

Pool Regulations

Bouws Pool Regulations

1. Admission to the pool is refused if the patron has any contagious disease, infectious conditions, or under the influence of intoxicants.
2. Food, gum, cigarettes, and glass are not allowed inside the pool
3. All swimmers must shower prior to entering pool deck (Michigan law)
4. Swimmers should have appropriate swimming apparel
5. All conduct in locker rooms and pool should be safe
6. Patrons must walk around the ramps, not climb through
7. Chairs must be placed close to fence/wall of pool
8. Outside swim gear is not allowed inside the pool (life jackets, scuba gear, etc)
9. All children under the height of 42 inches MUST be accompanied in the water by an adult 16 years or older
10. No lifeguard=no swimming (Michigan law)

Diving Pool Regulations

1. Only two bounces on the diving board
2. Dive or jump straight forward
3. Only one person on the board at a time
4. No back dives, reverse dives or inward dives of any kind
5. Make sure the area around and beneath the board is clear before entry
6. Exit the diving board area immediately after entry at the closest side ladder
7. Attempt only dives within your ability
8. Patrons may swim on the side opposite of the diving board. They may not pass the lifeguard chair.
9. No swimming under the diving boards
10. Diving is permitted from the sides of the pool
11. You may not wear swimming aids while going off the diving board unless accompanied by an adult

Swimming Pool Regulations

1. Stay off the ropes, railings, gutters and guard chairs
2. Jump in feet first only (this is Michigan law)
3. Do not wrestle, dunk others or chicken fight
4. If a weak or nonswimmer, stay in the shallow area

The City of Holland or the Recreation Department is NOT responsible for the loss of clothing, valuables, money or any articles lost during swimming periods.

Rule Enforcement

Any facility user who does not follow the rules of the facility, thereby causing a possible hazardous situations will:

1. Be informed of the rule and given a brief explanation of its purpose
2. Given a minor disciplinary action (sit out for 5 minutes)
3. Escorted from the facility for the remainder of the day and parents notified
4. Talk with the pool supervisor prior to reentry the following visit to debrief on hazardous behavior.