

TOMAHAWK SWIMMING POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules Set Forth by the State Health Department for ALL Swimming Pools:

1. All persons using the swimming pool MUST take a shower before entering the pool.
2. Any persons having an infectious or communicable disease are prohibited from using the pool.
3. Persons having open blisters, cuts, etc. are advised not to use the pool.
4. Spitting, spouting water, blowing the nose or discharging bodily wastes into the pool is strictly prohibited.
5. Patrons must provide their own swimming suits and towels, and they should be cleaned after each use. No cut-off shorts or t-shirts are allowed in the pool. (Please be aware that the use of others' belongings may result in the transfer of disease – for example, the possibility of “pink-eye” with goggle sharing.)
6. Glass of any kind is prohibited in the locker rooms or pool area.
7. **All persons must remove shoes before entering the pool area.
8. **No persons may take food, drink or chewing gum inside the pool enclosure or locker rooms. (Water bottles may be used by swimmers during workouts, but should contain only water – sports drinks and other fluids are prohibited.)
9. Dogs and other animals, except certified service dogs for the disabled, are not allowed in the pool enclosure.

Rules that Govern Safety and Liability:

1. All children age 5 and under, must have an adult (over the age of 18) in the water and with them at all times. Watching from the side of the pool is not acceptable.
2. The only flotation devices approved for use in the pool are Coast Guard approved lifejackets and “puddle jumpers” as well as water wings. All other floating aids are prohibited. Persons using the items listed above are not allowed in the deep end of the pool, and must be accompanied by an adult supervisor at all times.
3. Running, boisterous or rough play and excessive noise is forbidden in the pool area, showers and dressing rooms.
4. Diving and belly-flops are not allowed in the shallow end of the pool.
5. When jumping into the pool from deck-side, only feet-first, forward jumps are allowed. Jumping should be from the pool gutter only, no running and jumping or backward jumps are allowed. Jumping in on top of anyone already in the pool is strictly forbidden.
6. Hanging on the lap-swim lanes or safety lines is prohibited, unless an emergency.
7. Climbing on the lifeguard chair, or playing with any of the safety equipment located around the pool is prohibited.
8. Hanging on or jumping from the ladder bars is prohibited – they should be used to enter and exit the pool only.
9. Improper use of pool equipment may result in its non-use in the future. Please be aware that many items available during classes and/or competitive swimming may not be available for use during public swim times. Please observe posted signs to this effect.
10. Persons may bring their own pool toys to use, however these items must first be approved for use by the head lifeguard on duty.

Rules that Govern Safety and Liability continued...

11. Use of the competitive starting blocks is prohibited during public open pool times and the blocks will be covered for safety and warning any time they are not in use.
12. Profanity, improper behavior and intoxication will not be tolerated.
13. All First Aid cases must be directed to the certified pool staff member(s) on duty.
14. All rules related requests made of ALL patrons by the pool staff must be obeyed immediately, or disciplinary action will take place.
Our disciplinary action procedure is as follows:
 - 1st offense – warning and explanation of the rule;
 - 2nd offense – time out;
 - 3rd offense – ejection from the pool.
15. The management reserves the right to refuse admittance to or eject from the pool premises any persons failing to comply with any of the health and safety regulations.

Facility Use Regulations:

1. Neither the Tomahawk Swimming Pool nor the School District of Tomahawk are responsible for lost or stolen articles.
2. Lockers available in the pool area locker rooms are for use during the scheduled swim time only, and may be locked by the patron only during that swim time. The only permanently used/reserved lockers are those used by the pool staff and the high school boys swim team during their season.
3. The swimming pool office is an off-limits area to all swimmers and parents (with the exception of for the authorized use of the pool telephone.)
4. The swimming pool telephone may be used with pool staff authorization only, and only on a limited basis so as to be available in case of emergency. The pool office telephone is NOT a public telephone to be used without discretion.
5. The Tomahawk School District is a “Drug, Tobacco, and Alcohol-Free Zone”. All who enter our facilities may never consume or be in possession of drugs, tobacco/nicotine (in any form) or alcohol on school grounds or during school related activities. Any guests to our school who refuse to comply with a verbal request of a staff member to refrain from the use of the items above will be asked to leave the premises and face possible referral to the police department.
6. Under no circumstances will video cameras, cell phones or any other electronic video or recording devices be used in any area where students, staff or members of the public have as reasonable expectation of privacy including all restrooms and locker rooms.

Please note: Exception to the starred (*) rules above may occur during swim meets, when the volume of people in and out of the pool area may render these rules non-enforceable.

For any questions regarding the rules governing the Tomahawk Swimming Pool, please contact the District Office, School District of Tomahawk at 715-453-5555.