

Pella Aquatic Center General Rules

- All guests ages 3 and older are required to pay the daily admission fee or have a valid membership regardless of intention to use the pools or other attractions.
- Swimming is not permitted without a lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk!
- Any child 8 or younger must be accompanied by a caregiver who is at least 14 years in age. Caregiver must be within arm's reach of the child/children.
- Follow lifeguard instructions at all times. Failure to follow instructions will result in removal from the facility.
- The Pella Aquatic Center is a family friendly facility. Inappropriate behavior, language, or attire are not permitted and will be grounds for refusing admission or removal from the facility without a refund.
- The City of Pella is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Use lockers provided.
- Outside flotation devices (water wings, inflatable tubes, baby boats, etc.) are not permitted. Life jackets are allowed if they are Coast Guard Approved.
- Children 12 and under must pass a swim test to use the deep end and the deep end features. This will be marked by a wristband.
- Only those 48 inches or taller will be allowed to use body slides, tube slides, and drop slide. A mark of the day will be used to signify eligible riders for all slides or features requiring that the rider be 48" tall.
- Anyone who is not toilet trained must use a swim diaper.
- Report all injuries to staff immediately.
- Use trash cans to dispose of garbage.
- Guests with open wounds or bandages are not permitted to enter the water.
- Failure to abide by these rules may result in injury to yourself and others and could result in removal from the facility.

Swim Attire

Proper swim attire must be worn. Proper swim attire must be designed for swimming and made of non-absorbent materials such as lycra, spandex, nylon, or neoprene. All swimwear must be dual lined and swim shorts are required to have netting. Attire NOT allowed includes but is not limited to cotton clothing (white or colored shirts), jeans/khaki or cut-off shorts, halter tops or leotards, regular diapers, any swim attire with metal grommets, zippers or similar, sports bras, thongs (swimsuit or underwear), compression shorts or boxers, street or non-swim clothing, see-through or transparent clothing including swimsuits. Tape of any kind may not be substituted for swimwear/clothing.

Access to the City operated aquatic facility for the public is a priority, and facility managers and supervisors are empowered to interpret this policy to best accommodate access while protecting public health and safety. In questionable cases, aquatic facility managers have the right to reject any attire that they reasonably determine poses a health or safety risk to the users of the facility.

SWIM ATTIRE POLICY

For a safe and enjoyable experience at the Pella Aquatic Center, please follow these guidelines for appropriate swim attire. Improper attire can cause damage or contaminate the pool, colored material not made for swimming can bleed into the pool, and cotton fibers can clog filters, cloud the water and lead to chemical imbalances.

ALLOWED

Please use the pictures below as a guideline. Proper swim attire must be designed for swimming and made of non-absorbent material such as lycra, spandex, nylon or neoprene. All swimwear must be dual lined and swim shorts are required to have netting.



2-piece Tankinis



2-piece Swimsuits



1-piece Swimsuits



Short Swim Briefs



Long Swim Briefs



Swim Jammers



Wet Suits



Religious swimwear



Swim Trunks



Swim/Surf Shirts



Long-Sleeve Rash Guards



Short-Sleeve Rash Guards



Swim Diapers

**When purchasing swim attire, please confirm that the item is specifically made for swimming/swimming pools.*

NOT ALLOWED

- No cotton clothing including white & colored shirts.
- No jeans/khaki or cut-off shorts.
- No halter tops or leotards.
- No regular diapers.
- No metal grommets, zippers or similar.
- No sports bras, thongs (swimsuits or underwear), compression shorts or boxers.
- No street or non-swim clothing.
- No see-through or transparent clothing including swimsuits.
- Tape of any kind may not be substituted for swimwear/clothing.



Prohibited At All Times

- No diving in the shallow end of the swimming pool and in other areas marked "No Diving."
- No rough play in or around the swimming pool. No horseplay, fighting, towel snapping or shoving.
- No running on deck.
- No mask goggles allowed in facility.
- No sunbathing in zero depth area. Keep area free to enter and exit pool.
- No glass containers or large coolers allowed.
- No food, drink or electronic devices are allowed within white line or in the water.
- No gum, no spitting, no smoking, no alcohol, no weapons

Basketball Rules:

- No rough play, dunking or tackling.
- No hanging on the rim, or backboards.
- All shots must be taken from the water.
- Basketball will be removed if rules continue to be broken.

Diving Board Rules:

- Only one person will be allowed on a diving board at a time.
- Alternate use of diving boards.
- Please wait for the previous diver to safely reach the side before going off the diving board.

- Only one bounce on the diving board is allowed: no double bouncing.
- No backflips, back dives, or inward dives.
- Anyone 12 years or younger must pass a swim test to use the diving board or deep end.
- No lifejackets allowed when using the diving board or deep end.
- No one may catch a person going off the board.
- Only jumping or diving straight off the end of the diving board is permitted.
- High Dive will exit to the left Low Dive will exit to right.

Swim Test:

Explanation: Prior to swimming in the Deep End, all patrons 12 and under must complete the Deep End Swim Test. (Must also be 48" inches tall to use Drop Slide) Lifeguards and Management reserve the right to test any patron when deemed necessary. These rules are posted at the entrance. If you have chosen to not read the rules upon entering, we are not obligated to return your admission if your child(ren) do not pass the swim test.

Criteria: To pass the swim test. The test will begin when the lifeguard or supervisor signals to start. The patron must show the ability to proficiently (i.e. no doggy paddling) swim across and back the length of the deep end. If the patron at any time grabs on to the rope, takes a break longer than 5 seconds, or fails to maintain forward momentum they will be asked to retake the test. If the patron starts before the lifeguard has given the signal to start, they must retake the test. The Lifeguard or Supervisor will inform the patron if they passed or need to re-take the test. The test can only be taken 1 time per day.

Swim Test Band: Bands will only be given to patrons who have passed the swim test. Immediately after passing the patron should go to the admissions attendant and notify them that they have passed the swim test. Their name will be recorded, and the patron will be issued a band. These bands are meant to be worn by patrons anytime they want to use the deep end, diving boards, or drop slide. If the band is lost the patron must come to the office and will be issued a replacement for \$5.00. Patrons will only be allowed 2 replacements per summer. Bands and deep end privilege will be taken away if a patron is saved and fails a retest or is found to be giving their band to other patrons.

Mark of the Day:

- There is NO COST involved to get a Mark of the Day. The Mark of the Day is for those 12 and younger who want to use the Body Slides Tube Slides or Drop Slide. (Drop slide does require swim test) Those 12 years of age and under will need a Mark of The Day.
- The conditions below must be met for all riders.
- All riders must be at least 48" tall. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- All riders must read and follow the other rules posted at the slides.
- Absolutely no flotation or any other swim aides are permitted. Absolutely no lap sitting of any kind.
- All riders must exit the slide area and plunge pool area immediately and without help.
- These rules are posted at the entrance. If you have chosen to not read the rules upon entering, we are not obligated to return your admission if you cannot ride the slides.

Adventure River Information

- This is a fast-moving attraction with waves and spray features. You WILL get wet.
- All patrons must sit with your bottom in the "O" of the tube OR on the solid bottom of the tube. Only 1 person per single tube and only 2 people per double tube.
- Follow posted guidelines for tube use. Failure to follow rules may lead to your removal of attraction. Please remain in your tube at all times.
- Those under 48" must ride with an adult in a double tube or may be walked by a caregiver of at least 14 years of age. The Adventure River is not recommended for those under 2 years of age.
- Absolutely no lap sitting.
- Do not poke or try to deflate tubes.
- Keep feet off bottom of river. Keeps hands off the top of the walls. Patrons may not pull themselves around the river with their hands.
- Remain seated at all times.

Adventure River Rules

You must be 48" tall to ride the river alone
NO Exceptions

1. Those under 48" must ride with an adult in a double tube or may be walked by a caregiver of at least 14 years of age. The Adventure River is not recommended for those under 2 years of age.
2. Absolutely no lap sitting.
3. Keep feet off bottom of river. Keep hands off the top of the walls. Patrons may not pull themselves around the river with their hands.
4. Sit with your bottom in the "O" of the tube OR on the solid bottom of the tube. Only 1 person per single tube and only 2 people per double tube.
5. Remain seated in your tube for the duration of ride.
6. This is a fast-moving attraction with waves and spray features. You WILL get wet.

Tube Guidelines

Only Solid Color Tubes are allowed on Adventure River. (No Clear Tubes)

Types of Tubes:

- Single Tube: Only 1 patron allowed.
- Double Tube: Must have 2 patrons.
- Small Tube with bottom: Only to be used for those under 48". (limited amount.)

Tube Slide Information:

You must be 48" tall to ride this slide. NO Exceptions

1. You must ride in a clear tube.
2. No flipping or falling out of tubes
3. Exit using steps
4. Absolutely no lap sitting.
5. Remain seated in your tube for the duration of ride.
6. The heavier rider should sit behind the lighter rider. Must enter slides facing forward.
7. Follow attendant's instructions.

Drop Slide Rules:

- Follow Lifeguard's instructions.
- All riders must be 48" tall
- Riders must lie on their backs at all times. No sitting up while riding the slide is permitted.
- All riders 12 and under must have a wrist band and "mark of the day."
- Maximum rider weight 300 pounds.
- Do not pull or propel yourself forward.
- No combs or foreign objects are allowed in pockets, no jewelry can be worn while riding the slide. No cutoff jeans, only swimsuits allowed.
- Riders must enter the slide in a sitting position and wait for instructions from the guard stationed at the start of the slide tube.
- All riders must enter feet first while laying on their back with arms crossed their chest.
- Only one rider at a time. Absolutely no trains or chains of riders permitted.
- No tubes, mats or life jackets are permitted on the water slide.
- The line should form on the deck with one rider on each landing and one rider on the starter tube. Wait until landing area is clear before entering.
- Riders must be in good health. Pregnant women or individuals with heart or back conditions should not use this ride.
- Do not use slide while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Follow the instructions of the slide attendant.
- No running, standing, kneeling, rotating, tumbling or stopping in the flume. Arms and hands must remain inside the flume.
- No diving from the slides.
- Leave the plunge pool promptly after entering.
- Warning: Deep water

Tube Slide Rules

- Follow lifeguard's instructions
- All riders must be 48" tall
- Maximum Operation loads: Single Tubes- 1 person 300 pounds. Double tube-2 persons 600 pounds. The heavier rider should sit behind the lighter rider.
- Wrist "mark of the day" required for those 12 and under
- Warning: water depth is 3 feet 6 inches.

- Non-swimmers are not permitted.
- Only one inner tube to enter the flume at a time.
- Tubes should be ridden in seated position while leaning back, facing forward. Do not stand up or ride the tube on your stomach. Do not go down the slide headfirst. Absolutely NO lap sitting.
- Riders must stay on the tubes during the ride. If you accidentally fall from the tube, continue down the flume without it and exit normally.
- Riders must enter the slide in a sitting position and wait for instructions from the guard stationed at the slide start tub.
- No running, standing, kneeling, rotating, tumbling or stopping in the flume. Arms and hands must remain inside the flume at all times. Riders should remain in proper riding position until forward movement is terminated. At no time should the rider attempt to stand up while on the slider prior to coming to a complete stop in the splash area.
- Absolutely no trains, or chains of riders permitted.
- No mats or life jackets are permitted on the waterslide.
- No combs or foreign objects are allowed in pockets and no jewelry can be worn while riding the slide. No cutoff jeans or swimwear with exposed zippers, buckles, rivets or metal ornamentation; only approved swimsuits allowed.
- The line should form at the deck with one rider on each landing and one rider in the starter tub. Wait until landing area is clear before entering.
- Riders must be in good health. Elderly persons, those suffering from heart disease, high blood pressure, epilepsy or persons using prescription medication should consult their physician before using this slide. Individuals with medical conditions including, but not limited to pregnancy, heart or back problems should not ride.

Waterslide Rules

- Follow lifeguards instructions
- All riders 48" Tall
- Wrist "mark of the day" required for those 12 and under
- Riders must lie on their backs at all times. No sitting up while riding the slide is permitted.
- Maximum rider weight 300 pounds.
- Do not pull or propel yourself into the ride
- No combs or foreign objects are allowed in pockets and no jewelry can be worn while riding the slide. No cutoff jeans, only swimsuits allowed. Riders must enter the slide in a sitting position and wait for instructions from the guard stationed at the slide starter tub.
- All riders must enter feet first while laying on their back with arms crossed their chest.
- Only one rider at a time. Absolutely no trains or chains of riders permitted.
- No tubes, mats or life jackets are permitted on the water slide.
- The line should form on the deck with one rider on each landing and one rider on the starter tub. Wait until landing area is clear before entering.
- Riders must be in good health. Pregnant women or individuals with heart or back conditions should not use this ride.
- Do not use slide while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Follow the instructions of the slide attendant.
- No running, standing, kneeling, rotating, tumbling or stopping in the flume. Arms and hands must remain inside the flume.
- No diving from the slides.
- Leave the plunge pool promptly after entering.
- Non-Swimmers not permitted.
- Warning: Water Depth is 3 feet 9 inches
- One Rider Per Landing! Wait until landing area is clear before entering.

Family Slide: Safety Warnings and Rules

- NO Headfirst Sliding
- Parent or Adult Supervision Needed.

Rules:

- Wait until landing area is clear before entering the slide:
- No rotating, tumbling, or stopping on the slide
- Multiple rides must ride side by side or sitting on an adult lap
- Leave landing area immediately.