

North Arundel Aquatic Center

General Rules

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1. Admission or program fees must be paid or aquatic passes shown before entering the natatorium.
2. Children under the age of three are not allowed in the pool. **All children must be 100% toilet trained; no swim diapers.** Individuals who wear diapers or are seen wearing diapers in our facility will not be permitted to swim. Removing a diaper will not allow an individual to enter the pool.
3. Youth 12 and under must be accompanied by a paid adult 18 years or older. One adult is required for every 5 children under the age of 13. The adult is responsible for the direct supervision of the children in their care. Children must not be left alone.
4. Glass containers, beverages, pets, and gum are prohibited in the pool, locker rooms, and on the pool deck.
5. Persons with skin infections, open wounds, nasal or ear discharge, or any communicable disease are not permitted in the pool.
6. Patrons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted in the facility.
7. Refunds will not be issued for closings due to fecal accidents, weather, and other safety issues. The pool and pool deck will be cleared during lightning storms.
8. Smoking is prohibited inside the facility and in parking areas.
9. Only groups scheduled through the Aquatic Center may bring food into the facility.
10. All patrons must enter through the main entrance; failure to do so may result in removal from the facility.
11. Prolonged underwater swimming for distance and underwater breathing exercises are not permitted.
12. Swimsuits appropriate for a family facility are required.
13. Persons unable to swim 25 yards without stopping are not permitted in water over their shoulders.
14. A swim test may be required prior to using the lap pool.
15. Use of approved U.S. Coast Guard flotation devices are permitted. Use of an approved flotation device by a non-swimmer requires direct, in-the-water, adult supervision.
16. Starting blocks may only be used by Recreation and Parks approved programs.
17. Kickboards are to be used in lap lanes only. Proper usage is required. Balls, toys, dive sticks etc are not permitted.
18. Running, pushing, horseplay, and foul language are prohibited.
19. No photography equipment, cell phones, or recording devices of any kind can be used in the locker room.
20. It is a violation of Anne Arundel County Code for patrons to receive payment for instruction or coaching that is not affiliated with the facility.

Spa Rules

1. Patrons must be at least 18 years of age to use the spa.
2. Pregnant women and patrons with diabetes, cardiovascular problems, or high or low blood pressure should not enter the spa without medical consultation.
3. The maximum capacity of the spa is 16.
4. A 10-minute time limit is suggested for the spa.
5. No jumping or diving into the spa.

Yellow Slide Rules

1. Swimmers must be at least 48 inches tall without shoes to use the yellow water slide.
2. Only one person is allowed on the slide at a time. No lifejackets are allowed.
3. Swimmers must ride feet first on their backs. No head-first or face-down riding positions are permitted.
4. No stopping, turning, standing, kneeling, or rotating.
5. Swimmers must exit the splash area immediately at the steps.

Red Slide Rules

1. Must be less than 48 inches tall to use the preschool slide.
2. Swimmers must remain on their backside, feet first. One rider at a time.

Vortex Pool Rules

1. Must keep head above water at all times.
2. Do not stop or hang on the wall.
3. Enter the pool at openings; do not climb over the walls.
4. Follow the direction of the current.

Lap Lane Rules

1. Lap lanes are for lap swimming and constant exercise only.
2. Swimmers are not permitted to hang on lane lines.
3. Lanes must be shared, and circle swimming is encouraged.
4. Flips and diving are not permitted.
5. Water Park participants are not permitted in the lap pool.

Lifeguards have the authority to enforce all pool rules. These rules may not be 100% comprehensive and may not cover every application. Patrons who repeatedly violate the rules will be ejected.

The Recreation and Parks Department reserves the right to refuse admittance into the facility when the maximum capacity of the pool has been reached or when otherwise deemed necessary for the health, welfare, or safety of its patrons.