



# County Commissioners of Kent County, MD Department of Parks & Recreation



## Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations

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 required to cooperate in observing these rules and to obey the instructions of the Department Staff. Patrons who violate swimming rules are subject to the revocation of their swimming privileges and being asked to leave the premises.

Failure to abide by these may result in injury to yourself or others. Department employees and lifeguards reserve the right to address any behavior which is considered a safety risk, unsanitary, or a disturbance to others.

Department employees, lifeguards, or their designated staff are fully responsible for the operation of the pools, have full authority over the pools and grounds, and are authorized to enforce pool rules and regulations. Their instructions must be always followed. Individuals who violate the rules may be asked to leave without a refund/re-entry pass, and they may contact the police as needed.

**Accommodation for individuals with disabilities, including water wheelchair and pool lift are available upon request. Please speak with the head lifeguard on duty. Pool lift has a weight capacity of 300 pounds.**

### Aquatic Facilities

Kent County Community Center Pool (outdoor complex): 410-810-2979  
11041 Worton Road, Worton, MD 21678

Millington Pool (outdoor complex): 443-480-6443  
154 Millington Road, Millington, MD 21651

Bayside Landing Pool; (outdoor complex): 410-810-2288  
20927 Bayside Ave, Rock Hall, MD 21661

### General Rules and Admission Policies (list is NOT inclusive for all seasons)

1. Admittance into a facility may be refused when the capacity of the pool has been reached or when otherwise deemed necessary for the health, welfare, or safety of patrons.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Admission fees (excluding Bayside Landing Pool) must be paid by all person's ages three (3) years old and older upon each entry/session to the pool. Fees do not apply to Season Pass holders.
  5. Following unscheduled pool closures (due to fecal contaminations, inclement weather, mechanical problems) a re-entry pass will be issued to patrons providing receipts of paid entry to the pool within (30) minutes of the closure. Please see Pool Cashier for more detailed information. Refunds will NOT be issued.
  6. Groups of (15) or more people must contact the facility in advance to make a reservation. Groups without a reservation are at risk of being turned away.
  7. Only KCPR scheduled activities are permitted. No activity or private gain is allowed at any time. This includes

- teaching swim lessons, coaching, and/or any other activity without approval by KCPR.
8. Patrons who leave the pool gates may only re-enter by showing Pool Cashiers their wristband (wristband colors are changed daily).
  9. Loitering will not be permitted on the pool grounds or within any of its facilities. KCPR staff have the right to contact local police for violation of this policy.
  10. KCPR is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged individual property or valuables.
  11. Person suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted in the pool area or on Kent County Community Center grounds.
  12. Department Staff are the only persons permitted in the filter room, mechanical room, storage room, and Lifeguard and Pool Cashier areas.

### **Behavior Policies**

1. Socializing with or distracting pool staff is prohibited.
2. No patron within the pool facility shall behave in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety and health of themselves or others. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to running, boisterous or rough play, pushing, acrobatics/flipping, dunking others, wrestling, sitting on shoulders, splashing, use of abusive or profane language, diving or jumping haphazardly, snapping of towels, and improper conduct causing undue disturbances in/around pool or on county property. Patrons behaving in this manner will be asked to leave without a refund.

3. Spitting, spouting or swallowing water, blowing nose, urinating, or defecating in the pool is prohibited.
4. No patron within the facilities shall behave in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety and health of him/her and/or others. Such behavior, including abusive or profane language shall be grounds for removal and possible suspension from future pool use.
5. Public displays of affection should remain minimal.
6. Loitering will not be permitted outside the pool facility or in the surrounding area of the facility.

## Attire Policies

1. Appropriate swimwear required. Pool users must wear swimming suits or trunks upon entry into the pool. "Street clothes", \*Brazil/French-cut, \*thong style and/or \*revealing swim wear (including see through), cut-off jeans, jeans, skirts, shorts, sport bras, leotards, leggings, dri-fit wear, compression shorts and compression shirts are prohibited. Underwear and undergarments are not allowed to be worn under swimsuits. Patrons with \*inappropriate swimwear as listed above or otherwise will be required to change into appropriate attire, otherwise will be asked to leave the premises.

2. Anyone not toilet trained or incontinent entering the pool must wear a swim diaper that fits snug around the legs and waist, and under their swimsuit. Standard diapers are NOT permitted. Swim diapers are available for purchase.
3. Diaper changing is not permitted poolside. Please use the changing tables provided in the locker rooms.



## Age and Supervision Policies

1. Children under (12) years old must always be accompanied and supervised on deck and in the restrooms by a responsible person (16) years old or older in swim attire.
2. Children under the age of (6) must have a responsible person in the water with them and within arm's reach of the child.
3. Use of the wading/kiddie pool is restricted to children (5) years old and under. Each child must be supervised at pool side by a

responsible person at least (16) years old. **Children must not be left unattended.**

4. The adult to child supervision ratio is (1) adult for every (5) children for children under the age of (18) years old.
5. Swim skills test is required at discretion of the lifeguards. All group reservations with children (16) and under are required to take the swim test.

## Facility Rules

1. Any acts which would endanger any patron or staff are prohibited.
2. Any injury occurring in the pool area must be reported to Aquatic Staff immediately.
3. Prolonged underwater swimming for time and/or distance, competitive and/or repetitive breath-holding is not permitted.

4. Patrons having or suspected of having any of the following shall NOT be allowed to enter the water: (but not limited to)
  - a. Exposed sub-epidermis tissue
  - b. Cuts, open sores, or blisters
  - c. Opened or bandaged wound
  - d. Recent diarrhea
  - e. Communicable disease

- f. Inflamed eyes, nasal or ear discharge
- 5. Chewing gum is not permitted anywhere in the pool area for health and safety reasons.
- 6. Wearing eyeglasses in the pool is discouraged unless necessary. Non-breakable lenses and frames are recommended for safety purposes.
- 7. Pets are not allowed within the pool complex. Service animals are permitted (not in the water).
- 8. Food or refreshments must be consumed only at the concession stand or other designated areas. All trash must be deposited in designated receptacles. Please recycle. Food is NOT permitted in the bathhouse. Food in delivery containers is not permitted inside the pool gates. KCPR reserves the right to prohibit patrons from bringing outside food into the facility.
- 9. All coolers are subjected to be checked and approved by pool cashiers at time of admission. Grills and gas/electric cooking devices are NOT permitted. Glass containers, knives, alcoholic beverages, and drugs are not permitted.
- 10. Consumption of alcohol, smoking/vape, marijuana, or the use of tobacco products is prohibited on county property. All patrons

- suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be permitted to enter the pool facility or surrounding area.
- 11. Patrons may not bring their own tents or other shade structures.
- 12. Chairs are not permitted within (6) feet of the pool side.
- 13. Use of sound producing devices are prohibited unless accompanied by ear buds, headphones, or like accessories. These accessories are prohibited while in the pool or sitting on the side of the pool.
- 14. The emergency telephone shall be used only to contact emergency services personnel (911).
- 15. The pool will be closed and cleared for a fifteen (15) minute safety break at a minimum of four (4) times a day.
- 16. Patrons are not permitted to leave locks on lockers overnight or leave the facility while their belongings are in a locker. Locks will be broken off when the facility closes, and locker contents will be placed into Lost and Found. Lost and Found items are disposed of on a weekly basis.
- 17. 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.

**Lifejackets/Equipment/Toys**

- 1. A properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard approved and labeled personal flotation device (PFD) or puddle jumper may be worn provided, each non-swimmer is accompanied by an adult in the pool, within arm's reach. The adult must remain in the water standing flat on the pool bottom.
- 2. Non-U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices, inflatable toys, back floats, rafts, water wings,

- rings/innertubes, and similar objects are not permitted in the pool.
- 3. Mermaid tails, monofins, or any device that prohibits the independent motion of the feet or legs is prohibited.
- 4. Specialized equipment such as kickboards, flippers, or hand paddles are only permitted in the lap lanes.
- 5. Use of KCPR aquatic facility equipment such as noodles, barbells,

water weights, are for use during designated programs/times only.

6. The use of masks with snorkels by adults (18) and older are only permitted in the lap lanes.

### Lap Swimming Rules (Community Center Pool Only)

1. Periodically, lanes will be divided off for those persons wishing to swim lengths undisturbed. Persons not swimming lengths must remain in other pools 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.
2. Lap swimming in lanes only – no hanging on lane markers.
3. 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.
4. Lap swimmers should arrange themselves by speed in the lanes. Please consult the directions posted or ask a lifeguard.
  5. Stop only at the turning walls. Move to the side to allow others to turn and continue.

### Swim Test

1. A swim test is required for all camp groups to swim in deep water (5 foot or higher) to use deep water features and swim lap lanes.
2. The swim test consists of the following skills: (this test is based on the Water Competency Sequence developed by American Red Cross)
  - a. Jump into the water, submerging completely under.
  - b. Return to the surface and tread water for (15) seconds with head remaining above water.

- c. Swim (25) yards without stopping.
  - d. Exit the water by pulling themselves up and over the side or using the ladder.
- Patrons who do not pass the swim test must remain in the shallow end of the pool (3 feet or less).
3. Swim test is required at discretion of the lifeguards for any patron under (18) years old.
  4. Patrons may not wear any U.S. Coast Guard approved or other personal floating devices during the swim test.

### Wading/Kiddie Pool (Community Center Pool Only)

1. Use of wading/kiddie pool is for children (5) and under. Each child must be supervised at pool side by a responsible person at least (16) years old. **Children must not be left unattended.**

2. Aquatics structure in the wading/kiddie pool are designed to be used by children permitted in the pool, NOT adults.

3. If children over the age of (5) are in the pool, lifeguards can ask patron to exit the pool.

4. Small toys may be used in the wading/kiddie pool at the discretion of the lifeguards.

### **Diving Board Rules (Community Center Pool Only)**

\*Diving is Prohibited at Millington and Bayside Landing Pools

1. Diving is restricted to the diving area.
2. Only (1) person is permitted on the diving apparatus (including the ladder) at a time.
3. Divers must dive straight from the front end of the board.
4. Divers may not spring more than once on the board.
5. Upon surfacing, the diver must immediately swim to the nearest ladder. No one shall swim under the diving board at **any** time.

6. A diver must wait until the preceding diver has surfaced and has reached the ladder.
7. No general swimming is allowed in the diving area unless the diving boards are closed by pool staff.
8. Extended dives, or dives for distance toward shallow water, are prohibited.
9. Diving board users must be able to swim to the ladder unassisted.

### **Water Slide Rules (Community Center Pool Only)**

1. Swimmers must be at least 4 feet (48 inches) tall to enter the tube slide.
2. Only one person on the slide or ladder at a time in the shallow end, excluding parents accompanying their children.
3. Slide feet first, on your backside only. Keep your hands and feet inside slide.

4. No stopping, turning, standing, kneeling, or rotating.
5. Goggles and glasses are prohibited.
6. Exit receiving pool immediately.
7. 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.
8. No one is permitted under a slide.

### **Special Policies**

1. 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, when lightning occurs, patrons must leave the pool facility. Patrons 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, otherwise with each new occurrence a new (30) minute temporary closure will begin.
2. Pool areas are first-come, first-served and cannot be reserved.
3. Groups of fifteen (15) or more require a reservation to be approved by the Group Pool Use 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.  
Please inquire for more information.
4. Community Recognition Groups (CRG) will be offered discounted

admission fees. Reservations must be approved in advance with the Group Pool Use Coordinator.

### Community Recognition Group Discounts

1. Kent County welcomes the initiative and creativity of Kent County 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).
2. To become a Community Recognition Group an application form must be filed and updated 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.
3. *Eligibility Requirements:* The organization must be located in or serve Kent County residents (only those being serviced who reside in Kent County are eligible for the discounted rates. The primary purpose of the organization must be to provide cultural, athletic, recreation, or service opportunities which are open to the public. Restrictions on residency and age for participation in the group's activities are permissible as appropriate (ex. sport leagues, summer camps, etc.).
  4. Discounts are at the discretion of the Department and may be limited by fiscal constraints.
  5. Community Recognition Groups will be charged full price if cancellation is not made (24) hours in advance.

### Refund Policy

1. All swimming pool fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
2. Swimming pool vouchers will be issued to patrons who must vacate the premises less than 30 minutes

3. upon arrival due to weather, mechanical issues, or fecal matter.
3. Patrons must present their receipt and surrender their wristband to pool cashiers to receive a pool voucher.

**\*Management, including lifeguards and administrative employees, reserves the right to implement additional regulations as deemed necessary.**

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