

# JAMES KENNEDY FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER RULES

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► **The rules for the James Kennedy Family Aquatic Center have been established for the safety of our guests and facility. By enforcing these rules we hope to provide the best swimming experience for everyone using the pool. Please respect both the rules and the staff.**

**\*\*For some reason IF someone has a fecal accident in the pool, the pool will be closed for a specific time (depending on what type of fecal accident) in order for safety for all patrons. If the fecal accident is more severe that specific pool will be closed for the rest of the day. With the outbreak of Crypto we will be very cautious to make sure all patrons are safe and 'worry free'.**

## **Supervision:**

- 1) Children 9 years and younger must be accompanied by a responsible adult 15 years or older attired in swim wear.
- 2) Supervision for groups of children, the adult to child ratios must follow these guidelines:
  - Infants to Toddlers; Ages 0-3 yrs. = Within arms reach of the caregiver.
  - Preschoolers; Ages 4-5 yrs. = Five (5) children per one (1) caregiver.
  - Grade School; Ages 6 yrs. & Up = Ten (10) children to (1) caregiver.
- 3) Car seats are allowed on the pool deck as long as the caregiver (15 yrs. +) remains attentive and is within arms reach at all times.

## **Pool Attire:**

- 1) Regulation bathing suits are required in all parts of the pool. Suits with rivets, buckles or exposed metal, cut-off jeans / khakis, or thong swimming suits are not allowed.
- 2) Swim suits with logos/words representing tobacco, alcohol or profanity as well as inappropriate designs and slogans are prohibited.
- 3) Swim suits with built in floatation for younger children are allowed, but cannot go down slides.
- 4) A polyester t-shirt (dri-fit or swim shirt) may be worn for sun protection in the pool. Normal t-shirts may not be worn. T-shirts with logos/words representing tobacco, alcohol or profanity as well as inappropriate designs and slogans are prohibited.
- 5) Regular diapers are not allowed. Please use swim diapers. Swim diapers are available for sale at the front desk.
- 6) Life jackets and must be Coast Guard approved for use in the pool. Staff may check your equipment prior to entering or at any time during your visit for the proper stamp.

## **Pool Admission:**

- 1) All patrons entering the facility must pay the appropriate fee or present an authorized pool pass and sign in at the front desk. You **MUST** present your pool pass each time you visit or you are considered a paying customer.
- 2) Daily fees are valid for admission to either pool on a per visit basis. Limited pass outs will be allowed for short periods of time (to run to car). Before leaving, front desk staff must be notified.

- 3) Patrons entering our facility must pay the admission fee regardless their intent to swim or not.
- 4) Swimmers are not allowed in the water until a certified lifeguard, employed by the City of Tipton, is on active duty.
- 5) No person having an infectious disease or having any plaster, pad or bandage on their body shall be permitted in the water.

### **Closing Rules:**

- 1) We will get all patrons out of the water 10 minutes before closes to allow them time to use our locker rooms before we close the facility at the times listed on our pool hours. Exception for morning lap swim times.
- 2) In the event of threatening weather the outdoor pool will be closed. The indoor pool will remain open and swimmers will be directed to that facility. No storm passes or refunds will be given for inclement weather.
- 3) In order to open the outdoor pool it must be 75 degrees according to the local weather.com site by 12:00 PM. If the temperature is not 75 degrees or other inclement conditions exist (Hard rain, heavy rains, wind chills, forecast of dangerous weather) we reserve the right to close the facility until we reevaluate conditions and see it fit to open the facility.
  - \* If the temperature is 75 degrees or higher but we do not have at least **15 TOTAL** patrons using the outdoor pool, we reserve the right to shut down portions (lazy river, slides) or the whole outdoor facility and move patrons into indoor pool for the remainder of time our facility is open.
  - \* Upon sighting lightning, the outdoor pool will be cleared for 30 minutes. If additional lightning is spotted within that time frame, the thirty minute period will re-start at the time of the spotting. Once we have made it 30 minutes without a sighting of lightning, at that time we may reevaluate and reopen the outdoor pool.

### **Pool Deck / Water Safety Rules:**

- 1) Rough play, pushing other people, dunking and riding, sitting, throwing off or diving off shoulders or hands is not allowed. Fighting will result in immediate removal from the facility.
- 2) To avoid slips and falls, please walk on the deck and in the zero depth areas.
- 3) When entering the pool from the side, a feet first, face front approach is required. Inward dives, flips and back dives are not permitted.
- 4) No glass (except for prescription eyewear) allowed on pool deck.
- 5) To use the deep water areas or diving boards, a child must demonstrate the ability to swim two widths of the indoor pool using the front crawl in good form. Lifeguards reserve the right to test any person at any time when deemed necessary for the personal safety of the swimmer.
- 6) Hanging on the safety ropes, lane lines, diving boards, starting blocks and playing on the ladders is not allowed.
- 7) To prevent spinal injuries, dive only in areas where the water is at least five feet deep.
- 8) The plunge pool is for use by swimmers exiting the slides only.
- 9) No changing diapers on pool deck. Use locker rooms with changing tables. Please clean after each use.
- 10) When asked to exit the pool, please do so quickly and calmly.

### **General Rules:**

- 1) The following objects are prohibited from the facility: glass (except eye glasses), band-aids, gum, play pens, hard balls such as racquetballs, tennis balls, footballs, water guns/squirt guns, scuba tanks, weight belts, outside food or drink, coolers or containers.
- 2) Rafts and floatation devices are not allowed in either pool. Coast Guard approved life jackets are allowed. When in doubt ask the pool manager/front desk staff.

- 3) Kickboards are available for patrons actively swimming laps. These items are not to be checked out for use of the general public during open swim.
- 4) The diving blocks are for competition only. They are not for use by the general public.
- 5) Please be respectful of your fellow pool user—no abusive, offensive or profane language/gestures. We reserve the right to remove anyone from the facility if this occurs. This is a family friendly facility.
- 6) During times of designated lap swim, no other activity will take place in the indoor pool. A lap swimmer is considered anyone able to swim 100 continuous yards and is actively swimming, walking, or jogging laps in good form.
- 7) The City of Tipton is not responsible for lost or stolen items. We suggest that valuables and personal items be locked in lockers or left in your vehicle. It is also advisable to remove all jewelry before entering the pool.
- 8) Due to the nature of some attractions lost articles may not be retrievable.
- 9) Please be clean and courteous in the locker rooms. Turn off showers and flush toilets after use. Please report any problems to a staff member.
- 10) Concession items must be consumed in the concession area. Beverage bottles will be allowed on the deck as long as they remain capped.
- 11) Swimmers will be paged for emergency phone calls **ONLY**.
- 12) Before using video or camera equipment, please get the permission of the Pool Manager. Cellular phone use is prohibited in the locker rooms and bathroom areas and may be limited in or around the pool.
- 13) Smoking is not permitted in the facility. Smoking is permitted in the parking lot. Discarded cigarettes need to be disposed of properly.
- 14) House phone is available but not for common use. Children should make arrangements with parents / guardian on what time on being picked up.
- 15) After swimming patrons must be wearing shoes/sandals, and dried off before re-entering reception area.
- 16) First Aid station will be located at the Lifeguard break room located on west end of the facility. If in indoor facility go to Lifeguard break room or reception area/Front Desk area.
- 17) In case of an emergency, phones are located in Lifeguard break room and reception area.
- 18) Additional rules may be implemented as deemed necessary for proper operation of the facility and protection, health and safety of all pool patrons.

### **Diving Board Rules:**

- 1) To use the diving boards, a child must demonstrate the ability to swim two widths of the indoor pool using the front crawl in good form. Lifeguards reserve the right to test any person when deemed necessary for the personal safety of the swimmer.
- 2) Dive straight off the boards.
- 3) Cartwheels or non-standard dives are not permitted.
- 4) The lifeguards reserve the right to prohibit any individual from performing a dive they feel might endanger themselves or others.
- 5) Individuals may not catch children jumping from the diving board.
- 6) Floatation devices or goggles are not permitted when going off the diving board.
- 7) Swim directly to the appropriate ladder to exit the pool.
- 8) One person at a time on the boards. Those waiting to use the boards must have their feet on the deck until the previous diver goes off the board.
- 9) Restrict your approach to one bounce on the board.
- 10) Do not hang on the underside of the board.

### **Zero Depth Area Rules:**

- 1) No chairs in or around the pool edge.
- 2) No running in the water.
- 3) No covering up (sitting or standing) on geysers.

### **Mini Slide Play Structure Rules:**

- 1) Direct caregiver supervision is required.
- 2) No child over the age of 9 allowed to go down the slide.
- 3) Toddlers must be able to walk up the stairs with minimum help from their caregiver to use the slide.
- 4) Only 1 child down the slide at a time. With help of caregivers we ask that children wait until the child before them gets off the blue mat before they go.
- 5) Enter the feature from the steps, not up the slide.
- 6) No running on or around the water play structure.
- 7) No head first sliding down the slide. Feet first ONLY.
- 8) No climbing and hanging on pipes, handrails, or pull ropes.

### **Water Slide Rules:**

- 1) Follow lifeguard instructions.
- 2) Riders must lie on their back at all times. Sitting up while riding down the slide is not permitted.
- 3) Do not pull or propel yourself into the ride.
- 4) No combs or foreign objects are allowed in pockets. No jewelry can be worn. Swim attire with rivets, buckles, or exposed metal is not permitted on the slides. Only approved swim suits are allowed.
- 5) Riders must enter the slide in a sitting position and wait for instructions from the guard.
- 6) Riders must ride crossed feet first while lying on their back with arms crossed across their chest.
- 7) Only one rider at a time. Absolutely no chains of riders permitted.
- 8) No tubes, floaties, mats or lifejackets are permitted on the water slide.
- 9) Riders must be in good health. Individuals with medical conditions including, but not limited to pregnancy, heart or back problems should not go down the slides.
- 10) Do not use this slide while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 11) Follow the instruction of the slide attendant.
- 12) No running, standing, kneeling, rotating, tumbling or stopping in the flume. Arms and hands must remain inside the flume.
- 13) No diving from the slides.
- 14) Leave the plunge pool promptly after entering using the stairs.
- 15) Non-swimmers not permitted. No one will be caught at the bottom of either slide by parents or staff.
- 16) WARNING: Water depth is 3 feet 6 inches.

### **WARNING**

**Failure to follow the above rules can result in serious injury.**

**Those found disobeying the posted rules may be removed from the pools without refund.**