

City of Terrell  
Park and Recreation Department Swimming Pool Rules

## Rules & Policies

### General

1. **All guests must pay the price of admission or have a current season pass to enter.**  
*Ord. No. 1452-Sec 1-17 (a)*
2. **Children under the age of fourteen (14) years must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or responsible adult eighteen (18) years old or older.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b) & TDH Sec 265.201(j) (5)*
3. **Children under five (5) years of age or all non-swimmers must be supervised by a responsible adult/person eighteen (18) years old or older, who is in a bathing suit and in the water and within arms' reach of the child at all times. Children should never be left unattended at any time in the pool area.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
4. **All instructions given by Lifeguards and/or all Aquatic Staff must be followed. Any patron who violates these rules will be given a verbal warning for the first offense and asked to leave if a second offense occurs.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
5. **Animals are prohibited with the exception of service animals. Service animals are allowed on the Deck Only, not in the water.**  
*TDH Sec 265.203*
6. **The pool is a non-smoking facility. No tobacco products of any kind are permitted. This includes outside of the fence.**  
**NOTE: BEN GILL PARK IS SMOKE FREE**  
*Ord. No 2619*
7. **Chewing gum, alcoholic beverages, grills, lighters, illegal substances, knives, weapons or breakable objects are not permitted in the pool area. "GLASS ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE POOL YARD"**  
*Food and beverage must be confined to the concession area only, no coolers are allowed.*  
*TDH Sec 265.202 (a, b)*
8. **Diving permitted in designated areas only.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
9. **Guests may be required to take a swim test to access certain areas of the pool. Non-swimmers and weak swimmers may be required to wear a lifejacket.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
10. **Flotation devices will be allowed at the manager's discretion. No arm floats are allowed. Flotation devices must be certified by the U.S. Coast Guard.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
11. **There will be a 10 minute break at the top of each hour. Ages 18 and up may continue to swim, but all other guests must sit outside the water during the pool check.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
12. **"EXTENDED BREATH HOLDING ACTIVITIES ARE DANGEROUS AND ARE PROHIBITED"**  
*TDH Sec 265.201 (j) (5)*

### APPAREL & HYGIENE

1. **Proper swimwear is required. (NO STREET CLOTHES, REVEALING OR TRANSPARENT SWIMWEAR, BASKETBALL SHORTS, CUT-OFFS, T-SHIRTS, ETC) see attached flyer**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
2. **Pool Manager or his designee has the authorization to ask anyone to take a shower before entering the pool.**  
*MAHC 6.4.2.2.4(3)*
3. **Patrons with open wounds or sores or evidence of a contagious disease will not be allowed in the pool.**  
*TDH sec 341.064*
4. **Swim diapers are required for children who are not toilet trained, regular diapers are prohibited.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b) "Changing Diapers within 6 feet of the Pool is Prohibited"*
5. **Do not swallow or spit or drink the pool water**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
6. **Please refrain from visiting our facilities if you are sick with fever, cough, vomiting, diarrhea**

### Conduct

1. **No running, horseplay, dunking, riding on shoulders, fighting, excessive splashing is not allowed in the pool area.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
2. **Swimmers must stay off ropes, lane lines, safety lines, and lifeguard stands.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
3. **Visiting with or purposefully distracting lifeguards in any way while on surveillance duty is not permitted.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
4. **Breath-holding games or breath-holding training is not permitted.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
5. **No abusive or profane language will be permitted. Guests will be asked to leave without refund for using abusive or profane language.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*
6. **Loitering is not permitted outside the pool area including the parking lot. Also no loitering inside the concession area, office, or lifeguard stands.**  
*Ord. No 1452-Sec 1-17 (b)*

### ADMISSION MAY BE DENIED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS

- The manager or his designee believes that the safety and/or health of the general public is in danger.
- Suspicion that the guest is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Evidence the guest has a contagious disease, open wounds, or communicable disease
- Guest not having proper swim attire

Aquatic staff are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Locks are available for rent for your security and convenience. Aquatic staff reserve the right to eject and suspend any person from the property for violation of facility rules or for other actions detrimental to the safe and orderly operation of the facility. In case of serious violations, the City of Terrell Police Department will be called.

Facility may close at any time without warning due to water quality or weather. **NO REFUNDS** will be issued for rain or inclement weather.