

CITY OF APPLETON POLICY		TITLE: POOL RENTAL, RESERVATION AND GENERAL USE POLICY
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I. PURPOSE

To provide a policy to equitably regulate space and administer user fees of pool facilities to public, private, and/or community events users.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Appleton to allow for the City’s pool facilities to be rented pursuant to the terms of this policy.

III. DISCUSSION

The City of Appleton allows the City owned pool facilities to be rented for events, including, but not limited to birthday parties, social gatherings, and sporting events. All renters must agree to abide by this policy, to pay the required fee, and to indemnify the City.

IV. PROCEDURE

A. Management of Facilities

1. Erb and Mead Pools shall be managed and maintained by the Appleton Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Management Department (“PRFMD”) for the benefit of the citizens of Appleton and the general public. Use shall be governed by the health and safety codes and statutes of the State of Wisconsin.
2. North, West, and East High School pools shall be managed in accordance with the agreement executed for the transfer of Badger Pool (Attachment A) between the City of

Appleton and the Appleton Area School District (“AASD”).

3. Use of all three high school pools for ~~A~~PRFMD aquatic programs shall be coordinated through the AASD.
4. Scheduling priorities for City owned pool facilities shall be as follows:
 - a. All PRFMD programs will be the first programs scheduled.
 - b. Private and/or non-profit groups or organizations will be the last priority in scheduling.
5. PRFMD reserves the right to deny programs and/or special events which conflict with existing programs, use of the facilities for an event that the facilities were not intended, or which would cause undue hardship on the facility and/or surrounding area.
6. PRFMD reserves the right to schedule maintenance as needed at all facilities.

B. Use of Facilities

1. Pool facilities shall be used for the purpose of providing activities including, but not limited to: Instructional programs involving water, open swim (water play), lap swim, water walking, water exercise, competitive swim, and community special events.
2. Use of pool facilities by private individuals or organizations for financial gain must be approved by the Common Council, by way of the Parks and Recreation Committee.
3. Organizations and/or groups (i.e., swim teams) shall not use pool facilities during open and/or lap swim, except by written permission by the PRFMD Director or designee. Organizations and/or groups using the pool facilities during public swim hours shall not compromise the use of the facility by the general public.
4. Organizations and/or groups shall be responsible for the clean-up of pool facilities after use and shall also be responsible for putting away any personal or City-owned equipment. Organizations shall adhere to the “Pool Rental Decorating Information and Closing Checklist” found in section G.
5. Swimming shall be the priority activity in the two lap lanes at Mead Pool. Both lap lanes will be cleared for lap swimming only when three or more swimmers wish to swim at one time. These two lap lanes will be available to swimmers at all times when lap swimmers are not present. (Resolution #63-R-02, October 2, 2002)

C. Rental of Pool Facilities

1. Erb and Mead Pools may be rented for private use at the current rates. Rental rates shall be charged according to the current Fees ~~And~~and Charges For Aquatic Programs Policy. Fees are to be charged at the set hourly rates for rental of the

facility, including the actual hourly rate for the manager and lifeguards, plus the actual hourly rate for special services and additional maintenance.

2. Rental length is two hours. The time of rental must be within the hours listed on Appleton Parks and Recreation web site. Rental requests for hours outside these times require approval from ~~the Common Council by way of the Parks and Recreation Committee.~~ [the PRFMD Director or their designee.](#)
3. The rental of any pool facility includes use of the lobby, locker rooms, pool, and all pool amenities. The facility fee includes the scheduling of a pool manager, who opens the facility and remains at the site for the duration of the rental, and all necessary lifeguards for the event which is determined by the Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (ATCP) 76.23. [If projected attendance is over 236 people, an additional lifeguard will have to be scheduled with an additional fee.](#)
4. Erb and Mead Pool's "Party Package" includes use of the shade pavilion or multi-purpose room (Erb), ten youth swim admissions, and two adult admissions. [The Twilight session Package is that takes place during evening open swim time limited during the week on limited weekdays.](#) Hours for a Party Package will be included on the Appleton Parks and Recreation website.
5. [For private rentals, food carry-ins are allowed. For party packages, only cake/desserts, snack items, and water are allowed. All food carry-ins are allowed during rentals during open swim as long as the food must be consumed in the designated areas determined by the PRFMD's Recreation Programmer Supervisor or Pool Managers. No carry-in items can be brought or served in glass containers. There is no refrigerator or freezer to use to cool food or beverages for renter use.](#)
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- ~~5.6.~~ The sale of food and/or merchandise during a pool rental is prohibited unless permission is received from the Common Council by way of the Parks and Recreation Committee. No concession permits will be issued that conflict with existing concession agreements or other park uses.
7. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in any pool facilities.
- ~~6.8.~~ [Only Coast Guard approved floatation devices are allowed during rentals.](#)
- ~~7.9.~~ The use of amplified sound must be requested at the time of reservation and approved by the [PRFMD Director or their designee](#) ~~Director of PRFMD or his/her their designee.~~ Amplified sound is allowed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. It is the responsibility of the renter to keep the amplified sound at levels that meet the Municipal Code (Chapter 12, Article IV).

~~8.10.~~ Swim teams renting the pool for swim practices may provide their own State of Wisconsin approved certified lifeguards. The guards must be pre-approved by the Director or designee of PRFMD. A certificate of insurance naming the City of Appleton as additional insured must be provided by the renter when providing their own lifeguards.

~~9.11.~~ The renter must be present during the entire rental and agrees to replace or pay for the repair/replacement of any items damaged by persons in their party. The renter also agrees to pay for additional maintenance costs associated with more than normal facility maintenance caused by the rental party.

~~10.12.~~ The City reserves the right to request a certificate of insurance from the renter of the pool facility.

~~11.13.~~ The renter of the pool facility must agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Appleton, and its employees, officials, and agents from any and all liability from claims of bodily injury, property damage, or any other nature whatsoever arising out of the use of the pool facility.

D. Facility Reservation, ~~and~~ Payment of Rental Fees, and Refunds

1. The individual renting Erb or Mead Pool must be at least 18 years of age. Reservations for the rental of Erb and/or Mead Pool can be made starting January 1 of the rental year ~~of rental~~.

2. Applications for facility reservations must be made within the deadlines listed on the current year's Facility Reservation Agreement-Pools. ~~at least:~~

- ~~Private rentals: 14 days prior to the reservation date requested.~~
- ~~Party Package: five (5) business days prior to the reservation date requested.~~

~~Applications not made before this time period will be charged an additional \$25.00 for the reservation or may be denied.~~

3. Fees must be paid in full five (5) business days from the date the reservation was made.

4. A ~~full~~ refund of the rental fee for a rental cancellation ~~of a reservation~~ 30 days prior to the date of the rental will be issued with a \$10.00 processing fee charge ~~will be assessed to all refunds.~~

In case of cancellation of the rental by the PRFMD due to severe inclement weather, mechanical problems, water contamination prior to the event, etc., PRFMD will attempt to reschedule the rental or issue a full refund.

Refunds will not be given for rentals cancelled by the renter within 30 days of the rental.

E. Payment Considerations

1. Failure of the renting party to comply with the rental policy will void the rental [agreement](#) and result in the loss of all fees and may result in the renting party being charged back for all services associated with the rental.

F. Miscellaneous Provisions

1. Additional charges will be assessed to the renting party for any damage or cleaning required after the ~~end of the~~ reservation. These charges will be assessed based on the City's regular time and material rates.
2. A violation of this policy or the terms of use attached to the reservation form may result in denial of future reservation requests.
3. No additions, alterations, or changes to park grounds or a pool facility are allowed at any time except with the prior written approval by [the PRFMD Director or their designee](#)~~the Department Director or designee~~.
2. There is one rental per facility allowed at any given time.

G. Pool Rental Decorating Information and Closing Checklist

1. No signs are to be posted at any of the driveways, roads, or entrances to the pools or parks.
2. No wires, ropes, string, cords, ribbons, signs, or poles may be strung from any part of the pool reservation areas.
3. No staples, duct tape, nails, tacks, or screws may be used on any walls within the pool reservation areas.
4. Tables, chairs, and other furniture from the pool reservation areas may not be moved [outside of the designated reservation space](#) for any reason~~outside of the designated reservation space~~.
5. Renters will wipe down tables, counter tops, and chair seats with a wet washcloth and disinfectant at the conclusion of the rental (*supplies will be provided*).
6. Renters will spot mop any spills on flooring material.
7. Renters will remove all food, decorations, and other items at the conclusion of the rental.
8. Swim equipment (i.e. lane lines, timing devices, etc.) shall be stored in designated areas approved by [the PRFMD Director or their designee](#)~~the Department Director or designee~~.

RENTAL FEES

	RENTAL FEE – WITH LIFEGUARDS (per hour)
POOL FACILITY/SERVICE	Effective: January <u>March 1, 2024</u>
ERB POOL 50 METER <i>(includes use of slides)</i>	*\$175
ERB POOL LEISURE POOL <i>(includes use of slides)</i>	*200
ERB POOL SHADE PAVILION PARTY PACKAGE	\$135 FOR 3 HOURS
ERB POOL MULTI PURPOSE ROOM PARTY PACKAGE	\$150 FOR 3 HOURS
<u>ERB POOL SHADE PAVILION PARTY PACKAGE TWILIGHT SESSION</u>	<u>\$67.50 FOR 1.5 HOURS</u>
<u>ERB POOL MULTI PURPOSE ROOM PARTY PACKAGE TWILIGHT SESSION</u>	<u>\$75.00 FOR 1.5 HOURS</u>
MEAD POOL	*\$225
MEAD POOL PARTY PACKAGE	\$135 FOR 3 HOURS
<u>MEAD POOL PARTY PACKAGE TWILIGHT SESSION</u>	<u>\$67.50 FOR 1.5 HOURS</u>
SPECIAL SERVICES	Actual Cost +15%

NOTE: These rental fees do not include special events (i.e. swim meets). Separate agreements will be developed for all special events taking place at City of Appleton pools.

**When patron load is expected to exceed 236 patrons, one lifeguard shall be provided for each additional 100 patrons at the cost of \$25.00 per hour*

POOL FACILITY/SERVICE	RENTAL FEE (per hour)
SWIM PRACTICE FEES	Effective: January 1, 2023
ERB POOL 50 METER	*\$75.00 without lifeguards
ERB POOL 50 METER	\$100.00 with lifeguards
MEAD POOL 25 YARD	*\$50.00 without lifeguards
MEAD POOL 25 YARD	\$75.00 with lifeguards

**See Section C: Rental of Pool Facilities #12*