

Hawarden Swimming Pool Rules

These rules were not designed for individual cases but to accommodate the general public.

Hours: Monday-Saturday 1:00-5:00 p.m. & 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00-6:00 p.m.

A. General Pool Rules

1. Manager and Assistant Manager have the right to dismiss anyone from the pool.
2. Staff has the authority to sit out patrons for reasonable periods of time for failure to obey Pool Rules and Regulations.
3. Rule enforcement is for parents and adults as well as for children.
4. Must be 70 degrees or above to open.
5. To justify the expenditure of lifeguard wages we must have 10 patrons or more to open the pool.
6. General admission (only need to pay once for the whole day, including the night).
7. Facility users are allowed in the swimming area only when lifeguards are on duty.
8. Facility users must take a shower before entering the pool area.
9. Only appropriate swimwear allowed in the pool area. No thong or cheeky swimsuits allowed in the pool area. Clean t-shirts may be worn on the deck outside the boundary area. No shirts are allowed inside the water.
10. Changing clothes is only allowed in the bathhouse.
11. Aqua socks may be worn in the pool if not worn as street shoes.
12. Talking to lifeguards is prohibited except for emergencies or official business.
13. At each break – everyone under 21 – must clear and stay out of pool and beyond the four-foot area. Anyone 21 and older can wade in the pool during break.
14. You enter the Hawarden Pool at your own risk. Conduct, which may result in injury to yourself or others, will not be tolerated.
15. Running, wrestling, fighting, shoving, dunking, pushing others in the pool, or throwing others while in the pool is not permitted.
16. Spitting, spouting water or blowing one's nose in the water is strictly forbidden.
17. Profanity, improper behavior (i.e.) such as public affection, and intoxication are not allowed.
18. Food, drinks, and smoking cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, or juuls are permitted only in the bleachers or designated areas.
19. Chewing gum is not allowed in the pool.
20. Absolutely no glass – metal – or breakable objects are allowed on deck. This includes radios and swim aids. Eye and sunglasses are allowed in sunbathing area and swimming pool at your own risk.
21. Nurf-balls and inflatable beach balls are the only balls allowed in the pool.
22. Artificial swimming aids such as air mattresses and inner tubes are allowed. Lifeguard discretion.
23. Playing, sitting, pulling or standing on ropes and pool ladders are prohibited.
24. Walk around the pool – NO RUNNING!
25. Persons with open sores, wounds, or rashes are not allowed in the facility. If the open wound is covered with a scab, admission will be permitted. Minor abrasions will be treated and sent home until scabbed or healed.
26. No child six years of age or younger may be admitted to the pool unless accompanied by parent, guardian, or companion fourteen years or older. A written note from a parent is required for the file when a babysitter is bringing a child to the pool. The individual supervising the child must remain inside the gated area of the pool at all times. He/she may wear street clothes.
27. To go beyond the shallow rope a patron 7 and older must be able to swim the American Crawl the entire width of the pool without stopping.
28. Those individuals who were kicked out (on the last day) of the pool season will also be kicked out on the 1st week of the following season.

B. Lap Swim Rules

1. All lap swim participants must be 16 years of age or older. Unless approved by the manager.
2. Use of diving boards are prohibited during this time.
3. Monday – Friday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. & 5:45-6:30 p.m.
4. There will be no lap swim over the noon hour during the two weeks of swimming lessons in July or on July 4.

C. Bath House Rules

1. Loitering, running, wrestling, shoving, or towel snapping, etc. is not allowed.
2. Take a basket when you enter the bathhouse and leave it at the counter when you enter the pool.
3. All persons are required to take a shower before entering pool area. This includes swimming lessons, lap swim, etc. Swimwear must be worn at all times while showering.
4. The City of Hawarden and/or employees are not responsible for any lost/stolen property. Lock valuables in your car or leave them at home.
5. Please return your basket to the counter as you leave the pool.

D. Wading Pool Rules

1. Only children six years of age or younger will be permitted in the wading pool and they must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or supervisor, who is at least fourteen years of age, with parental permission to watch the child. No Unattended Children!

E. Diving Regulations

1. Patrons diving must be able to complete the skills test upon request of the lifeguards.
2. No swimming in dive area.
3. Diving is allowed only in designated areas.
4. One person at a time on diving board. Next person waits on the deck.
5. Always make sure the water in front of the board is clear before diving.
6. Only one bounce on the board.
7. Clear the water immediately after diving by using the far ladders only.
8. Sit dives, handstands and cut-aways are prohibited.
9. Only the guard on duty can give you permission to do special dives.

F. Discipline

Under most circumstances, swimmers should receive a warning before action is taken.

1. Guidelines for dealing with discipline:
 - i. 1st Offense – Kicked out for the rest of the day
 - ii. 2nd Offense – Kicked out for one whole day
 - iii. 3rd Offense – Kicked out for two days
 - iv. 4th Offense – Kicked out for one week
 - v. 5th Offense – Kicked out for the season
2. If a child is suspended from the pool for a day or longer the parents will be notified as soon as possible.
3. When kicked out, individuals will be asked to leave the pool property.
4. No refunds will be given.