facility.
6. All season pass holders must have their photograph taken for a membership pass.
7. If a patron with a disability needs special accommodations to use the pool, then please notify the Pool Manager.
8. Guards have the authority to enforce all pool rules. Patrons who violate the rules may be ejected by the Pool Manager, the Pool Manager's designee, or a Guard and may be subject to further discipline by City Administration.
9. Any patron whose privileges are suspended or revoked will be provided with and expected to sign a Pool Warning and Discipline Form.
10. Bringing an animal, other than a service animal, onto the immediate premises is prohibited. Service animals may not enter the water.
11. No coolers, or outside food or drinks are permitted.
12. No person shall knowingly damage or destroy any City property or any other property.

## GROUP ADMISSION POLICIES

For any group admission, pool management must be contacted and proper arrangements must be made in advance.

## ADDITIONAL RULES

1. There will be a 15-minute rest period every hour. All patrons are to immediately exit the pool at the beginning of the rest period. After everyone has exited the pool, there will be an adult-only swim for 15 minutes, at which time baby wading is to stay clear.
2. None of the following are permitted anywhere in the facility: glass containers, alcoholic beverages, illegal or recreational drugs, weapons, or smoking or vaping.
3. The office telephone and public address equipment may only be used to deliver emergency messages or information about the facility.
4. Only pool employees are permitted in the staff rooms, filter room, mechanical room, storage room or offices.
5. Single groups may not monopolize any area of the pool in a way that limits its use by or intimidates other patrons.
6. Chairs are not permitted on the concrete pool deck except for staff operations.
7. The City is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property, and property may not be checked with pool staff.

## ATTIRE\*

1. Pool users must wear swimming suits or swimming trunks upon entry into the pool.
2. No street shoes or clothes are allowed in the pool.
3. Clothing such as cut-offs, gym shorts or underwear are not permitted as swimwear.
4. Swim attire must not have been worn while exercising immediately prior to pool use and must be colorfast and of lightweight material suitable for swimwear, such as Lycra, spandex or nylon.
5. All clothing worn into the facility must be free of vulgar or obscene images and language. Vulgar or obscene tattoos must be covered.
6. Swimwear should be modest in nature.
7. Prohibited swimwear types include Brazilian, thong, ultra-low cut and any suit deemed too revealing or see-through.
8. **Please see the attached graphic for approved swim attire.**
9. If a child is wearing a life jacket, then he/she must be within arm's reach of an adult. Life jackets must be Coast Guard approved.
10. Headphones must be worn while listening to entertainment devices.

## **LOCKER ROOMS**

1. Children 5 years and older must change in the appropriate locker room or see the Pool Manager for alternate arrangements.
2. Food is NOT permitted in locker rooms.
3. The use of cell phones, cameras, video cameras or any other device containing recording equipment of any kind is prohibited in all Restroom/Changing facilities.
4. Use of Restroom/Changing facilities is limited to the purpose of changing and showering prior to entering the pool.
5. Personal grooming is not permitted within the facility. Personal grooming includes cutting nails, coloring/cutting hair, washing clothes and ex-foliating.

## **BEHAVIOR**

1. Socializing with, disrupting, distracting, harassing or intimidating the pool staff are all strictly prohibited.
2. No person may behave in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety or health of himself or others.
3. Running, boisterous or rough play, pushing, acrobatics, dunking, wrestling, splashing, yelling, diving or jumping haphazardly, snapping of towels, improper conduct causing undue disturbances on or about the pool area or any other acts which could endanger any patron are all prohibited.
4. Spitting, spouting water, blowing nose, urinating or defecating in the pool are all prohibited.
5. Gum chewing is not permitted anywhere in the facility.
6. Public displays of affection or abusive or profane language are all prohibited.
7. Trash must be properly discarded.

## **AGE RESTRICTIONS**

1. Children younger than 12 years old who enter the pool must be accompanied by and cared for (at pool side) by a responsible person who is 16 years of age or older and who has passed a swimming test.
2. Use of the wading pool (Baby Pool) is restricted to children 5 years old and younger. Each child who uses the wading pool must ALWAYS be supervised in the water by an adult. Children must not be left unattended.

## **HEALTH / SAFETY POLICIES**

1. The City assumes no liability for injury or damage arising from the use of the pool. Due to the strenuous nature of some activities, the participant is advised to consult his/her physician concerning fitness to participate. All activities present certain inherent risks and hazards which the participant assumes.
2. Infants or children who are not toilet trained and adults who are incontinent, who wish to enter any pool, must wear a clean diaper or disposable swim diaper covered by a separate plastic pant, all of which must fit snugly around the legs and waist. If the diaper becomes soiled, the person must leave the pool immediately, and may not return until he/she has taken or been given a soap shower and has been covered by a new diaper with clean plastic pants.
3. Persons suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted in the pool facility or in surrounding areas.
4. Any injury occurring in the pool area must be reported to pool management immediately.
5. All patrons must take a cleansing soap shower before entering the deck area. Sun bathers should shower before each entrance into the water to rinse off perspiration, lotions, etc.
6. Any person who has a skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharge, communicable disease or who is wearing any kind of bandage is not permitted in the pool.
7. Any person who has any considerable area of exposed sub-skin tissues, open blisters, cuts, etc. is not permitted in the pool.
8. Any adult or child who is experiencing any diarrhea-like symptoms may not use the pool.

## **EQUIPMENT / TOYS**

1. Toys, balls, inner tubes, inflated boats and rafts are not permitted in the main pools. Small toys may be allowed at the Pool Manager's discretion.
2. Wearing eyeglasses in the pool is discouraged unless absolutely necessary.
3. The use of masks or snorkels is not permitted.
4. The use of the starting blocks is restricted to approved swim practices, swim meets or instruction.

## **RULES FOR SWIMMERS**

1. Non-swimmers must remain in shallow water (chest-deep or lower).
2. No diving except from the diving board.
3. Prolonged underwater swimming for time and/or distance is prohibited. Competitive and/or repetitive breath holding can be deadly and is not permitted. Hyperventilation is absolutely not permitted.
4. Coast Guard approved and labeled personal flotation devices, such as vests designed to provide vertical support, may be worn with permission of the Pool Manager. Water wings (swimmies) may also be worn. Everyone wearing a personal flotation device must be accompanied by an adult in the pool who is within arm's reach. No back floats, bubbles, rings or one-sided flotation devices are permitted.
5. No flotation devices of any type are permitted on diving boards or slides.

## **RULES FOR DIVERS**

1. Must be willing to pass a swim test to dive.
2. Only one person is allowed on the diving apparatus (including ladder) at a time.
3. Divers must dive straight from the front end of the board.
4. Divers may not bounce more than once on the board.
5. Upon surfacing, divers must immediately swim to the nearest ladder. Divers must not swim under the ropes or boards.
6. A diver must wait until the preceding diver has surfaced and reached the ladder before proceeding.
7. No general swimming is permitted in the diving area unless the diving boards are closed by staff.
8. Extended dives or dives for distance from the one-meter board, toward shallow water, etc. are prohibited.
9. Diving board users must be able to swim to the ladder unaided.
10. Cartwheels and handstands off the board or the side of the pool are prohibited.
11. Goggles, masks or flotation devices may not be worn when going off the diving board.
12. The weight limit for people using the board is 250lbs.

## **LESSONS**

1. Only City staff and contractors who have been authorized by the City of New Carlisle to teach swimming may utilize the pool to provide swimming instruction. No activity for private gain is permitted at any time.
2. Observation is allowed from designated areas ONLY.
3. Lesson questions should be directed to the pool staff.
4. Parents/Guardians must remain in the facility while their children are participating in lessons.

## **WATER SLIDE**

1. All users must be at least 4'6" tall.
2. Only one person is permitted on the slide at a time.
3. Younger children may not ride with a parent.
4. Slide feet first only, while on back.
5. Always keep your hands inside the slide.
6. No stopping, turning, standing, kneeling or rotating.
7. Patrons are NOT permitted to catch individuals at the bottom of the slide.
8. Goggles and glasses are prohibited.
9. Exit pool immediately after using the ladder. No swimming under the ropes is permitted.

## **WEATHER**

1. Rainchecks may be issued under certain circumstances.
2. The pool may be closed for inclement weather, low patronage, maintenance, health conditions or for any other reason deemed necessary by the City.
3. During storms, outdoor pools will be closed, and the entire area cleared of patrons. Due to limited cover, patrons are encouraged to leave the facility. Others must remain within the shelter of the bathhouse or their car. Absent circumstances beyond the City's control, the pool will open twenty (30) minutes after the storm passes.
4. Outdoor pools will not open when the temperature is below 70°. If the pool is open and then the temperature falls below 70°, then the pool will stay open unless conditions merit closing for safety reasons.

## **PRACTICE HEALTHY SWIMMING HABITS**

Under Health Department standards, adopted on the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, accidents involving fecal matter now require longer pool closure. Prevention is far better than contamination, so please follow the CDC's healthy swimming habits.

1. Children (and adults) who have had diarrhea in the last two weeks should not swim.
2. Use the bathroom before getting into the pool. Take frequent bathroom breaks and check diapers often.
3. Take advantage of the safety break to use the bathroom.
4. Shower before entering the pool and after using the toilet.
5. Change diapers in the bathroom (not the pool area). Throw diapers away in trash receptacles. Do not dispose of diapers in toilets or rinse in showers/sinks.
6. Avoid swallowing pool water or getting it in your mouth.
7. Children who are not yet toilet trained must wear snug fitting plastic pants over a clean swim diaper. A bathing suit must be worn over plastic pants.

# CITY OF NEW CARLISLE APPROVED SWIM ATTIRE



**1 PIECE BATHING SUIT**



**2 PIECE TANKINI**



**SURF SHIRT**

## NOT PERMITTED



**2 PIECE BATHING SUIT**



**LONG SWIM BRIEFS**



**RELIGIOUS SWIMWEAR**



**JEAN SHORTS**



**COTTON T-SHIRTS (EXCEPT WHITE)**



**PLASTIC PANTS/ RUBBER DIAPER**



**SHORT SWIM BRIEFS**



**SWIM TRUNKS**



**BOXER SHORTS**



**BASKETBALL SHORTS**

**INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BRAZILIAN CUT, THONG AND OTHER SUITS THAT DO NOT SHOW MODESTY**

**\*REFUNDS WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR IMPROPER SWIMWEAR. POOL STAFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ENFORCE THE SWIM ATTIRE POLICY IF ARTICLES OF CLOTHING ARE INAPPROPRIATE OR OFFENSIVE**