

	<h2>Aquatic Supervision</h2>
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### Purpose

To establish guidelines for adjudicating the Aquatic Supervision Policy in an effort to promote a healthy, safe and appealing environment in the Aquafun Centre.

### Operating Guidelines

- 1) Staff will ask caregivers with young children for the age of the child/children when entering the pool for drop-in programs. Caregivers with children under the age of eight will be advised of the supervision policy and the expectation that the child must be directly supervised, in the water and within arm's reach at all times.
- 2) Schools, user groups and rentals will be advised of the Aquatic Supervision Policy when booking the facility.
- 3) The guideline for ratio's will be as follows:
  - a. One responsible caregiver can supervise:
    - i. Up to two children under the age of three years of age.
    - ii. Up to four children ages four or five years of age.
    - iii. Up to eight children ages six to seven years of age.
  - b. For groups of varying age, this guideline will be used as a guide to determine the appropriate supervision ratio.
  - c. Rations may be adjusted if the risks are mitigated with smaller lifeguard ratios, supervisors/coaches on deck, use of the wading pool only and/or children wearing PFDs. This must be approved by the Aquafun Supervisor.
- 4) Lifeguards are responsible for ensuring that children under the age of eight are within arm's reach of their caregiver once they enter the deck area.



- 5) If a caregiver is not in the water and within arm's reach of a child under the age of eight, the caregiver will be educated to the policy and given a warning. A second warning will be issued if the lack of supervision continues. If the behavior continues, the caregiver and child will be asked to leave. If the patrons refuse to leave, the Patron Discipline Policy will be followed.

  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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