

Story City Pool

The following guidelines are enforced for the safety of all patrons.

General Guidelines

- Kids five (5) and under must be actively supervised by an adult (16 & older) in the water at all times. Actively supervised means in the water **within arm's reach**.
- Kids ages six (6) to nine (9) must be accompanied by an adult (16 & older) to the pool.
- Must be 10 years old to come to the pool unaccompanied
- No diving into shallow water & areas marked NO DIVING
- Rough play in or around the pool is not allowed
- No running on the deck
- Glass & outside food is prohibited
- Concession items allowed only in designated area
- Appropriate swim attire required - no street clothing allowed
- Diapers must be changed in the locker rooms and not on deck
- Swim diapers are required for any child that is not potty trained or any person with incontinence- They are sold at concession stand
- Mermaid tails or mono-fins are prohibited
- Only USCG approved flotation devices allowed. **EXCEPTION:** small infant floats kept within arm's reach of parent or guardian at all times in the splash pool only
- Drugs & Alcohol are PROHIBITED
- Shower before entering the pool

Family Slide

- All riders must be supervised by an adult (16 & older)
- Two (2) person maximum (only one adult with child) at one time side by side
- Ride feet first, laying on back or sitting up
- To protect the slide, swim wear with exposed zippers, buckles or metal are not allowed
- Parents/guardian may catch their children at end of slide
- Leave plunge area (blue mat) promptly after entering
- Do not slide until plunge area is clear

Big Slide

- All riders must be at least 48 inches tall – No Exceptions
- One rider at a time
- One person per landing. Wait for the person in front of you to move before heading to the next landing.
- Ride feet first, laying on back or sitting up
- To protect the slide, swim wear with exposed zippers, buckles or metal are not allowed
- Leave plunge pool (buoy area) promptly after entering
- Goggles must be placed around the wrist and not worn on head or neck. Sunglasses & glasses may not be worn down the slide.
- No flotation devices allowed

Deep End

- Children 16 years and younger must pass a deep water test before entering
- A coast guard approved life vest may be used in the deep swim area provided a parent is within arm's reach at all times. No water wings or other floatation devices allowed.
- Rough play is not allowed (dunking, riding on shoulders, throwing people & holding anyone under the water)
- During Family Swim Time: 3 lanes will be dedicated for lap swimming & 3 lanes for family swim. The diving boards & slide will not be open during this time.

Diving Boards

- Children 14 years and younger must pass a deep water test before using the boards
- One person at a time – must wait at bottom of ladder until the person has gone off the board
- Go straight off the board & exit water immediately on the same side of the board
- One bounce only
- No back or inward flips/dives
- No cartwheels or handstands
- Goggle or masks may not be worn but can be placed on the wrist
- No floatation devices allowed off the boards – NO EXCEPTIONS
- No hanging on the boards

Locker Rooms

- Children 6 years of age and older need to use the appropriate locker room. A family changing room is available.
- Day use lockers are available on the deck. Bring your own lock. Any locks left on at the end of the day will be cut off and items placed in the lost and found

Opening & Closing Procedures

The Story City Pool will be closed in the following situations:

- If the temperature is 70 degrees or less (decision will be made by 10am if the pool will open at 11am and Noon if the pool will open at 1pm)
- If attendance is less than 10 patrons for more than one hour the pool may be closed for the day.
- If attendance is less than 15 the slides may be closed
- Swimming is prohibited during thunder & lightning and the pool must be cleared for 30 minutes after the last sight or sound was observed by staff. Deepening on the size of the storm the pool may be closed for the day.
- The Pool Managers & Aquatics Supervisor have the authority to close the pool for any of the above reasons.
- In all closure situations other than inclement weather we will give a 30 min warning before closing.

DEEP END WATER TEST

In an effort to minimize potential risks and life safety issues in deep water by novice/inexperienced swimmers, we will be following a procedure at the Story City Pool that will assess swimming skills. The procedure will be in effect for all youth 14 and under who wish to swim in water greater than 5 feet deep. The procedure will entail a swimming test (crawl stroke, using good form, must be able to perform skill comfortably). It will require participants to swim 2 widths of the pool (without stopping or touching on the bottom) and treading water for 1 min in the deep end (without touching bottom or side). The test is designed to better assure staff and our young patrons that they possess the ability to swim in deep water and is another ounce of prevention.

Before entering the deep end of the pool (including lap lanes), all children aged 14 and younger must pass a deep water test as follows:

- Jump into deep water and return to the surface.
- Swim proper front crawl with head in the water across the width of the deep end and $\frac{3}{4}$ back. Stop without touching the wall.
- Tread water for one full minute with head out of water (should be able to speak).
- Then swim to safety and climb out of the pool.

Deep water tests will be given by lifeguards upon request. You may have to wait until an off stand guard is available. Upon passing of test, a wrist band will be issued to the swimmer and test results recorded in the member's record. On subsequent visits, swimmers who have passed the deep water test must pick up a wrist band from the office at check in.

If you have further questions regarding this procedure, please contact the Recreation & Aquatics Supervisor. As always, no procedure is ever a total safeguard. However, if this assessment helps to protect our swimmers, it is well worth it!