



AQUATICS DEPARTMENT FAQ's

At the YMCA, our Mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Where can I find the pool schedule?

Pool Schedules can be found on the YMCA website, App, and at the Membership Desk.

Can my child be in the pool without me?

Ages 0-4: Must have an adult in the water with them, and must be within arm's reach

Ages 5-7: Must have an adult with them in the water, within arm's reach or must be green band approved. Parent must stay in the pool area

Ages 8-11: No parent required in the water, just the building. Must be green band approved or they can only use the shallow end of the pool.

Find our Safety Guide [HERE](#).

What is a swim test?

A swim test or "green band test" is a skills check done by the lifeguard to ensure your child has the appropriate swimming skills to be in the deep end of the pool. Find more information [HERE](#).

How do I schedule a swim test for my child?

You can speak with the Membership staff or the Lifeguard.

How do I get my child's green band?

Once your child has passed the swim test, you will need to stop at the Membership Desk to get their band each time they want to swim.

How old do you have to be to use the following amenities:

Hot Tub: Age 14 years and older

Sauna: Age 14 years and older

Steam Room: Age 14 years and older

**Please note: At our Central Branch these amenities are located in the Health Center and require an additional fee at this branch only. Members must be 18 years of age and older to use these features at this location.*

What is the approved swim attire for the pool?

Modest and appropriate swim attire should be worn in the pool.

What are the guidelines for outside items at the pool?

Goggles: Yes, provided they do not cover the mouth.

Water Toys: Dive toys and rings are allowed. No blow-up toys, no squirt guns.

Floaties/Life Jackets: Yes, but *they must be US Coast Guard approved*. The YMCA provides some lifejackets and puddle jumpers as well.

Water Shoes: Yes, water shoes are permitted.

Does my child need to be potty trained to be in the pool?

No, they do not need to be potty trained; however, swim diapers and a bathing suit are required.

My child is signed up for swim lessons, what do they need to bring?

Members participating in swim lessons should bring a bathing suit and towel. Goggles are optional.

Do I need to be present while my child is in swim lessons?

Yes, a parent or guardian is required to remain at the facility in the pool area while their child is taking swim lessons.

How do I sign up for private swim lessons?

To sign up for private swim lessons, please call the branch you where you want to take your lessons or stop by the Welcome Desk of the branch location.

If you have further questions, please call or stop into your branch for further assistance.

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