

## Mercer County Community College Pool Rules and Regulations

1. No one may enter the pool area without the presence of a lifeguard. Swimming is prohibited without a lifeguard on duty.
2. All pool members using the pool must present their membership cards and sign in prior to entering the pool and sign out when leaving the pool. Students, faculty and staff must present their MCCC ID's and sign in prior to entering the pool. All swim members must sign in and sign out.
3. Participating in any activity in the MCCC Swimming Pool is voluntary and individuals assume all risks when engaging in any activities in the MCCC Pool.
4. Any person showing evidence of any communicable disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharges, or any other communicable disease may be denied admission to the pool.
5. Any person with excessive sunburn, open blisters, cuts or bandages may be denied admission into the pool.
6. Please do not enter the water if you are experiencing or recovering from diarrhea or had any signs or symptoms of a gastrointestinal (stomach) disease in the past seven days.
7. Children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers or plastic pants with snug fitting elastic waist and leg bands. Do not wash out soiled diapers in the bathing water. Change diapers in locker rooms only. Diapers can only be disposed of in trash cans with lids on the pool deck.
8. Children should be encouraged to use the restroom before entering the water. Immediately report any "accident" you observe in the bathing waters to a lifeguard.
9. Glass containers are prohibited in the pool area.
10. No food, gum or drinks (except for water) are permitted in the pool or on the pool deck.
11. All persons shall shower before entering the water.
12. Conduct which endangers the safety and comfort of others is prohibited.
13. No running or horseplay on the pool deck or in the pool.
14. No outside floats, toys or floatation devices are permitted in the pool.
15. No animals, except for approved service animals, shall be allowed in the swimming pool, locker rooms or any other parts of the facility.
16. Bathing is not permissible during a thunderstorm. The pool must close at the first sight or sound of thunder or lightning and must remain closed until 30 minutes after the last sight or sound of thunder or lightning. All swimmers must immediately exit the pool once thunder is heard or lightning observed.
17. Persons suspected of being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol shall be prohibited from entering the water.
18. No photography or video is authorized at any time on the pool deck or in the pool.
19. Personal belongings should not be left in the pool area. Locker rooms are available to use, but you must bring your own lock.
20. Mercer County Community College is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
21. Children ages 14 and under must be supervised and accompanied by an adult at all times.
22. Children ages 6 and older are not permitted in the locker room of the opposite sex.
23. Diving is permitted in designated areas only.
24. Starting blocks and diving boards are for use by club and scholastic swim teams only.
25. Hanging on the lane lines or sitting on the starting blocks is prohibited.
26. No excessive or prolonged breath holding is permitted. Underwater distance swimming and any breath holding games are also prohibited.
27. Non-swimmers must stay in the shallow end of the pool. Lanes are to be used for lap swimming.
28. Private swim lessons or instruction are not permitted during recreational swim hours.
29. Strollers or baby carriages are not permitted on the pool deck. They pose a safety hazard and could be an obstacle in the event of an emergency or if a rescue is needed. Please leave all strollers outside the pool doors should you choose to bring one into the building.

30. Swim caps are encouraged for members with shoulder length or longer hair.
31. All pool doors must remain closed at all times. All pool doors will be locked when pool is not in use.
32. The college reserves the right to cancel activities, reservations, and open swim times due to operational or safety concerns.
33. In the event of an evacuation procedure, please follow the directions of the MCCC Lifeguards, Athletic Dept. staff or Public Safety Team.
34. Situations arising and not specifically covered by established rules shall be handled by the Pool Manager or Lifeguards on duty.
35. The Pool Manager or Lifeguards on duty shall have the final and conclusive authority to enforce all rules and eject any person(s) failing to observe them or otherwise conduct themselves properly. In any such case, the Pool Manager or Lifeguards on duty will report the incident to MCCC Security.
36. Failure to comply with any of these rules may result in removal from the pool.