



## Canal Winchester Municipal Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations

The following rules are in place to set certain expectations and standards in attempt to keep everyone safe. Our staff believes that being up front with our patrons is the best policy and by doing so, problems may be avoided. The City revisits our rules annually based on patron conduct, facility issues, discussions with other facilities & their staff and standards set by outside regulatory agencies. Patrons are requested to cooperate with staff and to observe the rules. Patrons violating the rules are subject to the revocation of their swimming privileges. No refunds will be given. The CW Municipal Pool is owned by the City of Canal Winchester and operated through a contract with Columbus Pool Management. - Thank you.

### GENERAL RULES AND ADMISSIONS

- Patron is responsible for reading & following rules & signs. Persons that are directed to leave the premises are NOT eligible for any type of refund or pass. Depending on the severity of the offense, a patron may be indefinitely suspended.
- The City of Canal Winchester reserves the right to rule on any matter not specifically covered in the rules and to make any decision it deems necessary for the best interest of the City of Canal Winchester.
- Rates and hours of operation are subject to change.
- Refunds are NOT issued.
- All patrons MUST pay, provide a day pass or scan their seasonal pass card at the front desk prior to entering the facility (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- The City reserves the right to request proof of residency, identity, custody or guardianship at any time.
- Seasonal Passes are not transferable. Patrons that are found in fraudulent use of a Seasonal pass are subject to removal from the facility and forfeiture of the pass with no compensation to the patron.
- There will be a \$10 charge for any re-issued cards.
- The City of Canal Winchester reserves the right to limit admissions due to safety concerns.
- CANAL WINCHESTER RESIDENT is defined as any individual residing within the corporate limits of the City of Canal Winchester. NOTE: Although a person's address may state "Canal Winchester," that person may not actually live within the corporate limits of the City of Canal Winchester.
- AGE is defined as an individual's age at the date of the purchase of the pass. Rates will not be prorated for persons changing age classifications within the year of their membership.
- HOUSEHOLD is defined as two adults and their dependent children under the age of 18, plus one caregiver (must be at least 16 years old). Children residing in a home over the age of 18 are considered adults.
- ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY is defined as any individual that is currently working for any federal/state military branch. NOTE: Person is required to provide valid identification as active-duty military.
- DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN (DAV) is defined as any individual that has served in the arm forces (including National Guard and Reserve) who has a VA card and letter of proof stating disabled status.

### ATTIRE

- Males – suit/shorts must have a drawstring and must cover one's bottom & genitals. Suit/shorts must be worn on (not below) the waist.
- Females – swim wear needs to cover one's bottom, genitalia & breasts. If shorts are worn, they must have a drawstring and cover one's bottom & genitalia. Bras (including sports bras) may only be worn if under a colored t-shirt.
- Underwear may NOT be visible. Soiled clothing, suits/shorts with holes/rips/tears, cut-offs, thongs & transparent fabrics are NOT permitted.
- T-shirts may be worn, except when utilizing the diving boards. Only "Rash Guard" (tight) shirts may be worn on the diving boards. Be aware that a t-shirt can ride up on you, cover your face and cause a danger of drowning.
- Infants/children who are not toilet trained and incontinent adults must wear a clean diaper or disposable swim diaper which must fit snugly around the legs & waist and then covered with a bathing suit. If the diaper

becomes soiled, person must exit the pool immediately and may not return until he/she has taken a soap shower and has been covered with a new diaper.

## **BEHAVIOR**

- Patrons must behave in a safe & positive manner. Running, rough play, pushing, snapping of towels, acrobatics, dunking, or holding persons underwater, excessive noise, wrestling, fighting, use of abusive/profane language are NOT permitted.
- Spitting, spouting of water, blowing nose, urinating & defecating in the pool is NOT permitted.
- Persons who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be refused admittance or directed to leave.
- Persons found violating City or personal property will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- Depending on the nature of the incident, City staff will give a documented verbal warning for general problems the first time they occur. If a patron continues to violate rules or policies, the patron may be suspended from the facility. The suspension length depends on the infraction. For children (17 yrs. & under), a parent will be contacted and made aware of the situation.

## **FACILITY**

- Limited outside food (i.e. Snacks) & drinks are permitted, with the exception of glass containers. The City reserves the right to search one's property.
- Alcohol, glass containers, gum, smoking, smokeless tobacco & e-cigarettes are NOT permitted.
- No person shall sell or attempt to sell any article or service in the facility unless such sale is pursuant to a contract with the City of Canal Winchester, or has been approved by the City in advance
- City is NOT responsible for any lost or stolen items. Goods may NOT be checked or held by our staff.
- Diving into the water from the sides of the pool is NOT permitted.
- Patrons may bring their own lounge chairs.
- Chairs must remain outside of the actual pool.
- The last 15-minutes of each hour are designated for adult swim/safety break. Adults may swim with their children (2 years & under). All others must clear the pool immediately.

## **RESTROOMS**

- Children 6 years of age or older must change in gender appropriate restroom.
- Food is NOT permitted in the restrooms.
- The use of cameras, video cameras or any device containing camera equipment of any kind is prohibited in all restrooms & changing facilities.
- The City of Canal Winchester assigns use of restrooms & changing facilities in its recreational facilities strictly on the basis of anatomical or biological gender rather than on the basis of adopted gender.

## **AGE & HEALTH/SAFETY RESTRICTIONS**

- Monitoring your child/children remains your responsibility even if a lifeguard is present. Children ages 10 & under MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult (16 or over) who intends to directly supervise them during the entire visit.
- Children under 5 years of age MUST have an adult (18 or over) within arm's reach of them at all times.
- Organized groups (20 or more persons) must follow our Group Use Policies, must have at least one adult per every 4 children and must schedule their visits in advance. Adults in swim attire must directly supervise children poolside.
- Persons having a communicable disease, skin disease, open (unhealed) sore, inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharge, or who is wearing any type of bandage or band aid is NOT permitted in the water.
- Persons that are bleeding or experiencing diarrhea are NOT permitted in the water. Persons with diarrhea should wait two weeks after symptoms end before returning to the pool. Pathogens of concern may still shed up to two weeks following the end of symptoms.
- First-aid supplies (ice, band aids, gauze, etc.) are available to patrons.
- City staff will call an ambulance upon request or at staff's discretion.
- All injuries must be reported to staff at the Front Desk. All accidents/injuries requiring assistance will require a staff member to complete an Accident/Injury Report. Cooperation in obtaining patron information is requested.

- Incidents involving vandalism, theft or violence should be reported to the Front Desk immediately. The Fairfield County Sheriff's located at the Canal Winchester substation will be called to take a report.
- Prolonged underwater swimming or "breath holding" is NOT permitted.

### **EQUIPMENT & TOYS**

- Patrons may bring their own life vest for use at the facility. All life vests must be U.S. Coast Guard Approved. ***Floating enhancement devices NEVER replace in-water adult supervision.***
- If you are listening to your own music, you must use headphones or ear buds.
- Inflatable items, squirt guns, "hard balls", snorkels & fins are NOT permitted.
- Sitting, hanging or playing on the ropes, lane lines & ladders is NOT permitted.

### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

- Only Columbus Pool Management Staff are authorized to teach swimming lessons within our facilities. Private swimming lessons are NOT permitted during normal operation.
- Group Swim Lessons are available through Columbus Pool Management.

### **WEATHER / ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**

- At times of cool or rainy weather or any condition considered unsafe, the Canal Winchester Pool may be closed at the discretion of the City.
- In the event of lightening or thunder, the pool & pool deck will be evacuated. The pool will re-open provided that there has been no thunder or lightening in the area for 30 minutes.
- The facility will NOT open when the air temperature is below 65° F. However, if a period of cool weather occurs after facility operations have commenced for the day, the pool may stay open at the discretion of Columbus Pool Management.

### **PRACTICE HEALTHY SWIMMING HABITS**

- Children (and adults) who have had diarrhea in the last two weeks should NOT go swimming.
- Use the restroom before getting into the pool. Take frequent bathroom breaks and check diapers often.
- Take advantage of the Adult Swim/Safety Break to use the restroom.
- Shower before entering the pool and after using the toilet. Remember to clean all areas, including your bottom.
- Change diapers in the restroom (not on the pool deck or grassy area).
- Avoid swallowing pool water or even getting it in your mouth.

### **DIVING BOARDS/CLIMBING WALL/WATERFALL FEATURE**

- *Persons that are pregnant and persons with heart conditions or back trouble are advised NOT to use the diving board/climbing wall.*
- Eye glasses, loose fitting t-shirts & life vests may not be worn.
- Diving is not permitted from the sides of the pool.
- Only one person at a time is permitted on the board and ladder.
- Divers must dive straight off of the diving board.
- Only one bounce per dive is permitted.
- Divers must wait until the person in front of him/her has reached the side of the pool before diving.
- Divers must swim directly over to the nearest ladder after diving.
- Swimming under the diving board or hanging from the board is not permitted.
- Climbing on the waterfall feature is not permitted.