

Admission and Supervision Standards for Public and Family Swims

ADMISSION STANDARD

WRIST BANDS

Haldimand County will be using wristbands to enforce the Admission Standards for the safety of the community.

RED wrist bands

All children 0 – 5 years **MUST** swim with parent or guardian (12+ yrs). Maximum of two children for each parent or guardian (2:1)

YELLOW wrist bands

Children 6 – 9 years who **DO NOT PASS** swim test (25 m and tread water for 1 minute) **MUST** swim with parent/guardian (12+ years). Maximum of four children for each parent or guardian (4:1)

GREEN wrist bands

Children 6 – 9 years who **PASS** swim test (25 m and tread water for 1 minute) **MAY** swim unaccompanied. Parent or guardian (12+ yrs) must be in the pool or pool gallery

DIRECT SUPERVISION

Direct Supervision is defined as within arms reach and able to render immediate assistance.

- A guardian or group leader **MUST** be at least 12 years of age.

FACILITY SWIM TEST

The **Facility Swim Test** that will be administered to determine if a child 6 – 9 years of age may swim unaccompanied is:

- Able to swim 25 m continuously; and
- Can tread water for 1 minute.

Lifeguards may at any time ask for a demonstration of swimming ability regardless of age if they are concerned about safety.

WHAT TO WEAR?

Proper bathing attire means bathing attire only. Sorry, no street clothes, shoes or undergarments.

POOL FOULING

- All children not toilet trained must wear an article of clothing that will keep fecal matter contained in the event of a fouling. We suggest you use: plastic pants, Little Swimmers pool pant diapers or Gabby's. Standard diapers are not allowed.
- A pool fouling will cause a closure of our pools for anywhere up to 24 hours. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. In the event of this occurrence, staff will advise patrons of the specific protocol.

