

OLD ECONOMY POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Swimming Pool at Old Economy Park is open for public swim from the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day from 12 Noon - & 6 PM, weather permitting.

I. ACCESS AND USE OF COUNTY SWIM FACILITY

1. Types of Authorization – The following persons are authorized to utilize the County’s swimming pool at Old Economy Park:

A. Individual Season Pass – May be purchased for a youth, adult or senior. This pass entitles the holder thereof to utilize the swimming facility at any time they are open for public use.

B. Family Season Pass – Variable fees for 2 person, 3 person and 4 person family units. Additional family members may be added at an additional fee.

C. Day Pass – A person that is not a holder of a season pass must purchase a Day Pass in order to utilize the swimming facility for the day on which the pass was issued.

D. Children – Children under the age of 13 may enter the swimming facility if they are accompanied by an adult or guardian (18 years or older) who is the holder of a Season or Day Pass. No one (1) adult or guardian may bring more than four (4) children less than 13 years of age.

E. Other Authorization – A person who is season pass holder or guest of an individual or group that has entered into a contract with the County for use of the swimming facility in accordance with terms and limitations of the contract.

- a. **Groups** – Group rates are available for groups of twenty (20) or more and can consist of all ages.

Swimming Passes and Day Passes are personal to an individual and may not be sold, transferred or otherwise assigned in any manner.

The Board of Commissioners may change or alter Swim Pass rules or privileges at any time.

2. Fees and Charges – The Board of Commissioners shall establish and revise the costs from time to time through adoption of an ordinance establishing such rates.

3. Refunds – The fees paid for season passes are non-refundable. The purchaser of a Day Pass is entitled to a refund or credit if the pool is closed while they are present by County staff prior to the scheduled close time. Upon early closure, County staff will present Day Pass purchasers with a voucher that can be presented for credit on future purchases or can be mailed to the County for a refund. Lost vouchers cannot be replaced.

4. Pool Hours – The Board of Commissioners shall establish and amend from time to time a schedule specifying the dates and hours that the swimming pool facility will be open.

5. Pool Closure – The Director or his or her designee may close or limit the number of patrons at the pool at any time in his or her sole and absolute discretion for the protection of health and safety, for operational and maintenance purposes, bad weather, low attendance, or for any other reason.

The pool will not open due to forecasted high temperatures of 68 degrees F or lower. Decisions to open at Noon are made by 11:30 A.M. If the pool does not open at Noon it will be reassessed at 1:30 PM for a 2 PM opening. If the pool does not open by 2 P.M., it will remain closed for the day.

Individuals can learn of program cancellation, schedule changes or closures by checking the County's Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/beaverCtyPA/>.

II. POOL PRIVILEGES

1. **General** – All persons are required to comply with the County's rules and policies governing use of the swimming pool. Privileges may be suspended at any time as determined necessary by any County representative for the protection of health or safety.

2. **Rules** – All patrons of the County's swimming pool must abide by the following rules at all times:

Safety Rules

a. No one is permitted in the swimming pool or pool area until Lifeguards are on duty and sitting in the chairs.

b. No alcoholic beverages, glass of any kind, illegal drugs or fireworks are allowed on the premises. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs is not permitted in the pool area.

c. Anyone under the age of thirteen (13) must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian (age 18 years or older).

d. To be allowed in the deep end, **everyone** must be able to pass a 25-meter or two widths swimming test and 30-second deep water tread. Anyone not passing this test must stay in water that is no deeper than his/her chest. This includes adults with children that cannot pass a deep test. Swimmers must swim the crawl stroke, tread water and clearly show good swimming ability. The Lifeguard's determination of pass or fail is final. **No flotation devices permitted in deep end.**

e. Children over 4' tall are not permitted in the Baby Pool. Children in Baby Pool **must** be accompanied by an adult.

f. Ladders are used only to enter and exit the pools.

- g. No diving is permitted except in designated areas (over 5 ft.).
- h. No running, dunking, or horseplay is permitted in the pool or pool deck.
- i. No flotation devices except Coast Guard approved vests are permitted. This is a safety issue. Flotation devices give a false sense of security and are often used in place of adult supervision. Flotation devices such as water wings are inflatable and can easily deflate or slide off the child's arms. Swimsuits with inflatable rings around the waist are also not permitted. The Coast guard approved vests will keep the child's head out of the water.
- j. No rafts, Frisbees, balls, or toys of any kind are permitted in the pool or pool area except during instruction, competitive swims, or program times. A designated area of the shallow end of the pool may be sectioned off for selected use of approved water toys (examples: noodles or diving rings). Noodles may not be used as flotation devices at any time. Kickboards, pull buoys, water weights and aqua joggers etc... may only be used in conjunction with lap swimming or pool programs. Water toys are permitted in baby pools.
- k. No smoking is permitted by Employees or Patrons in the pool area, the office and guards room, or within 50 feet of the exterior fence of the pool.
- l. Radios are not permitted in the pool area except with individual headsets. Radios may not be worn in the pool (This excludes staff areas).
- m. No abusive or profane language is permitted in the pool or pool area.
- n. Food and drink is only allowed in designated areas. No alcoholic beverages allowed.
- o. Cell phones are prohibited inside changing rooms.
- p. No loitering is permitted in the lifeguard stand areas.
- q. No BBQ grills are allowed in the premises.
- r. Patrons are not permitted to jump off of the lifeguard chairs. Staff is also prohibited from jumping off the lifeguard chairs except in the act of performing an in water rescue.
- s. Patrons are required to comply with lifeguard directives at all times.
- t. When thunder is heard and/or lightning observed, the pool and the deck will be cleared for 30 minutes after the last thunder clap or lightning flash is observed. Lifeguard will provide an all clear before patrons are allowed to return.

Health Rules

- a. Persons having any apparent skin disease, wearing Band-Aids or bandages, or having any communicable disease, cannot enter the pool except with a written permit of current date signed by a physician.
- b. All persons using the swimming pool should take a cleansing (soap) shower before entering the pool.
- c. Spitting, spouting water, and blowing the nose is prohibited in the pool or the overflow gutter.
- d. No food of any kind is permitted in the dressing rooms, on the pool deck, or in the pool. Drinks are permitted in designated areas only and must be in non-glass containers.
- e. With the exception of service animals for persons with developmental or physical disabilities, absolutely no pets are permitted in the pool area. Patrons who tie pets outside of the pool are abusing the animal and violating park rules. Inform these patrons that they must leave the pool area.
- f. All swimmers must wear conventional bathing suits. Cut-offs, jean shorts, sweat pants, thongs or boxers are not permitted in the pool. A plain T-shirt is permissible, preferably white. Underwear may not be worn at any time while swimming, even under a bathing suit.
- g. Swim diapers may be used in a swimming pool. Regular diapers are prohibited in the pool.
- h. No glass containers or breakables of any kind (such as suntan lotion or shampoo bottles) are permitted in the pool area.

3. **Enforcement** – The County’s lifeguards and other staff are authorized to enforce all rules and policies regarding the County’s swimming pool, and to take such actions as reasonably necessary to protect the safety of patrons at the pool. Depending on the nature and severity of a violation, the consequences for violations of the County’s rules or directives of lifeguards may be reprimands, notification of parents, suspension of privileges or termination or criminal prosecution. In most cases, persons who violate the County’s rules will be subject to the following:

- i. First Violation – Warning;
- ii. Second Violation – Suspension from the pool for one hour; and
- iii. Third Violation – Suspension from the pool for the remainder of the day or remainder of the season as applicable.