



Budlong Aquatics Center Rules

These rules are provided as a courtesy to our guests. This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list. Specific questions or concerns should be directed at the Aquatics Center Manager.

GENERAL RULES

1. All patrons entering the facility **MUST** pay the full price of admission as established by the Parks and Recreation Department. There are no refunds.
2. Children 8 years of age and under must be accompanied by a parent(s), guardian(s) or a competent person at least 16 years of age. The adult must be directly always supervising the child. Children 5 years of age and under (and any non-swimmers) must always be within arm's reach of an adult.
3. **ALL SWIMMERS MUST BE ATTIRED IN A SWIMSUIT!** No thong bikinis or shorts with belts, no jean/jean cut-offs, etc. are allowed.
 - a. Spectators may accompany a person dressed in a swimsuit into the pool area provided the spectators remain behind the white line. Spectators dressed in street clothes are not allowed in the water.
 - b. Spectators must pay the regular admission fee.
4. All children wearing disposable or cloth diapers must have their diapers securely closed with a pair of plastic pants that feature elastic leg and waist openings. Swim diapers are recommended. Please do not change diapers on the pool deck.



5. Admission to the pool may be denied for any of the following reasons:
 - a. When it is apparent that the individual is physically or mentally unable to care for him/herself.
 - b. Intoxication or under the influence of drugs
 - c. Evidence of having an illness that could be contagious to other patrons
 - d. Open wounds or sore, including sores from sunburn
 - e. Any person whose admittance, in the opinion of the facility supervisor, would be detrimental to the safety of patrons and operation of the pool.
6. All patrons must take a shower before entering the pool.
7. Abusive or profane language will not be permitted. Patrons participating in harassing and or/ violent behavior will receive immediate disciplinary action. In addition, any patron possessing a weapon will be denied admission and/or be asked to leave without refund. The Cranston Police Department will be called.
8. Smoking, other tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, and gambling are not permitted.
9. Glass bottles and containers of food are prohibited inside the pool compound. Only PLAIN water in plastic bottles is allowed.
10. There will be no running, rough play, or fighting on the deck or in the water. Dunking, riding shoulders, etc. is not allowed. Patrons are not allowed to throw other patrons into or across the water. Diving off shoulders or hands of other patrons is not allowed.
11. Acts of physical affection are not permitted.
12. Back dives, somersaults, cannonballs, and can-openers from pool sides are not permitted. No diving is permitted.
13. Swimmers must stay off the lap lane ropes and lifeguard stands.
14. Only certified approved flotation devices are allowed. No other types of flotation devices are permitted in the pool, including floaties.
15. Only employees are permitted in the filter areas, mechanical rooms, storage rooms, etc.
16. Animals are not allowed inside the pool area.



17. Aquatic Center staff may ask a person to demonstrate their swimming ability. Non-swimmers must be directly supervised and within arm's reach of an adult in the water.
18. Pool toys are prohibited.
19. Loud music boxes, cubes etc, can be used at a reasonable volume level. Music must be clean of all profanity or any sexually explicit language. If music does not meet these guidelines, the person will be asked to leave the facility.
20. Facility supervisors may eject and suspend people from the pool area for violation of the pool rules, not following lifeguard instructions, harassment of lifeguards or supervisors, or any action detrimental to the safe and orderly operation of the pool. In case of serious misconduct, the Cranston Police Department will be called. In cases of children, parents will be notified.
21. The Aquatics Center Staff is not responsible for items that are lost, stolen, vandalized, or left unattended. Baskets are provided, free of charge, to store personal items. The facility will maintain a "lost and found" for any item that is returned or found after closing. These items will be logged in and if not claimed after 2 weeks, donated to a charitable organization.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/ POOL CLOSURES

The Budlong Aquatics Center may close from time to time, based on possible unsafe weather conditions or situations, or when weather conditions are so poor that the likelihood of swimmers is very small. The closure of the Center is at the discretion of the operating facility manager and of the Parks and Recreation Director.

The Budlong Aquatics Center may close, but is not limited to the following reasons:

1. The Center will be evacuated in the event of either thunder or lightning, as is recommended by the American Red Cross and National Weather Service. The Center will remain empty for 30 minutes after the last occurrence of thunder or lightning. The Center may close for the remainder of the day if the thunder or lightning continues for one hour or more.
2. The Center will close under the following bad weather conditions, based on recommendations by the American Red Cross, and on the low likelihood of swimmers:
 - a. If it is consistently raining for more than one hour, or hard enough the Lifeguard Staff are unable to clearly see the bottom of the pool.
 - b. If either the temperature or wind chill factor is too low to support swimming.
3. At any time during the 30-minute evacuation period, patrons may ask for a hand stamp to return later in the day. There are no refunds.