



## CHILD SAFETY POLICY

**The Child Safety Policy has become widely adopted by many pools, gyms, and recreational centers across the nation to maximize efforts in reducing the risk of drownings. Since drownings can occur in a matter of seconds, the Child Safety Policy sets in place the following rules to help ensure the safety of all children utilizing the pools:**

1. Children 48" and under in height entering the swimming pool area will be required to wear a wristband issued by the lifeguards, unless they have successfully passed the swim test.
2. A red wristband indicates that the child has NOT passed a swim test administered by the lifeguards or has elected not to take the swim test. The red wristband must not be removed until the child has left the pool gates for the day. Children with a red wristband are issued a lifejacket or puddle jumper that must be worn at ALL times within the gates including the decking of the pool. If the guardian elects to not have the child wear a lifejacket, the guardian is then required to have eyes on the child and remain within arm's length of the child at ALL times within the gates of the pool. This includes when the child is lounging around the pool deck, eating at the tables or sitting on the lawn chairs.
3. Once a child has passed the swim test, the child's name will be added to the Child Safety Log. Each visit to the pool, the child will need to give the lifeguard their name to verify they do not need a red wristband. Children on the Safety Log are not required to wear a lifejacket or to be within arm's reach of their guardian.
4. The swim test consists of swimming one length of the lap pool unassisted. This includes no aid from flotation devices, the lane ropes, pool walls or the bottom of the pool.
5. Any child on the Child Safety Log can be asked to perform a swim test again, should the lifeguards on duty feel the child's swimming ability has diminished.