

Aquatic Facility Rules Fact Sheet #7

What you should know about the Code

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2.0 Glossary of Terms

"Limited-Use" means any aquatic venue located at and operated in connection with a companion facility such as a residential housing facility having five or more living units, travelers' accommodations, mobile home park, recreation park, boarding school, organizational camp, dude ranch, club or association where use of the aquatic venue is limited to residents, patrons or members of the companion facility.

PUBLIC HEALTH REASONS:

Limited use pools and spas are for specific groups, such as residents of an apartment or condominium, gyms, other health clubs, facilities with homeowner's associations or other residential facilities. They have different requirements, including barriers and supervision. General use pools are open to the public and have more stringent safety requirements, including the need for lifeguards.

Limited-Use Aquatic Venues

Swimming pools and other aquatic venues provide excellent opportunities for people to enjoy the outdoors, engage with their communities, and stay active. However, it is crucial to prioritize safety for all aquatic venues, regardless of numbers of users. Standards are established to minimize the risk of accidents, injuries, and drownings.

Limited-use refers to any aquatic venue that is situated or operated in connection with a companion facility, such as a residential housing complex with five or more living units, travelers' accommodations, a mobile home park, a recreational park, an organizational camp, a club or association etc. Access to the aquatic venue is restricted to residents, patrons, or members of the companion facility.

Both general use and limited use aquatic venues must adhere to the same core public health requirements, such as water quality and pool safety. Aquatic venue regulations do not differentiate between non-profit and for-profit businesses, as public health concerns apply uniformly to all types of facilities.

Limited-use facilities have more lenient standards for building design, supervision, and safety equipment compared to general-use facilities. But they do have additional signage requirements to educate bathers. For more information on the sign requirements,

please see the [Oregon Aquatic Facility Rules](#), sections 5.8.5.4.3 through 5.8.5.4.5.

In contrast, general-use facilities are required to provide amenities like drinking fountains, employ lifeguards for extra supervision, offer contamination training, and have a qualified operator who is certified as a Certified Pool Operator (CPO).



Limited use aquatic venues have some different requirements from general use venues

When special activities occur at limited-use facilities, such as swim team training or swim lessons, there is no additional supervision requirement. However, lifeguards must be provided during competitive swimming events, sporting events, or when special features like waterslides, climbing walls, and lazy rivers are in operation. This requirement remains the same as historical regulations for these activities.

- Operators are not required to replace existing signs unless they are damaged, worn out, or they choose to update them. Facilities also have the option to adjust the wording on signs, as long as the message is clear and meets the intent of the rules.
- Before making changes, check with your local county or the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for approval.
- Safety messages can be combined into a single sign, but CPR posters and Imminent Health Hazard notices must remain separate to make sure people can easily find critical information during an emergency.

SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS: OAR 333-060-1000

Required at All Facilities:

6.4.2.2.1 Facility Rules The operator shall post and enforce the AQUATIC FACILITY rules governing health, SAFETY, and sanitation. Pools with existing pool rule signs may wait to comply with the requirements of this rule until the signs are replaced, repaired or moved.

6.4.2.2.2 Lettering The lettering shall be legible and at least 1 inch (25.4 mm or 3- point type) high, unless otherwise noted, with a contrasting background.

6.4.2.2.3 Sign Messages Signage shall be placed in a conspicuous place at the entrance of the AQUATIC FACILITY communicating expected and prohibited behaviors and other information using text that complies with the intent of the following information:

- 1) In case of an emergency, dial 911 or other emergency instructions, per 6.3.4.5.8;
- 2) Hours of operation;
- 3) MAXIMUM BATHER LOAD;
- 4) Do not swim if you have open wounds;
- 5) Do not swim if you are ill with diarrhea or have had diarrhea within the past 2 weeks;
- 6) SHOWER before entering the water;
- 7) No glass items in the AQUATIC VENUE or on the DECK;
- 8) Do not swallow or spit water;
- 9) Diaper changing on the DECK is prohibited;
- 10) No Diving, as applicable per 5.5.5;
- 11) Intentional hyperventilation or extended breath holding activities are dangerous and prohibited;
- 12) No animals in the AQUATIC VENUE and no animals on the DECK, except service animals, if applicable;
- 13) No rough play or running; and
- 14) Children under the age of 14 years must have direct supervision by a person aged 18 years or older.
- 15) BATHERS who are incontinent or not toilet trained must wear a swim diaper.

Limited–Use Facilities Must Also Have:

5.8.5.4.3 CPR Posters CPR posters that are up to date with latest CPR programs and protocols shall be posted conspicuously at all times.

5.8.5.4.4 Imminent Health Hazard Sign

A sign shall be posted outlining the IMMINENT HEALTH HAZARDS, which require AQUATIC VENUE or AQUATIC FACILITY closure as defined in this CODE per 6.6.3.1 and a telephone number to report problems to the owner/operator.

5.8.5.4.5 Additional Signage For any AQUATIC VENUE with standing water, a sign shall be posted signifying a QUALIFIED LIFEGUARD is not on duty and that the following rules apply:

- 1) Persons under the age of 14 years cannot be in the AQUATIC VENUE without direct supervision by a person aged 18 years or older; and
- 2) Youth and childcare groups are not allowed without a QUALIFIED LIFEGUARD providing PATRON surveillance

Facilities without lifeguards:

6.4.2.2.3.4 Unstaffed Aquatic Facilities without Lifeguards In addition to signage messages 1 through 18, unstaffed AQUATIC FACILITIES shall also include signage messages covering:

- 1) No Lifeguard on Duty (In letters at least 4 inches high); and
- 2) Hours of operation: AQUATIC FACILITY use prohibited at any other time.
- 3) Bring a Friend: Do not Swim Alone