



County Commissioners of Kent County, MD

Department of Parks and Recreation



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Purpose: Kent County Community Center Pool Use Policies
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I. HOURS OF OPERATION

A. The pool will be open for public use as follows:

Weekends:

Memorial Day to Mid June
 *Monday Holidays
 (Open Memorial Day and Labor Day)
 Saturday & Sunday 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Summer hours when Kent County Public Schools are not in session:

*Daily 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 *The operations schedule may be adjusted the two weeks before Labor Day, pending staffing levels.

B. The pool will be available for exclusive use rentals as follows outside of public and Departmental program use:

Sunday – Saturday 9:00 am – 11:00 am
 Monday – Saturday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

II. FEES

Daily Admission	Cost with Access Card	Cost without Access Card	
2 years old and under	Free	Free	
Individual 3 years old and older	\$3.00	\$5.00	
Community Recognition Youth Group * Scheduled in Advance*	Youth (ages 3-17) \$1		
	Adult \$2		
Individual Season Pass			
KCCC	\$65.00	An Access Card is not required to purchase a Season Pass, however a season pass does not enable admittance to the KCCC building.	
Family of 4 Season Pass			
KCCC	\$200.00		
For each additional family member	\$25.00		
Exclusive Rental - 2 hour minimum (includes lifeguards) Must be outside of public operating hours (excludes vendor agreements)			
1 – 50 people	\$200.00/hr.	N/A	
51 - 100 people	\$250.00/hr.	N/A	
101 – 200 people	\$300.00/hr.	N/A	

201 – 300 people	\$500.00/hr.	N/A
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III. GENERAL POOL REGULATIONS

A. The following rules and regulations are established for the benefit of all users of the swimming pool to assure the safe operation of the pool facilities and to provide enjoyable recreation for all. Patrons are requested to cooperate in observing these rules and to obey the instructions of the Department Staff. Patrons violating swimming rules are subject to the revocation of their swimming privileges.

B. The Department reserves the right to refuse admittance into any County swimming facility when the capacity of the pool has been reached or when otherwise deemed necessary for the health, welfare, or safety of its patrons.

C. No one will be permitted in the swimming area unless the pool is officially open and a lifeguard is on duty. Entering the pool premises when it is not open for public use is punishable by fines, imprisonment, or both.

D. Infants/children who are not toilet trained and individuals who are incontinent who wish to enter the pool must wear a swim diaper with an outer waterproof layer they must fit snugly around the legs and waist. If the swim diaper becomes soiled, this individual must leave the pool immediately and may not return until he/she has taken or been given a soap shower and has redressed with a new swim diaper with outer waterproof layer.

E. The County assumes no liability for injuries or damage arising from the results of participation unless due to willful or gross negligence on the part of the County. Due to the strenuous nature of some activities, the patron is advised to consult his/her physician concerning fitness to participate. All activities present certain inherent risks and hazards which the patron assumes.

F. Admission fees must be paid by all persons ages three (3) years old and older upon each entry/session to the pool. Fees do not apply to Season Pass holders.

G. No alcohol, tobacco, controlled, or illegal substance is permitted inside the pool facility.

H. A credit voucher/pass may be issued when the facility must be closed due to storm or equipment malfunction, or any unforeseen closures. They will only be issued to those admitted within thirty (30) minutes of the closure.

I. All patrons within the pool area must be attired in appropriate swim apparel (no thongs or revealing attire permitted).

J. Children under the age of twelve (12) entering the pool area must be accompanied and cared for (at pool side) by a responsible person or parent sixteen (16) years old or older in bathing suit attire. Children under the age of six (6) must have a responsible person in the water with them and within arms reach.

K. Use of the wading pool is restricted to children five (5) years old and younger. Each child must be supervised at pool side by a person at least sixteen (16) years old. **Children must not be left unattended.**

L. Food or refreshments must be consumed only at the concession stand or other designated areas. All refuse and waste paper must be deposited in designated receptacles. Please recycle. Food is NOT permitted in the bathhouse.

M. Food in delivery containers will not be permitted inside the pool gates.

N. No grills, gas, or electric cooking devices may be brought into the pool area.

O. No glass containers, alcoholic beverages, drugs, and pets may not be brought into the pool area.

P. A group of five (5) or more children, under the ages of eighteen (18) years old, must be directly supervised at pool side by an adult in swim attire. There must be one (1) adult for every five (5) children.

Q. Leave valuables at home. The Department is not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen personal property or valuables. Use of lockers is encouraged. *(Please see Section M. of the Kent County Community Center General Policies.)*

R. Persons suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted in the pool area or in the larger vicinity of the Kent County Community Center.

S. No persons within the pool grounds shall behave in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety and health of himself/herself or others. Such behavior, including abusive or profane language, shall be grounds for removal from the facility and grounds.

T. Loitering will not be permitted on the pool grounds or within any of its facilities.

U. If a patron with a disability needs special accommodations to use the pool facilities, please contact the Aquatics Coordinator in advance of the visit or speak with the supervising lifeguard on duty the day of the visit.

V. Any injury occurring in the pool area must be immediately reported to the supervising lifeguard on duty.

W. The emergency telephone shall be used only to contact emergency services personnel (911).

X. Department staff are the only persons permitted in the guard room, filter room, mechanical room, storage room, and office areas.

Y. The use of cameras, video cameras, or any device containing a camera/video option of any kind is prohibited in all locker rooms, bathrooms, and changing facilities.

IV. RULES FOR SWIMMERS

- A. Pool users must wear swimming suits or trunks upon entry into the pool. Clothing such as cut-offs, gym shorts, and underwear are not permitted as swimwear. Swimwear must not have been worn for exercising immediately prior to pool use and must be colorfast and of a lightweight material suitable for swimwear, such as lycra, spandex, or nylon. Clean t-shirts may be worn for modesty or medical reasons but first must be sanctioned by the Department.
- B. All patrons must take a cleansing soap shower before entering the deck area. Sun bathers **should** shower before each entrance into the water in order to rinse off perspiration, lotions, etc.
- C. Any person having a skin disease, sore, or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharge, communicable disease, or who is wearing any kind of bandage or band-aid will not be permitted in the pool.
- D. Persons having any considerable area of exposed sub-skin tissues, open blisters, cuts, etc. are warned that these are likely to become infected will not be permitted in the pool.
- E. Any adult or child who is experiencing any diarrhea, even a mild case, may not use the pool.
- F. Running, boisterous, or rough play, pushing, acrobatics, dunking, wrestling, splashing, yelling, diving from other than the diving board, jumping haphazardly, snapping of towels, improper conduct causing undue disturbances in or about the pool area, or any acts which would endanger any patrons are prohibited.
- G. Spitting, spouting of water, blowing nose, or urinating in the pool is prohibited.
- H. Prolonged underwater swimming for time and/or distance, competitive and/or repetitive breath-holding is not permitted.
- I. Non-swimmers must remain in shallow water (chest deep or less).
- J. U.S. Coast Guard approved and labeled personal flotation devices, such as vests and designed to provide vertical support, may be worn with permission of pool staff. Water wings (swimmies) may also be worn. Each individual wearing a personal flotation device must be accompanied by an adult in the pool, within arms reach. Back floats, bubbles, rings, or one-sided flotation devices are not permitted.
- Toys (including noodles), balls, inner tubes, inflated boats and rafts are not permitted in the main pool during public swim hours. Small toys may be allowed in the wading pool at the Department's discretion.
- K. The pool will be closed and cleared for a fifteen (15) minute safety break at a minimum of four (4) times a day. This is a good time to head to the restrooms or concession stand. Adult lap lanes will remain open during this time.
- L. Single groups shall not monopolize a particular area of the pool and thereby limit its use by intimidating other persons.

M. Only Department staff and contractors that have been authorized by the Department may utilize the pool to provide swimming instruction. No activity for private gain is permitted at any time.

N. Wearing eyeglasses in the pool is discouraged unless absolutely necessary. Non-breakable lenses and frames are recommended for safety purposes.

O. Chewing gum is not permitted anywhere in the pool area for health and safety reasons.

P. Chairs are not permitted within six (6) feet of the pool side.

Q. The following precautions should be followed in order to maximize enjoyment for every pool patron and limit pool closures: Children who are not feeling well should not enter the pool; 30-45 minutes should be allowed before entering the pool, after eating; Children should take regular bathroom breaks during pool visits; and children who are not FULLY potty trained or are under the age of 4 may be required to wear a swim diaper before entering the pool. Swim diapers are available for purchase.

V. RULES FOR DIVERS

A. Diving is restricted to the diving area.

B. Only one (1) person is permitted on the diving apparatus (including the ladder) at a time.

C. Divers must dive straight from the front end of the board.

D. Divers may not spring more than once on the board.

E. Upon surfacing, the diver must immediately swim to the nearest ladder. No one shall swim under the diving board at **any** time.

F. A diver must wait until the preceding diver has surfaced and has reached the ladder.

G. No general swimming is allowed in the diving area, unless the diving boards are closed by pool staff.

H. Extended dives, or dives for distance toward shallow water, are prohibited.

I. Diving board users must be able to swim to the ladder unassisted.

VI. RULES FOR LAP SWIMMING

A. Periodically, lanes will be divided off for those persons wishing to swim lengths undisturbed. Persons not swimming lengths must remain in other pool areas. For effective use, swimmers must swim counterclockwise near the land markers and pass in the middle when more than two (2) swimmers are in a lane.

B. Hanging on lane dividers is prohibited.

C. Lap lanes are generally intended for adults to swim laps, however, youth who show evidence of being serious lap swimmers may be granted permission by the Department to swim laps in the lap lanes during general swim or lap swimming times.

D. Lap swimmers should arrange themselves by speed in the lanes. Please consult the directions posted or ask a lifeguard.

E. Stop only at the turning walls. Move to the side to allow others to turn and continue.

VII. WATER SLIDE RULES

A. All sliders, in the deep end, must be at least forty-eight (48) inches tall. The Department will turn others away. Younger children may not ride with their parents in the deep end.

B. Only one person on the slide or ladder at a time in the shallow end, excluding parents accompanying their children.

C. Slide feet first, on your backside only. Keep hands and feet inside slide.

D. No stopping, turning, standing, kneeling, or rotating.

E. Goggles and glasses are prohibited.

F. Start slide when directed by Department staff.

G. Exit receiving pool immediately.

H. If the slide rules are not adhered to, or anyone creates a disturbance in line or the slide area, they will be denied use by the Department Staff.

I. No one is permitted under a slide.

VIII. SPECIAL POLICIES

A. U.S. Coast Guard approved and labeled personal flotation devices, such as vests designed to provide vertical support, may be worn with permission of pool staff. Water wings (swimmies) may also be worn. **Each individual wearing a personal flotation device must be accompanied by an adult in the pool, within arms reach.** Back floats, bubbles, rings, or one-sided flotation devices are not permitted.

B. During storms, or the threat of storms, the pool will be closed and the entire area cleared of patrons at the discretion of the Department Staff. Due to limited overhead coverage, patrons must leave the pool facility. Others must remain within the shelter of the bathhouse or their vehicle. The pool will normally open thirty (30) minutes after the storm passes. There must be a minimum of (30) minutes of no lightning or thunder to reopen.

C. Headphones must be worn when listening to musical or entertainment devices.

D. Personal locks are required for lockers and must be removed daily. Any locks not removed at the close of each day will be forcibly removed by the Department.

E. Children seven (7) years of age or older must change in the appropriate locker room or see the Department staff for special arrangements.

F. Groups of fifteen (15) or more must notify the Aquatics Coordinator at least one (1) week prior to their planned trip to the pool. Groups may be required to reserve the pool as a private rental. This will be determined on an individual basis by the Aquatics Coordinator.

G. Community Recognition Groups will be offered discounted admission at \$1 per youth (ages 3-17) and \$2 per adult. Reservations must be made in advance with the Aquatics Coordinator. *(Please see Section IX below for qualification requirements.)*

IV. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION GROUP DISCOUNTS

A. Kent County welcomes the initiative and creativity of citizens who organize as volunteers to enhance the range of cultural, athletic, recreation, and service opportunities available to Kent County Residents. Discounted fees for the use of the Community Center may be extended to Community Recognition Groups which include but may not be limited to non-profit organizations serving Kent County, Departments or Divisions of Maryland State Government, and the Kent County Board of Education. Kent County based day care providers may be eligible to receive this discount (please inquire).

B. To become a Community Recognition Group an application form must be filed annually with the Department. The application form may be submitted at any time provided it is submitted no later than thirty (30) days prior to the dates requested for discounted use.

C. *Eligibility Requirements:* The primary purpose of the organization must be to provide cultural, athletic, recreation, or service opportunities which are open to the general public. Restrictions on residency and age for participation in the group's activities are permissible as appropriate (ex. sport leagues, summer camps, etc.).

D. Discounts are at the discretion of the Department and may be limited by fiscal constraints.

1. The award of a discount does not establish a precedent for future requests.
2. Discounts will be suspended if the Community Recognition Group fails to comply with the policies.