

# BATHING REGULATIONS



## I. Assigned purpose

The Abtenau Municipal Pool (outdoor pool) is owned by the municipality of Abtenau that holds the license.

The Abtenau Municipal Pool comprises all sites, buildings and facilities within the fenced area, as well as the external, specifically designated parking facilities. The municipality of Abtenau operates and maintains the Municipal Pool as a public facility open to everybody in accordance with these bathing regulations (art. 13 par. 2 Act on Pool Hygiene - BhygG) which is available to everybody during the fixed operating hours for use upon payment of the stipulated admission charge. It serves to provide the population health and relaxation.

## II. General

1. The bathing regulations are binding for all visitors. When paying the admission ticket, every visitor acknowledges the provisions of these bathing regulations as well as all other instructions issued to maintain operational safety.
2. The bathing regulations serve to ensure the safety, order and cleanliness in the entire Municipal Pool.
3. The facilities of the Municipal Pool as well as the green areas and plantings must be treated with care. In case of improper use, negligent pollution, damage or removal of equipment items the visitor is liable for damage caused therefrom.
4. Items found must be handed over to the staff. Items found are dealt with in accordance with the legal provisions.
5. The Municipal Pool staff exercises property rights vis-à-vis all visitors. The supervising pool attendant is authorised to temporarily or permanently suspend visitors from visiting the leisure pool who violate these bathing regulations and do not obey the instructions. In such cases the admission charge is not refunded. If a regulation is not complied with, measures in court may be taken.
6. Wall notices as well as mandatory and prohibition signs and other are to be complied with in all cases. They must not be damaged, soiled or removed.
7. Waste is to be disposed of in the bins provided.
8. The visitor shall refrain from any behaviour that violates morals and shall maintain safety, calm and order.

## III. Opening and utilisation times

1. The utilisation times are in accordance with the tariffs indicated in the price list. If time is exceeded, re-payment will be effected.
2. The pool attendant may suspend or limit the use of the pool or parts of it in case of factual necessity (e.g. school or sports event, overcrowding, emergencies, etc.).
3. All attractions are switched off 30 minutes before closing time.

## IV. Access provisions

1. a) Each visitor must have a valid admission ticket (cash slip). It is to be kept safely and shown upon request to the supervising staff.  
b) Any claims vis-à-vis the operator of the Municipal Pool may be verified only upon presentation of the cash slip.
2. Except for the pre-cashier area and the external catering facility, the Municipal Pool may be entered for utilisation only with a valid admission ticket. This shall not be applicable to persons who may enter the municipal pool based on an explicit authorisation.
3. Persons who unlawfully gain access to the Municipal Pool and/or use its services that require a fee without being entitled to do so shall be expelled immediately from the pool (see also item II.5.).
4. Admission tickets paid are non-returnable and the admission charges paid shall not be refunded. An amount of 15.- EUR shall be paid for replacing lost keys. The visitor is refunded the amount of 15.- EUR if the key is found within 14 days after the loss is noticed.
5. The single ticket is valid only on the day of issue and gives right to a once-only visit of the Municipal Pool.
6. The swimming and leisure areas, the outdoor areas as well as all ancillary areas must be left in all cases upon the closing time at the latest, irrespective of when the admission ticket was issued. The cashier closes (end of admission) 30 minutes before the closing time.
7. During the opening times for the public, the Municipal Pool may be used by everybody, except for persons suffering from contagious diseases according to the Act on the prevention and control of contagious diseases in humans and the Act on the protection against infections or contagious or unaesthetic skin

rashes, persons who have open wounds (except for slight injuries) or are under the influence of alcohol, medication or drugs. In case of doubt the presentation of a certificate from a doctor or official physician may be requested. Similarly, access is prohibited for persons against whom a ban from accessing the Municipal Pool was imposed.

8. Persons tending to suffer from spells of convulsion, fainting or epilepsy, cardiovascular diseases as well as mentally disabled persons are allowed access and attendance only with an adequate assistant.
9. Children below the age of six must be supervised by an adult accompanying the child/children. That person is entirely liable for the children to be supervised during the entire stay in the Municipal Pool.

### 10. a) Supervision during group visits

For group visits the competent supervising person, in case of pupils, and the competent official, in case of clubs and other organisations, shall ensure compliance with the bathing regulations and bear full liability, and shall be present during the entire stay of the group visit.

- b) The supervising persons shall adequately consult with the supervising staff of the Municipal Pool to ensure that the rest of the normal bathing operation is not disturbed.

11. The right to utilisation does not include the authorisation to distribute or sell leaflets, offer goods and/or offer and/or carry out commercial services within the Municipal Pool without specific permission.

12. Anyone who deliberately intends to access the Municipal Pool without paying admission commits a punishable offence. The attempt is punishable as well.

## V. General provisions for behaviour in the bathing area

1. The visitors have to refrain from any behaviour that violates good morals or violates or threatens the upkeep of safety, order and cleanliness in the facility. In particular they have to refrain from:
  - a) Spitting, particularly to the ground and/or the swimming pool and every other avoidable contamination of the Municipal Pool and the pool water.
  - b) Jumping into the pools from the sides.
  - c) Running on the pool perimeter.
  - d) Pushing or throwing other persons into the pools.
  - e) Using fragile glass containers.
  - f) Participating in ball games and physical activities outside of the areas provided and/or permitted by the competent supervision staff.
2. The visitors are not allowed to use musical instruments, sound producing or recording devices, nor TV sets, nor binoculars; nor are they permitted to smoke outside of the designated areas, nor to carry glass items and animals with them into the facility. Furthermore, taking photos or films using photo cameras, cameras, mobile phones, etc. of strangers or groups is prohibited without their consent.
3. The existing facilities and attractions (diving platforms, slides, massage facilities etc.) are used at your own risk. Please mind the separate instructions for use.
4. Staying in the changing cubicles and/or changing areas is only allowed for changing clothes. The visitors are obliged to properly lock the changing cabinets as well as changing cubicles and to keep the key in a secure place. If a key is lost, the contents of the cabinet will be handed over to the visitor only after a detailed check and proof of loss by the visitor. Money, jewellery and other valuable items may be deposited at the pool cashier. The operator is liable for any items lost only according to the legal provisions, i.e. as far as its staff is charged with intent or gross negligence.
5. Before entering the bathing area, the visitors are obliged to thoroughly clean their bodies using body cleansers.
6. Using the bathing area is allowed only when wearing the locally customary swimwear.
7. Smoking is allowed only in the designated areas.

## VI. General stipulations for behaviour in the pools

- 1) The pools may be used by swimmers only. Non-swimmers may stay only in the separated and marked non-swimmer areas.

2) Non-swimmers must not use the swimming pools using swimming aids nor when accompanied by other persons. Beginner swimmers may use the swimming pools only when accompanied by an adult. In general, all pool areas and attractions in the facility may be used by enabled persons.

3) Based on attendance, the competent supervision staff will decide on the use of recreation devices (balls, air mattresses and other swimming aids) as well as flippers and snorkels in all pools.

4) The following is prohibited:

- a) Performing gymnastics exercises on entrance ladders and grab handles and ropes.
- b) Diving under or through landing zones of water slides.

## VII. Liability

1. The visitors use the Municipal Pool including the attractions, games and sports facilities at their own risk irrespective of the obligation of the owner to maintain the Municipal Pool and its facilities in a safe condition. The owner/operator shall not be liable for force majeure and hazard as well as for defects which are not recognised even when taking the usual precaution.

2. Liability is not assumed for destruction, damage or loss of personal items carried into the Municipal Pool by the visitors caused by third parties. The owner/operator shall be liable for material and property damage only in case of intent or gross negligence. In case of physical and health injuries of the visitors the owner/operator is liable in accordance with the legal stipulations.

3. The visitors are liable for any damage caused by improper use of the Municipal Pool and its facilities or by their behaviour in the Municipal Pool or at the facilities of the owner/operator. Parents are liable for their children.

4. Accidents or damage must be reported immediately to the staff. If this is neglected, it will lead to the loss of claims for damages.

## VIII. Ban on alcohol

In the whole area of the Municipal Pool the consumption of alcohol is prohibited.

## VIII. Exceptions

The bathing regulations are applicable for the general public bathing operation as well as for club and school swimming. Exceptions are admissible in case of special events; the bathing regulations, however, shall remain intact.

## IX. Requests, suggestions, complaints

Requests, suggestions and complaints will be received by the supervising staff.

## X. Legal validity

The bathing regulations were resolved in the meeting of the Municipal Council on 26/04/2016; they become effective on 01/05/2016. At the same time, the version valid up to now loses effect.

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The Mayor

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