

CITY OF HARLINGEN SWIMMING POOLS
RULES AND REGULATIONS

The City of Harlingen hereby adopts and makes applicable to the City the Rules and Regulations to the operation of Municipal Swimming Pools as set forth in a Manual prepared for the City by the Parks and Recreation Department.

1. Patrons or spectators wearing street clothes are not permitted on the pool deck without a member of staff escorting.
2. Children under six (6) years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 or older) who is capable of caring for the child in the water. Maximum of two (2) children per adult. An adult must be wading in the pool with children 4 years of age or younger.
3. All swimmers and sunbathers must take a complete shower before entering the pool area. Suntan oils or lotions that are water soluble must be showered off before entering the pool.
4. Swimmers are not allowed to hang onto or play on lifelines, and must go under the ropes when crossing, not over the ropes.
5. Running or rough play is prohibited in all areas of the pool facility
6. Proper swim wear must be worn when in the pool. Undergarments such as bras, sports bras, and boxer shorts are not considered proper swim wear.
7. Rough play, dunking, water-fighting, diving off another person's shoulders or pushing others into the pool is not permitted. **NO HORSEPLAY!!!**
8. Swimmers are not allowed to run and dive over the edge of the pool, dive or jump from lifeguard stands, or dive or jump from the deck backwards. No flips from the side will be allowed.
9. Only one (1) person is allowed on the diving board.
10. Divers must wait until the diving area is clear. Conversely divers must exit the diving area as quickly as possible.
11. Distracting a lifeguard from his/her duty or falsely summoning aid is prohibited.
12. Glass containers are forbidden anywhere in the pool area
13. Persons under the influence or in possession of alcoholic beverages or narcotics are forbidden from using any Municipal Pool.
14. Divers, and swimmers where water level is at shoulder level or above may be required to complete a swimming test to prove their swimming ability.
15. Smoking is not permitted
16. Drinking or eating is allowed only in the area designated for such
17. The pool shall be closed when the opinion of the Resident Manager and the crowd has reached maximum controllable capacity.
18. Riding wheeled vehicles in the pool area shall be prohibited
19. Any object that could be considered a weapon will not be permitted in the pool area.
20. Lifeguards have complete authority at all times under the supervision of the Manager and/or Supervisor of Aquatics or other superiors.
21. Lifeguards have complete authority during emergency procedures and mock emergency procedures. Interference with emergency procedures is forbidden.
22. Any person known or suspected of having a communicable condition, open sores, bandages or open wounds shall be denied admittance. The Manager will have discretionary powers in all matters.
23. Spitting, spouting of water, blowing the nose, urinating or defecating in the pool is prohibited.
24. Public swim and parties shall not be conducted when:
 - a. Without the City Lifeguard Staff on duty.
 - b. Lightning or climatic conditions are deemed unsafe by the Resident Manager or other Staff
25. No group may monopolize any particular area of the pool or pool areas to the exclusion of others. No claiming territory
26. Abusive or profane language will not be tolerated in any part of the pool facility.
27. Patrons are not allowed to hang on or around lifeguard stands.
28. Laying on the deck close to the pool edge where swimmers may trip over sunbathers will not be allowed. Sunbathing is allowed only in the area designated for such.
29. The use of masks or other devices which covers the nose or mouth are permitted in shallow water only.
30. Goggles or earplugs may not be worn or held by person using the diving board.
31. No hanging on water basketball rims
32. Patrons are to shower after using sandpit volleyball court.
33. No pets allowed anywhere in the pool area
34. Other rules concerning the safety of patrons is the lifeguards discretion under the supervision of the resident Manager/or Superintendent of Aquatics.