

Pool Admission Policy

Ontario Public Pools are required to follow the Regulations set out in the Health Protection and Promotions Act R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 565. Regulation 17 (21) requires: “Every owner and every operator of a Class A pool shall ensure that there is a process in place to ensure a guardian or designated person supervises children under 10 years of age. The process must include a swimming competency test and a method of communicating the requirements of the process. O.Reg.494/17, s.13(10).”

Below is the Pool Admission Policy for the Mooretown Sports Complex:

- a) **Children under the age of 10 years who are *non/weak swimmers*** must be accompanied in the water by a parent or guardian who is at least 16 years of age and responsible for their direct supervision (within arm’s reach). The ratio of non/weak swimmers to parent or guardian may be a maximum of 2 bathers to one parent or guardian (2:1) if they are NOT wearing an *approved* lifejacket. The ratio of non/weak-swimmers to parents or guardian may be increased to a maximum of 4 bathers to one parent or guardian (4:1) if approved lifejackets are worn by all non/weak-swimmers in their charge.
- b) **Children under the age of 10 (but over the age of 7 & over 48 inches tall)** who are capable *swimmers* able to comfortably complete the facility swim test may be admitted to the swimming pool without a guardian who is 16 years of age within arm’s reach – however, this guardian **MUST** stay in the facility.
- c) **Children under the age of 10 years (but over the age of 6 years) or under 48 inches tall** (*regardless of swimming ability*) may not be admitted to the swimming pool unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian in the water who is responsible for their direct supervision, with a maximum of two children for each parent or guardian (if not in an approved lifejacket) or the ratio may be increased to a maximum of 4 bathers to one parent or guardian (4:1) if an approved lifejacket are worn by all non/weak-swimmers in their charge.
- d) **Children 6 years of age and under** will not be admitted to the swimming pool unless they are accompanied by a parent / guardian who is responsible for their direct supervision in the water to a maximum of 2 children without lifejackets. If lifejackets are to be worn by all children ratio may be increased to 4:1 however a swim evaluation wearing a lifejacket of each child is required to ensure those children are capable of comfortably swimming with a lifejacket – this is at the discretion of the lifeguard on duty and is subject to change at any time.
ALL children must always stay WITHIN ARMS REACH / Direct Supervision of the guardian.
- e) **Supported individuals** must be accompanied by an adult/guardian/social worker.
- f) Guardians or group leaders are responsible for the children in their care while in the facility and must always directly supervise the children.
- g) **Guardians** or group leaders **must** be at least 16 years of age.

*Facility Swim Test = demonstrate comfortably /continuously swimming 2 widths of MSC Pool

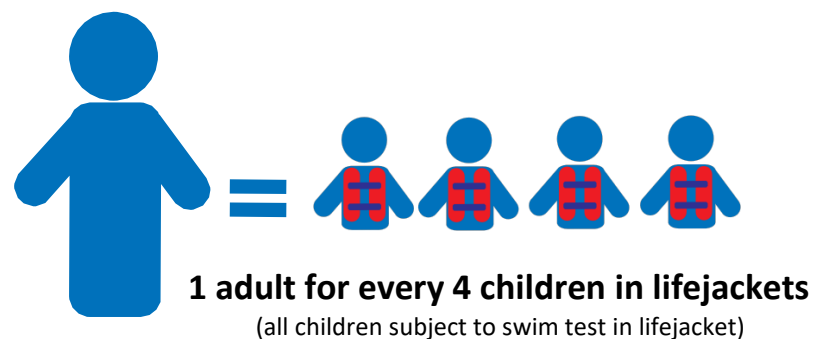
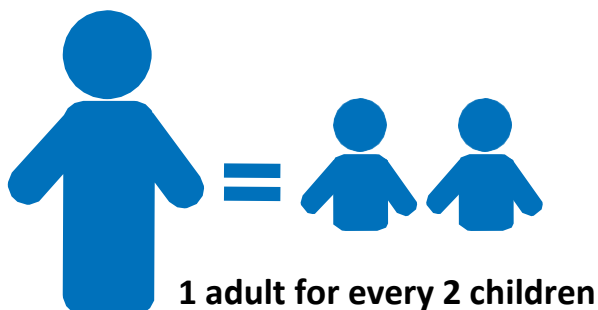
*Direct Supervision = within arms reach of the Adult/Guardian

* Approved Lifejacket = A Canadian approved lifejacket or PDF (please call for more specifications)

* Non/weak swimmer = inability to demonstrate comfortably/continuously swimming 2 widths of MSC pool.

* Adult/guardian = 16 years of age/older

CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS OF AGE



Tested swimmers (over 10 years) permitted to swim alone



Children under 7 (or 48 inches tall) admitted ONLY with a Guardian



Children unable to pass swim test