Tootell Pool Regulations

The following rules and regulations are designed for your safety, health and comfort as mandated by the State of Rhode Island Health Department, The University of Rhode Island and the Department of Campus Recreation.

Any patron disregarding these rules will be asked to leave the Mackal-Tootell Complex and may be subject to loss of facility privileges. The Coordinator of Aquatics, Aquatics Specialist, on-duty Facility Supervisor and/or Lifeguard(s) have sole discretion as to the potential danger and/or inappropriateness of any patron’s actions or attire.

Pool Health Regulations

1. All swimmers must take a soap shower before entering the pool.
2. Shoulder length hair must be capped or tied back.
3. Band-Aids must be removed before entering the pool.
4. Persons with skin infections, open abrasions or sores are not permitted in the pool.
5. Persons suffering from a fever, cough, cold, inflammation of the eyes, nasal or ear discharge or any communicable disease are not permitted in the pool.
6. Spitting, spouting water or blowing of the nose is not allowed in the pools, gutters or on the deck.
7. All individuals not in control of bodily functions must wear plastic pants or swim diapers designed specifically for pool use. Individuals who are unable to control their bowels will be subject to loss of facility privileges until situation is corrected. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has very strict regulations regarding fecal accidents. All of their protocols must be followed after an incident.
8. Diapers are not to be changed on the pool deck. Please utilize the locker room or Family Changing Room.
9. Proper swimming attire is required.
10. Street shoes are not allowed on the pool deck.
11. Stollers are not allowed on the pool deck.

General Pool Rules

1. Patrons must present their daily membership card to the attendant or lifeguard at the TAC Scanning Station each time they enter the Tootell Aquatic Center.
2. **Swimming is allowed only when a URI Lifeguard is present.**
3. A long whistle blast signals an emergency and/or safety issue. Look to the lifeguards for further instructions.
4. Children 5 years and under must be accompanied in the water by a parent or guardian.
5. Children under 7 years of age must be supervised on the deck or in the pool(s) by a parent or guardian who must be suited to swim.
6. Parents/guardians of children under 12 years of age must remain on the pool deck/spectator area while children are swimming.
7. Children 6 years and older must use the locker room appropriate to their gender or use the Family Changing Room with an adult.
8. URI owned floatation/teaching equipment is for the use of URI Campus Recreation programming only.
9. Only U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation devices which are securely fastened to the body are permitted. A parent/guardian must be within arms distance of the user. Inflatables (such as water wings & bubbles) are not allowed.
10. Horseplay, running, pushing, and flips from pool side are not allowed.
11. Swimming underneath the teaching platforms is not permitted.
12. Chewing gum, food and drinks are not allowed on the pool deck or in the pools.
13. Glass containers are not allowed in the Tootell Aquatic Center.
14. Diving is not permitted in the instructional or lap pools.
15. Pool personnel reserve the right to assign any swimmer(s) to a lane(s) or pool according to space availability.
16. Starting blocks are for approved competitive team use only.
17. Private lessons or coaching may not be given by non-URI Aquatic staff at any time.
18. Breath holding drills are not allowed.
19. No hanging on or swimming over the lane lines.

**Diving Well Rules & Regulations:**

1. Only one diver at a time is permitted on a diving board.
2. Dive or jump straight ahead.
3. Divers using the boards are not permitted to:
   - Sit on board
   - Wear a flotation device
   - Do a handstand or cartwheel
   - Hang or run off board
   - Bounce repeatedly at the end of the board
   - Wear goggles or masks
4. Patrons must be able to swim 15 yards unassisted in deep water in order to use the diving well.
5. The diving board fulcrums are preset and may not be adjusted.
Campus Recreation Aquatic Program Rules & Regulations

Administrative Policies:
1. A parking pass along with the guidelines should be requested at the time of registration. Parking is located on the side of Mackal Field House. All members and guests are required to adhere to all URI Parking policies.
2. Classes are subject to cancellation if they fail to meet the minimum enrollment standard. Participants will be notified if class minimum enrollment is not met. If a replacement class is not available a full credit will be issued.
3. Withdrawal policy for classes:
   A withdrawal fee will be assessed as follows:
   10% of registration fee = If cancellation is made prior to the first class.
   50% of registration fee = If cancellation is made prior to the second class.
   100% of registration fee = After the second class meets, no account balances will be given.

   Safety & Leadership Courses: If pre-course skills test is not passed, 90% of course registration will be placed on the customer account. No refunds are given.
4. Refunds for classes:
   No cash refunds will be given by the Department of Campus Recreation. A balance will be applied to the client’s account, following the proper withdrawal fees listed above. There will be no expiration for this balance and it will remain on the account until it is used by the client (balances are non-transferable and must be used within a family).
5. Transfer fee for classes:
   There is a $5.00 transfer fee for each transfer made from one class to another. All transfers must be made at the Rec Service Center. Before leaving the Rec Service Center, please check your registration form to make sure you are signed up for the correct time; day; level.
   If a Learn-To-Swim participant is moved into another level by a URI instructor the $5 Transfer Fee will be waived. This transaction must take place at the Aquatics Specialist’s office.
6. Cancellation policy for birthday parties:
   All transactions will be applied to the patron’s URI account, using the following guidelines:
   1 week prior, 80% credit on URI Campus Recreation account.
   4 days prior, 50% credit on URI Campus Recreation account.
   Less than 4 days, no credit given on account.
7. If weather or facility emergency cancellations are made, URI Campus Recreation will attempt to reschedule a make-up as facility space allows. Advanced notification will be given if lessons are rescheduled.
8. If South Kingstown School Department cancels school or after school activities due to inclement weather all URI Aquatic classes will be cancelled. Please check your local weather station for school cancellations or call our Campus Rec Hotline at 401.874.4343 to confirm cancellations.
9. The URI Department of Campus Recreation assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen articles. We encourage patrons to leave valuables at home or lock your belongings in a locker.

Learn to Swim and Private Lesson Policies:
1. Entrance to the pool is through the locker rooms or from the family changing room. Students should meet their instructor by the shallow end of the Instructional pool located on the southwest corner of the pool deck.
2. For all classes, except for the first orientation class, parents are required to stay and watch their children from the stands above the pool area so as not to distract your child or the Instructor during his/her lesson.
3. Participants are only allowed in the water during their scheduled swim lessons. Students should sit on the bench until their class is called.
4. All children are the responsibility of their parent/guardian while at the University before and after their lesson.
5. To ensure the quality of our program, the Aquatics Specialist determines class size. Class sizes are determined on an individual basis and vary depending on class level and the instructor's experience.
6. Class absences may be made-up on the make-up day designated for the session.

Birthday Party Policies:
1. Parties must be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance and full payment must be made at the time.
2. Any changes to the reservation must be made through the Aquatics Specialist’s office at 401-874-7035.
3. Parents may begin to set up for the party 30 minutes prior to the party start time.
4. Birthday facilitators do not get into the water.
5. A 15 yard swim test will be given by the Birthday Party Facilitator prior to the use of the diving well.
6. Children 5 years and under must be accompanied in the water by a parent or guardian.
7. Parents of party participants that are not swimming are required to watch their children from the stands above the pool area.
8. URI owned floatation/teaching equipment is not for use during birthday parties.

Policies for Large Groups:
1. Outside groups and organizations of 10 or more who wish to use the Tootell pools must get approval from the Coordinator of Aquatics at least 2 weeks prior to use.
2. Parents are required to watch their children from the stands above the pool area.
3. URI owned floatation/teaching equipment is not for use.