



Hopkins Pool Rules

All pool rules must be followed at all times. Failure to comply may result in removal from the facility without refund

General Rules

- Only clean, appropriate swim wear is allowed. Street clothes, shoes, and revealing or see-through swim wear are prohibited.
- All apparel worn in the pool shall be clean.
- Only clean footwear, baby strollers or wheelchairs are allowed in the pool area or bathhouse.
- All children who are not toilet-trained shall wear tight-fitting rubber or plastic pants.
- All persons are encouraged to take a shower before entering the pool area.

Admission Rules

- Admission to the pool shall be refused to all persons having any contagious disease; any infectious conditions such as colds, fever, ringworm, foot infections, skin lesions, carbuncles, boils, diarrhea, vomiting, inflamed eyes, ear discharges; or any other condition that has the appearance of being infectious. Persons with excessive sunburn, abrasions that have not healed, corn plasters, bunion pads, adhesive tape, rubber bandages or other bandages of any kind also shall be refused admittance. A person under the influence of alcohol or exhibiting erratic behavior shall not be permitted in the pool area.
- Guests must have a valid household account on file with DeKalb Park District including a picture on file.
- Individuals without a valid household on file will be required to create an account prior to entry. DeKalb residents must show proof of residence. Guests are encouraged to create accounts at any park district facility prior to the first date of entry.
- The head of household must show a valid photo ID for entry to the facility.
- Guests under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
- Guests must provide a valid photo ID proving their age. Examples include a driver's license, state ID, or passport. A current school ID identifying the year in school as a Junior or Senior may be substituted for a government ID.
- The pool may be closed at any time if attendance drops below 15 guests. Discretion

will be left up to the Supervisor / Manager on duty.

- If facility capacity is reached one person is allowed in the water park for every one person that exits to ensure the safety of our patrons and staff.

Bag Checks & Prohibited Items

- All guests will be subject to bag checks prior to entering the pool deck.
- Empty reusable/sealed water bottles are permitted.
- Prohibited items list:
 - Outside food/beverages
 - Coolers (unless approved by management for health purposes)
 - Alcohol
 - Illegal drugs or controlled substances
 - Glass containers of any kind
 - Firearms and weapons of any kind
 - Smoking, vaping, or tobacco products
 - Pool noodles, inflatables, non-USCG approved personal floatation devices/lifejackets.
 - Pets (except service animals as defined by law)
 - Bicycles, skateboards, e-bikes, e-scooters, rollerblades, hoverboards, or similar
 - Drones or remote-controlled aircraft
 - Confetti, glitter, or decorative materials
 - Amplified music or portable speakers
 - Tents, canopies, or large shade structures
 - Any item deemed unsafe or disruptive by pool management. Pool management reserves the right to prohibit any item not listed above if it is determined to pose a safety risk or interfere with the operation of the facility.

Re-entry & Refunds

- The pool may be closed at any time if attendance drops below 15 guests. Discretion will be left up to the Supervisor / Manager on duty.
- Guests may leave and re-enter the park as needed throughout the day. **Re-entry will be granted with a hand stamp** obtained at Admissions on the way out. Guests must show a hand stamp and day-of receipt to return. Please note: if the facility reaches maximum capacity at any time, you will need to wait until someone leaves to re-enter.
- Refunds will not be issued for daily admissions due to inclement weather.
- If the pool closes within two hours of a guests' arrival, guest will receive a pass to return any day within the current season. To receive a pass to return, daily admission guests will need to show their day-of receipt.
- If the pool closes after guests have been in attendance for longer than two hours, they may return the same day only if the aquatic center re-opens. To re-enter, daily admission guests will need to show their day-of daily admissions receipt and hand

stamp and/or wristband.

In the Water

- Lap swimming is allowed in designated lanes only. Hanging on lane markers is not permitted.
- Only U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type III & III life vests are permitted. Children using life vests must remain within arm's reach of an adult at all times.
- No flotation suits, tubes, water rings, or inflatables allowed. Items must not obstruct the lifeguards' view of the pool bottom.
- Snorkels may be used by lap swimmers in lap lanes. Only swim goggles and masks are permitted in the main pool.
- The pool water is not suitable for drinking. Avoid swallowing pool water.
- Spitting, spouting of water, blowing the nose or otherwise introducing contaminants into the pool is not permitted.
- Diving in water less than 5 feet deep is not permitted except when allowed for competitive swimming and training.
- Caution shall be exercised in the use of diving facilities.

Toys & Equipment

- Only soft, sponge-based toys (e.g., foam balls, frisbees) may be thrown in the pool.
- Hard or heavy items (e.g., tennis balls, footballs) are prohibited.
- Staff may remove toys or equipment at any time based on safety or crowd conditions.

Conduct & Safety

- Running is not allowed on the pool deck—please walk at all times.
- No rough play, dunking, pushing, or horseplay is allowed.
- Personal conduct within the pool facility must be such that the safety of self and others is not jeopardized. No running or boisterous or rough play, except supervised water sports, is permitted.
- Respect all staff and follow park rules. Failure to do so will result in expulsion.
- Swimming is prohibited during lightning or thunder, including a 30-minute wait period after the last observed lightning or thunder.
- If present, lifeguards are responsible for enforcing safety rules and responding to emergencies. Parents or guardians should supervise their children.
- No one should swim alone.

Food, Drink & Personal Items

- Food and drinks are allowed only in the concession area.

- Glass, metal, or sharp objects are prohibited.
- Glass, soap or other material that might create hazardous conditions or interfere with efficient operation of the swimming pool shall not be permitted in the swimming pool or on the pool deck.
- Smoking, vaping, and alcohol are strictly prohibited.
- Littering is prohibited. In addition, no food, drink, gum or tobacco is allowed in other than specially designated and controlled sections of the pool area. Glass containers are prohibited.
- The DeKalb Park District is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

Important Notes

- The pool management has the authority to implement and enforce rules that are more stringent or that supplement those listed here.
- Staff reserve the right to revise, add, or enforce additional rules based on safety or operational needs.
- The DeKalb Park District reserves the right to close the entire aquatic center or attractions due to low attendance, staffing, safety of patrons and/or poor weather conditions.