



Grand River Conservation Authority Pool Rules & Regulations

The following rules and regulations must be followed by all visitors to the pool and pool enclosure, including those not swimming. Management reserves the right to refuse admittance or remove anyone from the pool area for not following these rules.

1. Pool access or re-entry is not guaranteed. Pool wristbands are only sold until capacity is reached. If capacity is reached, no pool wristbands will be sold until capacity is reassessed at 4:00 pm. For real-time capacity information, see our [Conservation Area and Activity Status page](#).
2. The pool entry fee for everyone 4 and older (including registered campers) is \$2.50, including those in the pool enclosure but not swimming.
3. For your safety, the pool will be closed if there is lightning, thunder or heavy rainfall. The pool will remain closed until staff see the last bolt of lightning or hear the last sound of thunder. Refunds will not be issued if you choose to leave due to light rain or cool weather. Closure details will be posted on our [Conservation Area and Activity Status page](#).
4. At Byng Island, registered campers can pre-purchase their wristbands at the gatehouse from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All day users and campers who did not pre-register must purchase their wristbands in the pool area beginning at 11:00 a.m. From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, pool wristbands can only be purchased at the concession building in the pool parking lot. On Monday and Thursday, pool wristbands can be purchased at the pool change building.
5. At Brant Conservation Area, pool wristbands can be bought at the front gate or at the lifeguard house when the pool opens.
6. The following rules apply for wristbands:
 - a. Wristband holders are subject to pool capacity restrictions and wait times.
 - b. Red wristbands are for swimmers under 10. These swimmers must always be within an arm's length of their caregiver.
 - c. Green wristbands are for swimmers aged 10 or older. These swimmers can jump off the diving board and swim in the deep end without a lifejacket. Children aged 6-9 can get a green wristband if they complete a swim test with a lifeguard or lifeguard assistant. See Swim Test Assessment section for more details.
7. No floaties, puddle jumpers or water wings are allowed. Only Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) approved floatation devices are allowed in the pool.
8. The following are not allowed in the pool area:
 - a. Glass
 - b. Masks and flippers; only swimming goggles are allowed
 - c. Tents; only small sunshades or umbrellas are allowed
 - d. Polluting of the pool or pool deck including spitting, spouting of water, or blowing the nose
 - e. Boisterous play
 - f. Smoking or cannabis use
 - g. Pets (except for service dogs which are allowed on the pool enclosure only, not in the pool)
 - h. People with communicable diseases or open sores
9. Small balls can be thrown between the 2–4-foot black lines. Play must be respectful to nearby swimmers.
10. All children 12 and younger and non-swimmers must be accompanied by a parent or responsible supervisor. Supervisors must be 16 years of age or older.
11. Prepared and packaged food is allowed in the grass area only and not on the pool deck or in the pool. Cooking/barbecuing is not permitted in the pool area.

Swim test assessment

If children aged 6-9 would like to get a green wristband, they must complete a swim test with a lifeguard or lifeguard assistant and meet the criteria below.

The swim test participant must demonstrate comfort in the water and swim on their front for 20 metres in the designated swim test area of the pool. The swim test will also include a change in direction.

To properly assess a participant's swimming ability, aquatic staff must observe the following during the swim test:

- no touching of the bottom or wall of the pool
- completion of the entire distance comfortably and confidently
- swimmer's body must be positioned horizontal and near the surface
- continuous swimming with no stopping or resting at any point
- strong forward movement throughout