

City of San Mateo-Parks and Recreation Department
POOL RULES

SANITATION

1. Eating is allowed in designated patio/lawn areas only.
 - a. No gum chewing.
2. No smoking allowed within 25ft. of the facility.
3. No glass containers allowed in the facility.
4. Littering is prohibited anywhere in the facility.
5. Appropriate swim attire required in the pool.
6. Swim diaper required for infants and toddlers while in the pool.
7. No street clothes allowed in the pool at any time.
8. Plain white, snug fitting T-shirts or rash guards only in the pool.
9. No spitting on the pool decks, in water, or restrooms.
10. No animals allowed in the facility.
11. Patrons with contagious or infectious conditions may not enter the water.
12. Alcohol is prohibited anywhere in the facility.

GENERAL

1. Lifeguards are in control of all patrons in the facility.
2. Lifeguards must be obeyed promptly and without argument.
3. The Recreation Department is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
4. No loitering in locker rooms. Please limit amount of time in showers.
5. Unauthorized personnel shall not be allowed in the following areas: lifeguard room, office, and mechanical room.
6. The Pool Manager or Senior Guard may suspend from the pool any person violating the above rules or whose conduct is jeopardizing the safety and pleasure of others.
7. No profanity or vulgar remarks.
8. No changing in bathroom stalls.
9. Children 5 and over must use same gender locker room.
10. Immediate expulsion for any fighting or violent acts committed.
11. The Senior Guard may enforce additional rules as deemed necessary.

**Failure to abide by the rules could result in suspension
from pool use.**

* Please be advised that Red Shirt Drills may be conducted at any time during Recreation Swim in an effort to ensure that staff are adequately prepared for and trained in emergency response.

SAFETY

1. Patrons must respond to lifeguard's one short whistle blast.
2. Admission Fee required for all entries, including spectators.
3. No running in facility.
4. No inflatable flotation devices (including "water wings") or toys allowed in the pool.
5. Personal flotation devices are allowed only if they are securely attached to the body and/or are Coast Guard approved. Patrons wearing approved flotation devices in the big pool must be accompanied by a parent or caretaker at least 16 years old.
6. Masks allowed:
 - a. Only if approved by senior lifeguard in advance.
7. Children 6 years old and under must be accompanied in the pool and on deck, by a parent or caretaker at least 16 years old.
8. No hanging on safety lines.
9. Pool ladders and guard chairs are to be used only for their designed purposes only.
10. No jumping near the ladders
11. Non-swimmers must stay in shallow water where they can easily touch the bottom. Non-swimmers are those who cannot comfortably swim the width of the pool on their front and back.
12. No pushing, shoving or horseplay in the facility.
13. No playing in the showers or locker rooms.
14. No hanging on or "riding" on another patrons back.

DIVING RULES (King Pool only – No diving permitted at Joinville)

1. Diving from the side of pool may only be done in the designated area of the deep end.
2. Flips, back-dives and twists are not permitted from the side.
3. Jumps and dives from the edge must be done facing forward.
4. Please make sure the area in front of you is clear before jumping or diving.

Lifeguard Whistle Signals

- (1) Whistle blast = Patron attention**
- (2) Whistle blasts = Staff to staff communication**
- (3) Whistle blasts = Emergency**