



## RECREATION PROGRAM NOTICE

**To:** Pool Users

**From:** Brad Hernden, Manager of Recreation & Marketing

**Re:** **Stratford Lions Pool Policies and Procedures**

### SWIM ADMITTANCE POLICY

Children under the age of 8 can participate in public swims if:

1) They are supervised by a responsible person 12 years of age or older. The responsible person must be in the water and remain within one arms reach of their child. This responsible person may not supervise more than 2 swimmers at any time.

**or**

2) The child can pass the Swimming Competency Test. The competency test is for children under the age of 8 who wish to swim without direct supervision.

Should you be short in having a responsible person to help supervise more than 2 children, consider inviting a friend to help assist, or have the children take turns in and out of the pool.

### SWIMMING COMPETENCY TEST POLICY

The swimming competency test is for children under the age of 8 who wish to swim without direct supervision. The following requirements must be passed to the Instructor/Guard's standards:

- 2 widths of the Lions Pool where the child can touch
- recognizable front crawl with face in
- treading water for 20 seconds in the middle of each width
- a general comfort with the water

The swimming competency test can also be administered to swimmers wishing to enter the deep end of the pool who are older than eight years of age. All Instructor/Guards are able to administer the test. The swimming competency test is the only test available to evaluate a patron's strength, endurance and level of comfort in the water. Children who pass the test may have access to the entire pool. The Instructor/Guard's have the authority to send the child back to the shallow end for their safety, if he/she becomes weak/tired.

### FAMILY SWIM POLICY

Anyone under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

### POOL CLOSURE POLICY

In the event that no swimmers arrive within the first half-hour of the evening open swim (ie: by 6:30pm), the pool will be closed until the next scheduled swim time.

### CANCELLED SWIM/FOULED SWIM POLICY

The Pool will remain open on rainy days, unless: thunder and/or lightning is evident; or, the downpour is so heavy, that the black dot on the bottom of the pool is not visible. If either of the above two points are present, the pool must be closed immediately. It may re-open after a ten-minute interval void of these two conditions, or upon the discretion of the Supervisor on duty.

In the event of the pool being fouled, the pool will be cleared immediately. The required maintenance for fouled pools will be completed.

If swim lessons are cancelled due to inclement weather, or a fouled pool, dry land lessons will be offered.

If a public swim is cancelled due to inclement weather, no refunds will be given. If a public swim is cancelled due to a fouled pool, a free swim card pass may be issued at the Supervisor's discretion.