

# **ELLEN TRIVANOVICH AQUATIC CENTER**

## **GENERAL RULES**

### **SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY**

- No running, horseplay, or foul language.
- No food or drink in or around the pool.
- No gum, glass containers, or alcohol.
- Smoking or vaping is prohibited anywhere within the facility or within 25 feet of the perimeter fence.
- Snorkels, water-squirting devices, balls, frisbees, and scuba masks are not permitted (the nose and mouth may not be covered).
- No pets are permitted, except service animals, which are allowed outside of the pool enclosure.
- Appropriate swimwear is always required.
- Swim diapers are required for all non-toilet-trained individuals.
- Non-swimmers must always remain within arm's reach of a supervising adult.
- Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a supervising adult at least 14 years of age.
- Children under 6 years of age must have a responsible adult in the water with them and within arm's reach when in deep water.
- Use of the Tot Area is restricted to children five (5) years of age and younger. A responsible person at least 14 years of age must directly always supervise each child in the water.
- Only U.S. Coast Guard-approved flotation devices are permitted.
- The pool will be cleared for a 15-minute safety break at quarter to every hour. During this time, the pool remains open to patrons 18 years of age and older.
- Chairs are not permitted within six (6) feet of the pool edge.
- No sharp objects, including knives, are permitted inside the aquatic facility.
- Lifeguards always have final authority.

### **Enforcement & Liability**

- The City assumes no liability for injuries or damage arising from participation in pool-related activities, except in cases of substantiated willful or gross negligence on the part of the City. Due to the physical nature of typical pool activities, all participants are advised to consult a physician regarding their personal fitness before engaging in regular or strenuous aquatic activities. All activities involve certain inherent risks and hazards, which participants voluntarily assume.
- Failure to comply with posted rules or staff instructions may result in removal from the facility without refund.
- The City of Avon Lake is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property.
- Entry into the facility constitutes acceptance of all posted rules and policies.

## Health & Hygiene

- Patrons must shower before entering the pool.
- Individuals with open wounds, contagious conditions, or who have experienced diarrhea within the past 14 days may not use the pool.
- No spitting, nose blowing, or release of bodily fluids in the pool.
- Children who are not toilet trained must be changed only in designated diaper-changing areas.
- Sunscreen or sunblock is strongly recommended for all patrons when using outdoor pool areas.
- Patrons should avoid applying oils, lotions, or other substances that may affect pool water quality.

## Safety & Supervision

- No breath-holding contests or prolonged underwater swimming.
- No sitting, hanging, or playing on lane lines, ropes, or safety equipment.
- No diving except in designated areas and only when permitted by lifeguards.
- No pushing, dunking, or rough play.
- Always follow posted depth markings.
- Enter the pool feet-first unless otherwise directed by lifeguards.

## Slides, Features & Attractions

- Only one rider is allowed on slides at a time, except on the Family Slide, which may accommodate up to four people. Adults may accompany children under 3 years of age.
- All slide and feature use must follow posted height, age, and weight requirements.
- Riders must slide in a forward, seated position with feet first. **Do not slide headfirst.**
- Wait for the lifeguard's signal before entering slides or attractions.
- Users must exit the slide landing area immediately after sliding.
- No standing, stopping, or turning around on slides.
- No climbing on play features, structures, or railings.
- Sitting on geysers, jets, or similar water features is not permitted.

## Facility & Conduct

- No loitering in locker rooms or restrooms.
- Proper footwear is required on deck; bare feet are permitted only in the water.
- Personal audio devices must be used with headphones.
- No bicycles, skateboards, or wheeled devices inside the facility.
- Lost and found items are not the responsibility of the Recreation Department.

## Weather & Emergencies

- The pool will close immediately in the event of lightning, thunder, or other hazardous weather.

- Patrons must exit the pool immediately when directed by staff during emergencies or drills.
- The pool will be cleared for a minimum of 30 minutes after any lightning is observed or thunder is heard. This 30-minute period will reset with each additional lightning strike or clap of thunder.
- The pool may remain closed if the outside temperature is below 70°F. If the temperature drops below 70°F during regular swim hours, the pool may close due to low attendance.
- In the event of a weather-related closure, the pool may reopen as soon as it is safe and feasible.
- No refunds will be issued for weather-related pool closures. Patrons are advised to check weather conditions before visiting the pool.

### **Vortex Feature Rules**

- The water vortex has a depth of 3'6" and a strong current. Users must exercise caution when entering, exiting, and using this feature.
- While typically a floating venue, patrons must be able to touch the bottom of the pool with flat feet. Small children may float with an adult within arm's reach, at a ratio of one adult per child.
- Patrons may not stop, walk against the current, or hold onto the walls while using the vortex. Stopping is only permitted for exiting the feature.
- Entry and exit are allowed **only** at the designated opening. Entering or exiting from other areas of the pool is prohibited.
- During crowded conditions, float times may be limited.
- Maximum capacity is six (6) swimmers at a time.
- No toys, flotation devices, or personal items are permitted in the water vortex.

### **Lap Lane Rules**

- Lap lanes are for continuous, straight-line swimming only.
- Circle swimming (counterclockwise) is required when more than one person is using a lane.
- Share lanes with others; faster swimmers should pass slower swimmers at the wall only.
- Persons not swimming lengths should remain in other pool areas.
- No diving unless specifically permitted in designated lap lanes. The use of starting blocks is restricted to approved swim practices and meets.
- No stopping, playing, or floating in lap lanes.
- Equipment such as kickboards, pull buoys, or fins may be used only if they do not interfere with other swimmers.
- Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a guardian if using a lap lane, at a ratio of one child per adult. Use by children under 18 is also at the discretion of the Recreation Director or designee.
- No hanging on lane lines.
- Lifeguard instructions must always be followed.

### **Diving Board**

- Only one person is allowed on the diving apparatus – including ladder and stairs – at a time.
- Divers must dive directly from the front end of the board. No backwards dives or jumps that turn toward the board.
- Upon surfacing, divers must immediately swim to the nearest ladder. Divers must not swim under the boards at any time.
- A diver must wait until the preceding diver has surfaced and reached the ladder.
- No general swimming is permitted in the diving area, unless the diving boards are closed by staff.
- Extended dives, or dives for distance, are prohibited.
- Diving board users must be able to swim to the ladder unassisted. In the event that a lifeguard, or other pool or Recreation Department staff, suspects that a potential diver may not possess sufficient swimming ability, they will be required to pass a swimming test before using the diving boards. Passage of this swim test will result in the issuance of a wristband that designates the potential diver as a sufficient swimmer.
- Cartwheels and handstands off the board or the side of the pool are prohibited.
- Goggles and personal flotation devices may not be worn when going off of the diving boards.

### **Lily Pads**

- You must be a minimum 48” tall to go across the lily pads.
- Swimmers are not allowed in the fall zone.
- Swimmers must exit the lily pad area under the blue rope immediately after falling off.
- One person at a time on the lily pads.
- Do not try to run across or jump from lily pad to lily pad.
- Do not skip pads when going across.
- For your safety swimming underwater in the lily pad area is not allowed.
- Must be off the blue pad while waiting in line.

### **Water Slide (10 feet or higher)**

- Maximum weight of the rider is 300 lbs.
- You must be a minimum 48” tall to ride the waterslide.
- Only one person on the slide at a time
- Slide feet first only, flat on back. Keep hands inside the slide at all times.
- Arms must be crossed on the yellow (speed) slide.
- No stopping, turning, standing, kneeling, or rotating.
- Goggles and glasses are prohibited on the yellow slide.
- Glasses securely affixed are allowed on the blue slide.

- Start slide when directed by the designated pool staff.
- Only 2 riders are allowed on the platform at a time (one for each slide).
- Exit receiving pool immediately following all instructions from the lifeguard.
- Lifejackets or other flotation devices are prohibited.

### **Lazy River**

- The Lazy River is a one-way attraction and has only one enter/exit area. Swimmers may not move against the current, nor enter/exit the Lazy River from any other point.
- Swim noodles are not required. Swimmers may take no more than one water noodle per person. All swim noodles must remain in the Lazy River.
- Parents must hold/support all non-swimming children. If a child has a PFD on, he/she must be within arm's reach of a responsible adult.
- Patrons must be 48" to ride the river unaccompanied.
- Some patrons may find the Lazy River's current to be strong. The ability to float (with, or without swim noodles, swim, tread water, or stand (water depth is 3'6") is necessary.
- Patrons may not stop, or hold onto the wall.
- The pool staff may limit the number of people in the Lazy River at any one time.
- Swimmers are not required to exit the Lazy River upon the completion of any 'lap'. However, on a busy day, lifeguards may be instructed to require swimmers to exit and let waiting swimmers enter the Lazy River.

### **Splash Pad**

- No lifeguard on duty
- All children must have adult supervision at all times.
- Food and glass containers are not permitted in the Splash Pad.
- Climbing on Splash Pad features is strictly prohibited.
- Roughhousing or violent play is prohibited.
- Athletic equipment, balls, bats, beach balls, noodles, etc. are not allowed on the splash pad.

### **Rock Wall**

- High dive board will be closed when the rock wall is in use. Schedule will alternate hours open.
- Lifeguard must be on duty.
- Experienced swimmers only.
- One climber at a time on the aqua climb.
- Swimmer must enter water to climb, not from the side.
- Only one swimmer at a time in drop zone.
- No diving or backflips, feet first entries only.
- Flotation devices not permitted.
- Maximum weight: 250 lbs.