

Stephens Family YMCA: Pool Rules for Parties & Rentals

All swimmers must adhere to the rules for the Family Pool while at the YMCA. Parents/guardians should help enforce the rules whenever necessary with their own children, or group of children, to help manage behavior and keep everyone safe. Lifeguards will be provided for parties and rentals, but in order to keep everyone safe, the host and other parents/guardians should take an active approach to supervising children.

Rules for Parents/Guardians with Parties of 20 Children:

For 12 Years Old or Older: Parents/guardians can be in the Lobby

For 10 or 11 Years Old: At least two (2) adults must be on the pool deck to supervise

For 7 to 9 Years Old: At least two (2) adults must be in the water to supervise

For 6 Years Old or Younger: At least one (1) adult must be in the water per 5 children

For parties with mixed ages or less than 20 children, please talk with the lifeguard on duty to assess the best ratio of adults-in-the water or adults-on-deck to children who are swimming. These rules for parents/guardians are informed by our insurance, and we ask host families to please plan ahead to have at least two (2) adults ready to be in the water for your party if children are 7 to 9 years old. Again, for parties with 6 years old or younger, please plan to have at least (1) adult ready to be in the water per 5 children.

The maximum capacity for pool parties is 20 children – regardless of age group.

YMCA staff reserve the right to deny access to the Family Pool and waterslide to anyone if they do not abide by the rules, which are posted on our website and within our aquatic facility. Please note that some of the rules have been modified for our pool parties and rentals (see above for the rules for parents/guardians which differ from our posted facility rules). The rules for the Family Pool are not limited to those listed on this sheet.

Important Rules

- No running on the pool deck or in the zero-depth area
- No climbing on or jumping over/off of the interior walls within the Family Pool
- Rough play is prohibited (dunking others, splashing, wrestling, etc.)
- Life jackets must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and both life jackets and puddle jumpers are available on site for swimmers who need them

Waterslide Rules

- Riders must be 48 inches tall
- Goggles, watches, jewelry, and other hard items prohibited when riding the slide
- Personal floatation devices are prohibited when riding the slide
- One person on the slide at a time
 - Accommodations may be made for children with sensory or physical needs to ride with a parent/guardian and a separate form will need to be signed (which is available through the slide attendant)
- Riders must walk up the slide stairs and wait at the top of the platform until the slide attendant tells them to go. A lifeguard must be present in the catch pool area.
- Riders must go down the slide on their back, feet first
 - If there is an accommodation made for two riders (i.e. a child with a parent/guardian), the two riders must go down the slide sitting up, feet first
- There is a 300 lb. limit for the water slide
- Those who are pregnant or have a heart condition should consult a physician prior to riding the water slide

Party rentals end at 6pm (unless a party rental arrives more than 15 minutes late and the correct number of lifeguards can stay on until 6:15pm, which will be the adjusted end time for parties arriving late. Please know that there may be exceptions if it is a special event or an additional party with different end times – i.e. 6pm-7pm).