



## City of Farmers Branch Aquatics Center Facility Rules

1. All Rules and Regulations set by the Farmers Branch Aquatics Center must be observed at all times. A copy of the rules are available to guests at request.
2. All guests must update emergency contact information, along with liability waiver signed to swim at our facility.
3. Ratio of Adult to Children swimmers (Adult : Children) shall not exceed the following:
  - a. Age 6 and under\* 1:3
  - b. Age 7 and older 1:10\*Adult supervisors must be with in arms reach of the children, and must be in the water with them.
4. Proper swim attire is **required**. This information can be found at fbh2o.com.
5. Guests may only attend during public swim hours. Reservations must be made in advanced.

The City of Farmers Branch has the right to amend or change rules set forth as needed.

### Pool Rules and Regulations

#### General Rules

1. Proper swim attire is required. This includes no bras, zippered shorts, or denim. T-shirts may be worn over a bathing suit. Spectators may accompany a swimming attired person into the pool area provided the spectator remains near the swimmer.
2. Admission to the pool may be denied for any of the following reasons:
  - a. Intoxication or under the influence of drugs (distract guest and call management).
  - b. Open wounds or sores (including sun blisters).
  - c. Those under the age of 10 without an adult (exception: parents who are under 18 with children).
3. Children 6 and under must have an adult in the water with in arms reach at all times
4. Everyone is encouraged to take a shower before entering the pool.
5. Children not potty trained must wear a swim diaper. Diapers are available for purchase if they do not have one.
6. Abusive or profane language will not be tolerated.
7. Vaping, smoking, alcoholic beverages, drugs, weapons, and gambling are not permitted at the pool or anywhere on the complex. Repeated warnings will result in calling the police.
8. Chewing gum is not permitted in the pool.
9. Glass bottles and containers are prohibited inside or adjacent to the pool. Food and beverages (in plastic containers) may be brought in to the facility if confined to designated areas.
10. There must be no running, rough play, or fighting on the deck or in the water. Dunking, riding shoulders, etc. is not allowed. Guests are not allowed to throw other guests into or across the water. Diving off shoulders or hands of other guest is not permitted.
11. Public display of affection is prohibited.
12. No diving in any pools.
13. Actions deemed unsafe by the lifeguards are prohibited.
14. Guests must stay off lane ropes, safety lines, and guard chairs.



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15. Only US coast guard approved lifejackets will be permitted in the pool. The coast guard label must be presented to staff. Any other type of floatation device is prohibited. Only FBAC inner tubes will be permitted in the Lazy River. Adult supervision is required in the water for anyone utilizing a lifejacket regardless of age. Lifejackets are available, if needed.
16. Guests must use US Coast Guard approved lifejackets will be permitted in the pool. If any guest is not using the Coast Guard lifejacket properly, the lifeguard will inform the guest how to use it correctly or remove it from them.
17. Loitering is not permitted adjacent to the Aquatics Center entrance.
18. Only employees are permitted in the lifeguard and staff offices, concession stand, ticket booth, filter areas, mechanical rooms, storage, and anywhere else deemed inappropriate by management.
19. Guests are not to use the office phone. A phone is available in the Natatorium lobby, or in the lifeguard break room. Guests may use the office phone under supervision for a limited time.
20. Only service animals are permitted in the pool area. Animals are not permitted in the water.
21. Toys will not be permitted in the Frog Pond at any time, water toys are allowed in the Natatorium, at the discretion of staff.
22. Prolonged underwater swimming or breath holding is prohibited.
23. Clothing with offensive wording or symbols will not be permitted, and is at the discretion of the management.
24. Guests will not be able to loiter in the pool area. All guests entering the pool area must be dressed to swim unless they are an adult supervising a child 10 years of age or older. Children 6 years of age and under must have an adult 16 years of age or older within arm's reach in the water at all times.
25. If there are repetitive offenses, the head guard will be summoned to discuss actions.
26. Per city ordinance, head guards on duty may eject or suspend persons from the pool area for violation of pool rules, not following lifeguard instruction, harassment of lifeguards or supervisors, or any other action detrimental to the safe and orderly operation of the pool. In the case of serious misconduct the Police Department will be called. In cases involving children, parents will be notified and in some cases the Police Department may be called.

### Indoor Pool Rules/Regulations

#### Lap Pool

1. Lap lanes are for continuous lap swimming at specified hours. The intent of lap lanes is for fitness and instruction.
2. Hours of lap lanes will vary with seasons and programming.
3. There will be one lap lane open at all times, unless there is a program going on.
4. If needed, swimmers should split lanes in half or use circle swimming.
5. No diving.
6. Ramp is for entry and exit of pools only, no standing or playing.
7. No walking on the ramp walls, staff only
8. No hanging on the lane ropes
9. The Guest "traffic" cones. There are four types of cones.
  - a. Swim: Lanes for lap swimming only; BLUE CONES



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- b. Self-Guided Workouts: other fitness types excluding lap swim; PINK CONES
- c. Scheduled classes: fitness or swim lessons, area/lane is reserved; LIME CONES
- d. Open swim: all ages allowed for recreational/fitness swim; WHITE CONES

### Therapy Pool

1. It is for structured activities, training and therapy, unless it is open swim
2. Hours of Therapy Pool will vary with seasons and programming.
3. Only aquatic shoes may be used.
4. No diving.
5. No walking on the ramp walls, staff only

### Outdoor Pool Rules/Regulation

#### Activity Structure

1. An adult must supervise children under 10, children 6 and under must have an adult in the water within arm's reach at all times.
2. No running on or around the play structure.
3. No headfirst sliding on slides or in tunnels.
4. No climbing on pipes or handrails.
5. No hanging on or swinging on pull ropes.

#### Activity Structure Slides

1. One person per slide, 200 lbs. is max weight.
2. Children under 36 (3 ft.) tall are not permitted on this ride.
3. No adults may go down any of the Activity Pool Slides.
4. Swim wear with exposed zippers, buckles, rivets or metal ornamentation are not permitted on the slides. Bunkz will need to be provided to those individuals.
5. Forming chains is prohibited.
6. Slide must be ridden feet first lying on your back.
7. Dispatch each rider once the slide trough is clear.
8. Riders must wait for the lifeguard instructions.
9. Do not run, dive, stand, kneel, rotate or stop in the slide.
10. Do not block the end of the slide.
11. Leave the slide quickly and orderly.
12. No swimming or floatation devices allowed in the slide.

#### Lazy River

1. Tubes are only to be used within the river but are not required.
2. Keep hands and feet inside the river.
3. Do not flip over tubes with people in them.
4. Tubes must remain in the bank or in the river.
5. Put tubes in the bank when exiting.
6. No tube "chains"



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### Lagoon

1. The top ledge is a tanning/relaxation ledge, no climbing or sliding on loungers.
2. No diving.
3. No jumping over the steps.
4. No one may sit in or around the handicap lift unless it is being used to lower someone in or lift someone out of the water.

### Slides

1. There will be one lifeguard at the top of the slides.
2. There will be one lifeguard at the bottom of the slides.
3. One person per slide, 300 lbs. is max weight.
4. Children under 40 (3.3 ft.) tall are not permitted on this ride. Children 6 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult, but cannot slide down together.
5. Pregnant women and those with a history of heart problems or back trouble should not use slides.
6. Swim wear with exposed zippers, buckles, rivets or metal ornamentation are not permitted on the slides. Bunkz will need to be provided to those individuals.
7. Never form chains.
8. Slide must be ridden feet first lying on your back.
9. Delay dispatch of next rider if the slide landing area is obstructed.
10. Riders must wait for the lifeguard to dispatch before going.
11. Do not run, dive, stand, kneel, rotate or stop in the slide.
12. Do not block the end of the slide.
13. Leave the slide quickly and orderly fashion.
14. No swimming or floatation devices allowed in the slide.
15. Be prepared to enter shutdown lane to assist customer out of pool.