

St. Charles Parks and Recreation Board
“AQUATIC FACILITIES INCLEMENT WEATHER, LOW ATTENDANCE CLOSING,
& HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY”

It is the policy of the St. Charles Parks and Recreation Board that the Park Department Aquatic Facilities will close for the following reasons:

1. Inclement Weather Policy: The Blanchette, McNair, and Wapelhorst Aquatic Facilities will remain open except during threatening weather, such as thunderstorms, lightning, and tornadoes; and/or a minimum temperature of 72 degrees.
2. Low Attendance Policy: During periods of low attendance, various attractions and/or pools within the facilities may close as well as the entire Aquatic Facility.
3. Rain Check Policy: Rain checks will be issued when the pool has been cleared and has remained clear for at least 45 minutes after the manager on duty has made the announcement to exit the pools. After 45 minutes, guests can receive a rain check to visit the park on a different day during the season. The aquatic facilities will remain open until the Aquatic Coordinator makes the decision to close for the day. Guests **MUST** present their receipts for all individuals wanting to receive a rain check. Guests requesting a rain check **MUST** have been in the park for less than 3 hours to receive one. There is a time stamp on the receipts; this is why you **MUST** keep your receipt. There will be absolutely **NO CASH REFUNDS**. A rain check will expire on the last day of the season and is good for any pool prior to that date.
4. Guardian Supervision Policy: Children must be 12 years or older to enter the Aquatic Facilities without a guardian. Children 11 and younger must be accompanied by a guardian 14 years or older. (Any guardian that has a child left unattended at anytime while at the aquatic centers may be escorted out of the facility.)
5. Flotation Device Policy: Privately owned inner tubes, rafts, and other flotation devices are not permitted in the aquatic facilities. Coast Guard Approved life jackets, noodles, water wings and rings no larger than 25 inches in diameter are allowed with adult supervision.
6. Infectious Condition Policy: For the safety of other patrons, swimmers with infectious conditions/contagious disease/open wounds will not be allowed entrance into the aquatic facilities.
7. E-COLI & Other Infectious Bacteria Patron Protection Policy: For the safety of other aquatic facility users, it is mandatory that Diaper Age patrons wear special one time use swimming diapers at all times while using the aquatic facilities. These (“Swimmies”) diapers will be distributed/sold (one included with the admission price) at the cashier booth.

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