

TREFETHEN AQUATIC CENTER

POOL RULES

POOL USERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING THE RULES AND POLICIES OF THIS FACILITY AND ACTING ACCORDINGLY.

POOL USERS--*Everyone* must have checked-in at the Staff Office to use the pool area!!

(Exception: children accompanied by an adult or program supervisor.)

- MCNU students may have immediate family or one individual as guests. Guests must be accompanied by the student, and the host must remain in the pool area as long as the guests are present.
- MCNU faculty and staff must *accompany and supervise* their children under 14 years of age. MCNU employee's family members 14 and over may swim unaccompanied if they have a Faculty/Staff Family Member Pass which they may get at the pool when accompanied by the MCNU employee.
- Children of alumnae must be accompanied and supervised by their alumnae/alumnus parent at all times.
- Children under six **must be accompanied by an adult *in the water* at all times.** • A Friend of the College must be 18 years of age or older or accompanied and supervised by an adult guardian 18 years of age or over.
- Unless they are children of faculty or staff with a Fac/Staff Family Pass, children under 18 years of age may not be in the pool facility without an adult guardian present.

DIVING

Due to the potential for injury, diving is allowed only in the deep end and **only under the strict supervision of a lifeguard or instructor during classes and swim meets.** Jumping in the shallow water or playing on the steps in a manner which creates a hazard for the swimmer or others will not be allowed.

INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Infants and toddlers who are still in diapers **MUST** wear a "swim diaper". A single "fecal incident" can close the pool for several days. This diaper must have tight gathers at the legs and waist. Infants and toddlers must wear swimwear over the swim diaper.

ATTIRE

Everyone, including infants and toddlers, must wear appropriate attire in the pool and on the deck. Appropriate attire covers the private parts, and wear proper swimwear materials. "Swimwear" is defined as any material that's specifically designed for the purposes of swimming. This includes spandex, polyester, nylon, and any similar material that's non-absorbent.

NO "FLOATIES"

All flotation devices worn by children must be of solid material, not inflated, and must fit properly and be properly worn. Children wearing flotation devices must be accompanied at all times by an adult who is *in the water, within arms reach.*

FINS, KICKBOARDS, BUOYS, AND JOGGING BELTS

Fins, kickboards, buoys, and jogging belts may be used by lap swimmers in lap lanes **only**. Children under 14 are not allowed to use this equipment unless in a supervised program.

FOOD AND DRINK

With the exception of water in a water bottle, all food or beverages whether brought in or purchased here must be consumed in the designated Eating Area or outside of the enclosed pool

area. **No glass containers are permitted in the pool area at any time.**

NON-SWIMMING “OBSERVERS”

All persons entering the Aquatics Facility will be required to pay the fee of admission, whether swimming personally or observing another swimmer.

THERAPY SPA

The therapy spa is for adults (18 years of age or older) and MCNU students only. Children are not allowed within the designated spa area, designated by the green paint line.

LOCKERS

Mills College at Northeastern University is not responsible for personal items brought to the pool including items stored in lockers. Personal locks left on lockers will be removed. Outside lockers are available for day use for a fee of \$1.00. No indoor daily locker use will be permitted until further notice.

Mills College at Northeastern University is a SMOKE AND TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS!

RADIOS, TAPE/CD PLAYERS, OTHER AUDIO DEVICES may be used only with headsets.

ANIMALS are not allowed on campus. Registered service animals are the exception, and must accompany their owner during their visit.

SHALLOW END is open for play only during designated Recreational Swim hours.

The Trefethen Aquatic Center staff has complete authority to enforce the rules at their discretion to ensure the safety of *all* pool users.

Mills College at Northeastern University reserves the right to change hours and/or facility availability to meet programming or staffing needs.

Every effort will be made to give advance notice of changes.

TOY POLICY

Our toy policy is based on a **SAFETY FIRST** philosophy. These rules need to apply whether there are 2 or 200 people in the pool.

We encourage toys that assist children to learn while they play: toys that can be dropped and retrieved, that help children submerge and open their eyes, that encourage them to play both on top of and under the water. No water guns, no ride-on or blown up toys, no ball play unless during a supervised class.