



# The Pools at Bellewood

## Aquatics Rules & Policies

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### General Facility Policy

The Pools at Bellewood are designed to provide a safe, welcoming, and family-oriented environment for all members and their guests.

All patrons are expected to comply with posted rules and to follow the direction of Bellewood management, lifeguards, and staff at all times. Management reserves the right to deny access or suspend privileges at its discretion.

Respectful behavior and appropriate language are expected at all times.

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### Patron Guidelines

1. A signed waiver must be on file prior to entering the facility.
  2. **Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible guardian (18 years or older). Caregivers not listed on a family account must be registered with the club.**
  3. **Outside food and beverages are not permitted.**
  4. Food is not permitted in or immediately adjacent to the pools.
  5. Beverages are permitted at the pool's edge; however, bulk containers (including beer buckets) must remain at tables or chairs and are not permitted on the pool deck.
  6. Members and guests are expected to properly dispose of all trash.
  7. Smoking and vaping are prohibited throughout the facility.
  8. Profane, disruptive, or abusive language is not permitted.
  9. Running on the pool deck is prohibited.
  10. Climbing on fences or facility structures is prohibited.
  11. **Chairs and umbrellas must remain in place. Lounge furniture may not be used for play.**
  12. Pets are not permitted.
  13. Access is limited to Bellewood Pool Members and registered guests during permitted times.
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## General Pool Rules

1. Swimming is not permitted without a lifeguard on duty.
2. Non-swimmers **must** be accompanied by an adult in the water and remain within arm's reach at all times. Life vests are encouraged but do not replace supervision.
3. Proper swim attire is required:
  - Swim diapers must be worn when applicable. Children wearing swim diapers are restricted to the zero-entry pool.
  - Family-appropriate swimwear is required at all times.
  - Cutoffs, khakis, and golf shorts are not permitted.
4. Rafts, noodles, and non-approved flotation devices are not permitted.
5. Horseplay, dunking, extended breath-holding, and rough play are prohibited.
6. Diving, flips, and backward entries from the pool deck are prohibited.

**Enforcement:** Violations may result in a warning, temporary removal from the pool, or suspension of privileges for the family, as determined by management.

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## Zero-Entry Pool

1. The zero-entry pool is intended for younger children.
  2. Children over the age of 6 may use the area only when accompanying younger siblings and must adhere to all rules.
  3. An adult must be in the water and within arm's reach of children at all times.
  4. Swim toys are permitted in this pool only.
  5. Climbing, sitting, or playing on the half wall is prohibited.
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## Activity Pool

1. Hanging on basketball rims or nets is prohibited.
  2. Hanging on the volleyball net is prohibited.
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## Lap Pool

1. **Balls and recreational equipment are not permitted in the lap pool.**
  2. Hanging on lane lines or ropes is prohibited.
  3. Climbing on starting blocks or accessibility equipment is prohibited.
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## Diving Board Guidelines

1. Use of the diving board is at the swimmer's own risk.
  2. Swimmers under the age of 10 must successfully complete a swim test prior to use.
  3. Only one person is permitted on the board at a time.
  4. Cartwheels, handstands, or hanging from the board are prohibited.
  5. Only one bounce is permitted prior to entry.
  6. Divers must exit the water promptly and proceed to the nearest ladder.
  7. The previous diver must reach the ladder before the next individual enters.
  8. No swimming or play is permitted in the diving area while the board is in use.
  9. Lifeguards may restrict dives or use of the board based on safety considerations.
  10. Swim Test Requirement: Swim half the width of the lap pool and return in water 6 feet deep or greater, followed by one minute of treading water.
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## Splash Pad Rules

1. Children under the age of 6 must be supervised by an adult.
  2. One rider is permitted per slide at all times.
  3. Riders must go feet-first. Headfirst entry is prohibited.
  4. Running on or around the splash pad is prohibited.
  5. Climbing on pipes, structures, or handrails is prohibited.
  6. Hanging or swinging on ropes is prohibited.
  7. Rough or excessive play is not permitted.
  8. Height requirements:
    - Blue & Green Slides: Minimum 40 inches
    - Purple Slide: Minimum 36 inches Staff may restrict access based on safety.
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## Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, all patrons must immediately follow staff and lifeguard instructions. Pools must be cleared during any rescue or incident.

An incident report will be completed with the involved parties and management following any occurrence.

Management maintains final authority in all safety-related matters. Unsafe or argumentative behavior may result in suspension of privileges.

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## Guest Policy

1. Members may invite guests in accordance with their membership privileges.
2. **Guest limit: Four (4) per visit.**
  - Monday–Thursday: \$10 per guest
  - Friday–Sunday: \$15 per guest
3. **Guests are not permitted on the following dates:**
  - Memorial Day Weekend (May 23–25)
  - July 4
  - Labor Day (September 7)
4. All guests must sign in and pay applicable fees prior to entry.
  - Children under age 2 are complimentary.
5. Groups exceeding four guests require advance approval from management.
6. Individual guests may not visit more than five times per season.
7. Guests must remain with the hosting member at all times.
8. Guest fees are non-refundable due to weather or facility closure.
9. Guests are required to comply with all club rules and policies.

***Membership Note: Only dependents residing within the household qualify under membership privileges.***

**Guest privileges may be restricted or revoked at management’s discretion.**

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## Weather Policy

In the event of lightning or thunder, all patrons must exit the pool immediately and seek appropriate shelter.

The pool will remain closed for 30 minutes following the last occurrence. Management may close the facility for the remainder of the day in the event of severe weather.

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## Lost & Found

Lost items will be collected and held on a temporary basis. Unclaimed items will be donated periodically. Valuable items will be secured by the Aquatics Director.

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## Recreational Equipment

Members are responsible for any damage caused to club equipment through misuse or negligence. Associated repair or replacement costs will be billed accordingly.

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## Swim Team

The Bellewood Swim Team is open to members ages 6–18.

- Practices are primarily held in the mornings prior to pool opening.
- Evening practice schedules will be determined by the coaching staff.

**Pool Closures for Home Meets (4:00 PM):** - Tuesday, June 16 - Tuesday, June 30 - Tuesday, July 7

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## Final Authority

Management reserves the right to amend or update these rules and policies at any time. All guidelines are in place to ensure a safe, clean, and enjoyable environment for the entire Bellewood community.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to a safe and enjoyable season.