

**METUCHEN MUNICIPAL POOL – A SMOKE FREE
ENVIRONMENT 2024 RULES & REGULATIONS**

POOL SEASON AND HOURS

While hours can and will change due to weather, swim team meets, or other special events, our standard hours of operation are:

- Open weekends beginning Memorial Day Weekend:
- Open Sat. 10am–8pm, Sun. 11am–8pm, Mon. 10am–8pm.
- Official opening Friday, June 21, 2024
- Baby Pool open 10am–8pm except Wed. and Sun. which is 11am–8pm. Main Pool open 11am–8pm except for Saturday which is 10am–8pm.
- Beginning August 1st, pools close at 7pm.
- Facility hours on August 28th, 29th & 30th will be 3pm-7pm, due to Metuchen Public Schools in session.
- Last day of season is Labor Day, September 2, 2024 closes at 4pm

If the pool is closed for inclement weather after 6:00pm, it will not reopen that day.

Swim team meets are normally held Wednesdays 5-8pm and Saturdays 8-11am until the first week of August.

Please note: The Diving Section and 25 yard section of the pool are closed some evenings for Team Meets.

Stay informed regarding pool closings, activities and schedule changes on our web site at <https://www.metuchennj.org/metnj/DEPARTMENTS/Pool/>. Follow us on Facebook: **MetuchenMunicipalPool**

**MEMBERS MAY NOT MOVE PICNIC TABLES
ONE 15 MINUTE ADULT SWIM WILL BE HELD DAILY AT 3 PM.**

The following rules and regulations are designed to assure safe and sanitary operations of the Metuchen Municipal Pool and to comply with the State of New Jersey regulations for public swimming pools. **Members and their guests must observe the rules.** Parents are requested to emphasize to their children the importance of observing the rules and heeding the instruction of pool personnel.

APPROPRIATE BATHING ATTIRE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS.

1. The primary task of lifeguards and pool managers is to provide for the safety and comfort of members using the pool. **PLEASE DO NOT TALK TO LIFEGUARDS WHILE THEY ARE ON DUTY.** Lifeguard stations, the gate office and manager's office are restricted to authorized personnel only.

In case of an emergency, notify the nearest lifeguard and follow their instructions. Lifeguards on duty have the authority to prohibit activities which, in their judgement, may be dangerous or interfere with other member's enjoyment of the pool and its facilities.

2. The wading pool is limited to children 5 years old and under. All children in the wading pool must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
3. Any person having a communicable disease, open blisters or cuts, sore or inflamed eyes, ears, nose or mouth infections, excessive sunburn or any type of skin disease will be excluded from the pool areas. The Pool Manager has the authority to keep any person with a visible skin disease out of the water. A doctor's certificate of permission must be obtained by anyone seeking admission who does not agree with the Manager's decision.
4. No person is permitted within the pool enclosure except during the regular pool hours or for scheduled activities. Violators of this rule are subject to immediate loss of membership privileges for the season and to possible prosecution.
5. No person shall enter pool unless there is a lifeguard on duty for that section of the pool.
6. **Before entering the pool, all persons shall take a cleansing shower.**
7. Children under ten (10) years of age will not be admitted unless accompanied by a responsible member 16 years of age or older. Non-swimmers are not permitted in the main pool unless they can stand in that section of the pool with their head fully above water.
8. All bathers, including babies, must wear bathing suits in both the main pool and the wading pool. **Babies must wear rubber pants in both the main pool and wading pool. This is a State Health Law.**
9. Eyeglasses/sunglasses with glass lenses are not permitted in the pool at any time. Plastic lens eyeglasses and sunglasses with a safety strap may be worn in the pool.
10. Animals shall not be permitted within the pool enclosure. Guide/Service dogs will be admitted to the pool area, but shall not enter either pool and must be leashed. Emotional Support animals are not permitted within the pool enclosure.
11. Food is restricted to the main pavilion and picnic area only. Drinks in non-glass covered containers are permitted on the lawn areas. No food or drinks are permitted on the main or baby pool aprons. No food can be delivered from the outside into the pool.
12. Diving is permitted only in the designated area. No diving is permitted from the sides of the pool except during swimming meets and team practice sessions:
 - a. Only one person at a time shall be permitted on a diving board and ladder.
 - b. Divers shall not dive until the previous diver has reached the exit ladder.
 - c. Diving shall not be permitted from the side of the diving boards.
 - d. Excessive bouncing on the boards is prohibited.
 - e. No diving shall be permitted from the side of the diving well.
 - f. Swimmers, other than divers, shall not be permitted in the diving well.
 - g. Running dives from the deck is prohibited.
 - h. Retrieving objects from the bottom of the diving well is prohibited without the authorization of the lifeguard on duty.

13. All members must follow all posted guidelines for use of the slide.
14. Unnecessary spouting of water, roughness, rowdyism or other conduct affecting the safety or comfort of others shall not be permitted. Running in the pool area is strictly prohibited.
15. No toys, rubber balls, inner tubes or artificial aids, including mask, fins and flotation devices of any kind shall be permitted in the main pool. Aids for use by lap swimmers in the lap lane or by patrons with disabilities may be used at the discretion of and with prior approval of the pool manager.
16. Bicycles must be locked in racks outside of the pool area at the owner's risk. Bicycles may not be locked to fences, gates, trees, or anything other than bike racks.
17. No fires for any purpose are permitted on the pool property.
18. Smoking including but not limited to e-cigarettes, is not permitted anywhere within the pool enclosure.
19. Consumption/possession of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the pool property. Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall be refused admission or removed from facility.
20. Gambling is not permitted.
21. The Board of Commissioners or its management shall have the right to close the pool or restrict its use whenever the safety or health of participants is endangered
22. No solicitation or commercial activity of any kind is permitted in the area without the prior written authorization of the Board of Commissioners.
23. All children less than 5 years shall be supervised by an adult at all times; such adult will not leave the child unattended at any time.
24. Toys are permitted in the wading pool at the discretion of the manager on duty. Managers and lifeguards are authorized to prohibit toys which, in their judgement, pose potential safety hazards or interfere with others enjoyment of the pool.
25. Children over the age of 5 must use the bathroom designated for their sex. If a parent of the opposite sex must accompany the child, they may use the Family bathroom.
26. Each member 1 year or older will be issued a photo ID card which must be presented to the gate attendant for admittance. The ID card must have current validation.
27. Every member who is registered for the season **must have a pool photo ID card**. Every member must bring their own pool photo ID card to every visit at the Metuchen Municipal Pool. Refusal to show ID cards for scanning at the facility may result in denial to enter the facility and ongoing refusal to show ID cards shall result in non-refunded cancellation of membership.
28. A lost/damaged card must be reported immediately to the pool gate or pool management. A new card will be issued upon receipt of \$5 Card Replacement.

29. Membership cards are non-transferable. Anyone transferring a card will lose their membership for the remainder of the season and there will be no refund of any part of the membership fee.
30. No loitering at the front gate.
31. Food deliveries must be picked up outside of the gate, deliveries may not be made to pool staff for patrons, and deliveries may not be brought to gate and ask staff to page a guest for the delivery pickup.
32. Guest Passes are not to be carried over year-to-year. Passes purchased this season must be used this season.
33. Memberships are not refundable.

DEFINITIONS

- **Age** – The individual's age on May 1st of the season.
- **Pool Apron Area** – The fifteen (15) foot wide area of concrete immediately surrounding the main pool and the concrete pad surrounding the wading area.
- **Pool Area** – The entire fenced area surrounding the pool.
- **Area** – The total area in (2) and (3), plus the entire parking area as provided in the plans and specifications of the swimming pool.
- **Child** – Anyone between 1 & 17 years of age
- **Adult** – Anyone eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- **Senior Citizen** – Anyone 62 years of age or older

FINES AND PENALTIES

Any person or persons who shall violate any posted rule or regulation of the Board of Commissioners shall be subject to immediate ejection from the pool area. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to revoke any membership for dangerous acts, improper conduct or severe or repeated violations of the rules and regulations. Any person or persons who shall destroy or damage Pool property through gross carelessness or willful misconduct may be held financially liable for such destruction or damage as may be determined by a Court of Law.