

AQUATIC FACILITY FAQs

Why Do You Require Members and Guests to Be Swim Tested?

In order to provide the highest level of safety, the Levin JCC swim tests all patrons under the age of 18. This allows lifeguards to distinguish swimmers according to their skill, and it prevents swimmers from engaging in activities beyond their abilities. Our swim test protocols are based on guidelines from our insurance company, who works with hundreds of YMCAs and JCCs across the country, and are designed to protect our youth. Please see the swim testing policies and procedures for more specific details.

When and Why do the Lifeguards Call Adult Swim?

The last ten minutes of every hour are designated as “adult swim” for both pools. Anyone under the age of 18 must get out of the pool unless they are participating in a JCC program or are a non-walking infant in their parent’s arms. This gives lap swimmers and adults an opportunity to utilize the pool area. More importantly, this is a time for young swimmers to rest, grab a snack, hydrate, re-apply sunscreen and visit the restroom.

What are Your Rules Regarding Flotation Devices?

The Levin JCC only permits the use of Coast Guard approved flotation devices. Other types of support are not held to the same standard of safety, and they give individuals a false sense of security. All inflatable devices (i.e. water wings, inner tubes, air mattresses, beach balls, etc.) are prohibited in both pools. Noodles may be used in the lap pool only. These rules ensure the highest level of protection for Levin JCC patrons.

Why Can't I Go Down the Slide with My Child?

The manufacturer’s rules for our slide state that only one person may go down the slide at a time. With our slide’s design it is not uncommon for patrons to go underwater at the end of their ride, therefore it is in the interest of everyone’s safety that only one person is on the slide at a time. In order to ensure the highest level of safety we require that all patrons under the age of 18 must be a yellow band to enjoy the slide.

Why Can't I Wear Goggles or Sunglasses on the Slide and Diving Board?

Goggles and sunglasses are not permitted on the slide or the diving board. Eyewear is a safety concern as it may be damaged from impact with the slide or from the forceful entry into the pool from the diving board. Also, goggles can easily come off while youth use the slide and diving board. Many children are goggle dependent and tend to panic when their goggles come off. This rule is to ensure the safety of all patrons.

Why are My Children Not Allowed to Play on the Ramp?

The lap pool’s entry ramp is not a play area. The handrail that protrudes from the water is a hazard for patrons running and playing on the ramp. The ramp is reserved for patrons unable to utilize the stair entry area, and it should not be used for recreational purposes.

What are the Aquatic Facilities Policies During Inclement Weather?

Both pools are closed for 30 minutes anytime lightening is seen or thunder is heard. The 30-minute closing period begins each time lightning or thunder occurs. If lightning is seen all patrons must leave the pool deck immediately. We also reserve the right to close the pools for safety precautions during a weather watch or warning issued by the National Weather Service.

What are the Parental Expectations for Non-Swimmers?

If your child is a red band, they may not go in the deep end of the lap pool, off the diving board, or down the slide. Red bands 4 years and younger must have a parent/guardian in the water within arm's reach at all times. In order for red bands 5 years and older, but less than 48 inches, to use the shallow end of the lap pool – they must have a parent in the water within arm's reach, or wear a lifejacket and have a parent/guardian who is in continuous visual contact with the child (i.e. not reading, lap swimming, etc.). Red bands 5 years and older are allowed in the family pool without a parent, but the parent must be present within the deck area of the family pool and have continuous visual contact with the child (i.e. not reading, talking on their cell phone, etc.)

Do you Have Plans to Bubble the Lap Pool?

The Levin JCC does not have any plans to bubble the lap pool for 2012. Information is being collected to discuss the possibility of a bubble in future years, but there is no definite plan one way or another at this point.