

Aquatic Center Rules

For your safety and those around you, please obey all instructions of the staff. Distracting lifeguards from their duties is a safety concern.

1. Swimming is only permitted when lifeguards are on duty.
2. Use of specific areas of the facility may be restricted due to aquatic programming.
3. Diving is NOT permitted anywhere at the VRC.
4. Water slide use is limited to those patrons 48 inches or taller.
5. Special rules governing the use of the lap pool and water slide will be posted and enforced.
6. The vortex must be entered at the opening; no sliding or jumping from the pool deck.
7. The City of Vandalia reserves the right to limit access due to safety concerns.
8. To assist in keeping pool water clean and clear, please shower prior to entering the water to remove oils and dirt.
9. Obscene tattoos must be covered up.
10. Inappropriate clothing must be covered up or removed.
11. Alcohol is not permitted.
12. Cameras are permitted in the pool area for IMMEDIATE FAMILY USE ONLY.
13. Be cautious with your valuables. The City of Vandalia is not responsible for your personal items.
14. The Aquatic schedule is available at the VRC or online at www.vandaliaeccenter.com.

Aquatic Center Patron Attire

1. For the safety and health of our patrons, appropriate swim attire (Clean swim trunks with liner AND drawstring / one- or two-piece bathing suite is required to utilize the pool. Swimsuits must cover one's bottom, genitals and chest (females). No street clothes (athletic apparel, cut off shorts, etc.) will be permitted.
2. Acceptable swimwear includes traditional swim trunks, board trunks, Jammers, rash guards and wetsuits. Unacceptable swimwear includes street wear, athletic shorts, cut-offs, transparent fabrics, undergarments, bras (including sports bras) and thongs/G-strings. T-shirts are prohibited unless specifically designed for aquatic use (i.e. Dry-Fit or wetsuit shirts). All requests for exemptions MUST be communicated to the Facility Manager prior to entry into the Aquatic Center.

Aquatic Center Age & Health/Safety

1. Children 4 years of age and younger must be accompanied in the water, at arm's length by a responsible and paying individual who is, at minimum, 16 years of age. Each responsible individual may accompany a MAXIMUM of 2 children. Groups bringing children to VRC Aquatic center must have at least one adult per every five children over

the age of 4 years of age and are responsible for the supervision of those children. Adults are to be in proper swim attire.

2. Children 8 years of age and younger must be accompanied in the facility by a responsible adult, sixteen (16) years of age or older.
3. Monitoring your child/children remains your responsibility, even if lifeguards are present.
4. All injuries should be reported to the VRC Aquatic staff immediately.
5. Infants/children who are not toilet trained must swim diapers and/or securely fitted rubber pants.
6. No food or drink, except for water, will be permitted in the Aquatic Center. Please consume all food in the VRC lobby.

Aquatic Center Equipment and Toys

1. All life vests must be U.S. Coast Guard approved. We provide U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets at no charge. Patrons may bring their own life vests for use at the facility.
2. Water wings, baby seat floaters, suits with built in flotation devices and water noodles provide a "false sense of security" and are not permitted. These items are not U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation devices. Floating enhancement devices NEVER replace in-water supervision.
3. Inflatable items are not permitted.
4. Any item that restricts swimmers' leg movement (i.e. mermaid tails, monofins, etc.) are not permitted in the water.
5. Adults may use water noodles, kick boards & other pieces of water exercise equipment for water exercise.
6. Toys are permitted with guards' approval and with patron's safety in mind. All diving toys must be soft.
7. Please do not sit, hang on, or play on the ropes, lane lines and pool ladders.

Aquatic Center Behavior

1. Patrons shall not behave in a manner that jeopardizes the safety and health of themselves and/or others. Examples of unacceptable behaviors include; running, rough play, forcing others into the pool, pushing, whipping of towels, acrobatics, excessive dunking, holding others underwater, prolonged underwater swimming or 'breath holding', excessive noise, wrestling, fighting, the use of abusive/profane language, and public display of affection.
2. The lifeguards have the right to address any behaviors or activities that may not be listed but are deemed unsafe or unhealthy in any manner.

Aquatic Inclement Weather & Lightning Policy

For your safety, the indoor Aquatic Center may be closed and evacuated for periods of time due to severe weather situations. This includes an electrical storm that is within six miles of the facility. Aquatic programming (swim lessons, water fitness, etc.) cancelled due to severe weather will be rescheduled accordingly.

Aquatic Center Groups and Parties

1. Chaperones must accompany all members of their group in the locker rooms and Aquatic Center at all times.
2. It is the chaperones responsibility to supervise all guests in your party/group. We recommend that responsible adult(s) 16 years of age or older, accompany the party/group in the water.

Locker Rooms

1. Children 3 years of age and older must use gender appropriate locker room or Special Accommodations Locker Room.
2. Children 6 years of age and younger must be accompanied by another responsible patron, at least 14 years of age.
3. Camera usage is not permitted in the locker rooms.
4. All guests must be dried off and clothed before leaving the locker area.
5. Please report any suspicious behavior to a staff member.
6. Locks must be removed from non-rented lockers prior to facility closing each day. VRC staff will cut off all remaining locks and place the contents in the lost and found.
7. We recommend that you do not bring valuables into the VRC. Locking valuables in a locker will increase safekeeping.