

HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY POOL

RULES and REGULATIONS

The Hackettstown Pool is owned by The Town of Hackettstown, staffed by employees of The Town of Hackettstown, and policed (as needed) by The Hackettstown Police Department.

RULES:

- 1.** Membership badges are not transferable, suspension will result.
(Rationale: this is theft of services)
- 2.** No refunds due to weather. Bathing is prohibited during heavy rain, an electrical storm or other emergency.
(Rationale: act of God, safety issues)
- 3.** No refunds due to operational or mechanical issues not caused by us.
(Rationale: in rare cases, patrons may cause an issue)
- 4.** All bathing attire must be suitable for a family facility. “Street clothes, Brazil/French cut, thong style and/or revealing swim wear, cut-off jeans, skirts, shorts, sport bras, leotards, leggings, dri-fit wear, compression shorts and compression shirts are prohibited. Underwear and undergarments are not to be worn under swimsuits”.
(dpr.dc.gov)
(Rationale: can cause contamination of pool water, Lycra and Nylon are the best non-absorbent material. Absorbent materials can break down in the water and clog filters. Some clothes get very heavy when wet and create a drowning hazard. Revealing attire is not suitable for a family facility.)
- 5.** All children in diapers must wear plastic pants with snug fitting elastic waist and leg bands. Do not wash out soiled diapers in the bathing water.
(Rationale: health hazard and water contamination, N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4)

- 6.** Children should be encouraged to use the restroom before entering the water. Immediately report any “accidents” you observe in the bathing waters to a lifeguard.
(Rationale: prevention of water contamination and health hazards, N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4)
- 7.** Do not enter the water if you are experiencing or recovering from diarrhea or have had any signs or symptoms of a gastrointestinal (stomach) disease in the past seven days.
(Rationale: health hazard, N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4)
- 8.** No animals, except for service animals, shall be allowed in the swimming pool, wading pool.....dressing rooms, or other parts of the enclosure.
(Rationale: safety and health hazard, N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4)
- 9.** Any person showing evidence of any communicable skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharges, or any other communicable disease shall be denied admission.
(Rationale: health hazard to oneself and/or others, N.J.A.C. 8:26- 5.4)
- 10.** Any person with excessive sunburn, open blisters, cuts, or bandages shall be denied admission.
(Rationale: health hazard to oneself and/or others, N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4)
- 11.** No Coolers, Jugs or Food allowed inside the facility.
Patrons bringing their own food must use the outside picnic grove.
Snack Bar food must be eaten at the snack bar tables.
(Rationale: food and drink attracts flies and bees. Glass and sharp objects (ie. utensils) are a safety hazard)
- 12.** Glass containers shall be prohibited in the food and drink areas as well as throughout the facility.
(Rationale: safety hazard, N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4)

- 13.** All persons shall shower before entering the water.
(Rationale: helps prevent water contamination, N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4)
- 14.** No Smoking!
(Rationale: No smoking in parks or on school property in NJ)
- 15.** Conduct which endangers the safety and comfort of others shall be prohibited. This includes ball playing, running, rowdiness, roughness, loud music
(Rationale: safety concerns for participants and patrons, invasion of one's space, N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4)
- 16.** No Spitting or Gum Chewing. Pollution of the pool facility by any bodily fluids is strictly prohibited.
(Rationale: can spread disease, harmful to the cleanliness of the facility and the water)
- 17.** No Offensive Language
(Rationale: the pool is a family place)
- 18.** No flotation devices, snorkels, masks, or swim fins
(Rationale: The National Swimming Pool Foundation's research has shown that these devices can give people a false sense of security, encourage children toward deeper water, and can hold people under the water)
- 19.** Diving is only permitted from the diving boards. No forward or back flips from the pool decks.
(Rationale: Safety Hazard)
- 20.** Lap Lanes are for Lap Swimming ONLY. Please match your speed with others in the lane and observe a circle-swimming pattern (stay to the right in the lane).
(Rationale: Patron comfort and mutual respect)

- 21.** Possession or use of drugs or alcohol, or being under the influence is strictly forbidden. Persons suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall be prohibited from entering the water. If necessary, authorities will be called.
(Rationale: These behaviors are not legal on school or park property and are a safety hazard, N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4)
- 22.** All pool personnel are to be respected. Cooperate with them when they point out an issue to you.
(Each of our rules have carefully explored and explained rationales. All of our employees are highly trained and are helping to make the facility safe and clean for you.)
- 23.** The Pool Manager's Judgment shall prevail.
(Rationale: it is not possible to anticipate every possible issue that may arise, however, the Manager will make a decision based on safety, health and the welfare of the patrons collectively.)