

Carleton Place Aquatics – Supervision Policy

A swim test is required for ALL children under 10 years of age, some exceptions apply. Non swimmers or those individuals who DO NOT pass the swim test must wear a wrist band and be within arms reach of their guardian (14 years or older). The Supervision Policy applies to Camps, Birthday Rentals and General Public Swims.

Children ages 5 years or younger

Children must be within arms' reach of a guardian who is 14 years or older. Ratio 2 children per guardian, additional children in their care must have another responsible guardian who is actively participating in the water with the children and be always within arms reach.

Children ages 6 & 7 years

Children must be within arms' reach of a guardian who is 14 years or older. Ratio 4 children per guardian, if anyone is not wearing a lifejacket. Ratio 6 children per guardian if lifejackets are worn by all the children in their care. During Public Swims, puddle jumpers are a suitable replacement for a lifejacket because the children are within arms reach of their guardian.

Children ages 8 & 9 years

8- & 9-year-olds who did NOT pass the facility swim test.

Children must be within arms' reach of a guardian who is 14 years or older. Ratio 4 children per guardian, if anyone is not wearing a lifejacket. Ratio 8 children per guardian if lifejackets are worn by all the children in their care. During Public Swims, puddle jumpers are a suitable replacement for a lifejacket. Camps or Pool Rentals must use lifejackets, not puddle jumpers.

8- & 9-year-olds who PASSED the facility swim test.

During camp bookings or pool rentals, the ratio is 10 children per camp leader who is actively participating in the water with the group. During a public swim, a parent or guardian (14 years or older) must remain in the facility.

Children ages 10 years and older

During camp bookings or pool rentals, a swim test is required. The ratio is 15 children per camp leader who is actively participating in the water with the group. If a child from the Camp or the Pool Rental does NOT pass the swim test, there must be an adult in the pool and within arms reach of that child. During a public swim, a swim test is not required for children aged 10 and older.

The Pool Supervisor reserves the right to assess a swimmer's ability at any time and apply safety measures, if needed.