

## Alcester Swimming Pool Rules

These rules were not designed for individual cases but to accommodate the general public.

Hours: Sunday – Friday 1:00 – 5:00 & 7:00 – 9:00, Saturday 1:00 – 5:00

### A. **General Pool Rules**

1. Guards have the right to dismiss anyone from the pool.
2. Staff has the authority to sit out patrons for reasonable periods of time for failure to obey Pool Rules and Regulations.
3. Rule enforcement is for parents and adults as well as for children.
4. Must be 75 degrees or above to open.
5. Lifeguards have the right to close the pool at their discretion (weather, low attendance, etc.)
6. General admission (only need to pay once for the whole day, including the night).
7. Patrons are allowed in the water only when lifeguards are on duty.
8. Patrons must take a shower before entering the pool area.
9. Only appropriate swimwear allowed in the pool area. Clean t-shirts may be worn in the water.
10. Changing clothes is only allowed in the bathhouse.
11. Talking to lifeguards on duty is prohibited except for emergencies or official business.
12. At each break- everyone under 18- must clear and stay out of pool and beyond the four-foot area. Anyone 18 and older can swim in the pool during break.
13. You enter the Alcester Pool at your own risk. Conduct, which may result in injury to yourself or others, will not be tolerated.
14. Running, wrestling, fighting, shoving, dunking, pushing others in the pool, or throwing others while in the pool is not permitted.
15. Spitting or spouting water is strictly forbidden.
16. Profanity, improper behavior (i.e.) such as public affection, and intoxication are not allowed.
17. Smoking cigarettes. e-cigarettes., vapes, or Juuls are permitted only outside pool area. Food and drink are not permitted in the water.
18. Chewing gum is not allowed in the pool.
19. Absolutely no glass - metal - or breakable objects are allowed on deck. This includes radios and swim aids.
20. Artificial swimming aids such as air mattresses and inner tubes are allowed. Lifeguard discretion.
21. Playing, sitting, pulling or standing on ropes and pool ladders are prohibited
22. Walk around the pool - NO RUNNING!
23. Persons with open sores, wounds, or rashes are not allowed in the facility. If the open wound is covered with a scab, admission will be permitted. Minor abrasions will be treated and sent home until scabbed or healed.
24. No child eight years of age or younger may be admitted to the pool unless accompanied by parent, guardian, or companion fourteen years or older. The individual supervising the child must remain inside the gated area of the pool at all times. He/she may wear street clothes.
25. Those individuals who were kicked out (on the last day) of the pool season will also be kicked out on the 1st week of the following season.

B. Lap Swim Rules

1. All lap swim participants must be 18 years of age or older unless approved by the manager.
2. Use of diving boards are prohibited during this time.
3. Lap swim will occur Sunday- Saturday 12:30 - 1 :30 p.m.
4. There will be no lap swim over the noon hour during the two weeks of swimming lessons in June and July.

C. Bath House Rules

1. Loitering, running, wrestling, shoving, or towel snapping, etc. is not allowed.
2. All persons are required to take a shower before entering pool area. This includes swimming lessons, lap swim, etc. Swimwear must be worn at all times while showering.
3. The City of Alcester and/or employees **are not responsible** for any lost/stolen property. Lock valuables in your car or leave them at home.

D. Wading Pool Rules

1. Only children six years of age or younger shall be permitted in the wading pool and they **must** be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or supervisor, who is at least fourteen years of age, with parental permission to watch the child. **No Unattended Children!**
2. No children over the age of six are permitted in the wading pool during breaks.

E. Diving Regulations

1. No swimming in dive area when the diving board is in use.
2. Diving is allowed only in designated areas.
3. One person at a time on diving board. Next person waits on the deck.
4. Always make sure the water in front of the board is clear before diving.
5. Clear the water immediately after diving.
6. Sit dives and hand-stands are prohibited.
7. Only the guard on duty can give you permission to do special dives.

F. Under most circumstances, swimmers should receive a warning before action is taken.

1. Guidelines for dealing with discipline:
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Kicked out for the rest of the day
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Kicked out for up to 3 days at guard discretion
  - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Kicked out for the season
2. If a child is suspended from the pool for a day or longer, the parents will be notified as soon as possible. A discipline report will be sent home with a copy to be signed by the parent before the child will be permitted to return to the pool.
3. When kicked out, individuals will be asked to leave the pool property.
4. If a parent or guardian has concerns with discipline taken, the concern must be taken to the City Council or Mayor. The Council or Mayor will follow-up with the guard in question.
5. **No refunds will be given!**