

# City of Merriam

## 2016 Aquatic Center Policies

Aquatic Center phone numbers  
To page a pool patron: 913-322-5518  
For inclement weather/pool closing information: 913-322-5518

Merriam Aquatic Center policies and rules are designed to promote a safe, healthy, family-oriented atmosphere for your recreational pleasure. Please do your part by obeying the rules and keeping our facility clean!

### 2016 Regular Season Schedule May 29- August 7

#### **Regular Operating Hours: Noon – 8:00 pm daily May 29 - August 7**

May 29:	Opening Day, Regular Hours (Free Admission for Merriam & Johnson County Residents)
May 30:	Memorial Day, Open Noon-7:00pm
June 11 & 18:	Possible late open (Pre-Competitive Home Swim Meet)
June 16 & 23:	Close at 4:00 pm** (Competitive Home Swim Meet)**
July 4:	Open 10:00am-6:00pm
July 9:	Close until 4:00pm (All City Dive Meet)

**Please note that home dive meets are scheduled on June 14, June 21, and June 28. The facility will be open for swimming but the diving boards will be closed beginning at 5 pm through the duration of the meet.**

#### **End of Season Schedule August 8 – September 5**

August 8-12:	Closed
August 13:	Regular Hours, Noon - 8:00pm
August 14:	Noon-7:00pm
August 15-19	Closed
August 20:	Regular Hours, Noon - 8:00pm
August 21:	Noon-7:00pm
August 22-26:	Closed
August 27:	Regular Hours, Noon - 8:00pm
August 28:	Noon-7:00pm
August 29-September 2:	Closed
September 3:	Regular Hours, Noon - 8:00pm
September 4:	Noon-7:00pm
September 5:	Labor Day, Noon - 6:00pm
September 6:	Pooch Paddle 6:30pm - 7:45pm

**Zero-depth pool will open at 10:30am during morning swim lessons for families with children age 8 and under - REGULAR ADMISSION POLICIES APPLY.**

**Morning swim lessons are scheduled:  
Monday-Thursday, June 13 - July 21; Saturday June 25 – July 30.**

**\*The aquatic center may be closed or hours shortened due to Recreational Water Illnesses, weather conditions, availability of lifeguards, or scheduled competitive swim meets. The concession stand may also be closed periodically due to low attendance or inclement weather.**

**\*\*On competitive home swim meet days when Merriam Aquatic Center closes early, Season Pass Holders may visit Fairway, Mission, Leawood, Roeland Park, or Prairie Village pools at no additional charge.**

## **ADMISSION POLICY:**

Admission fee or season pass will be required for all patrons, including non-swimmers.

**Season passes** are available to Merriam residents and non-residents and are sold at Irene B. French Community Center, beginning April 4. Photo identification passes are required for each season pass holder. It is unlawful for a pass holder to transfer, give, loan, or sell passes to another person. **PLEASE RETAIN SEASON PASS CARD FOR FUTURE SEASON USE.**

**Daily fee rates** are available for Merriam residents and non-residents. Photo driver's license is required as proof of residency to receive the reduced daily admission fees. If unable to produce photo identification, residency verification must be completed at the Irene B. French Community Center. A general identification card may be purchased for \$5 and will substitute for the photo driver's license. The general identification card must be renewed annually. No other proof is accepted and the non-resident rate will apply. All patrons visiting the pool for the day will be required to sign the daily attendance log in the event of an emergency. Children under one-year old are free.

**Punch cards** are available for Merriam residences and non-residents. Photo driver's license is required as proof of residency for purchase of Merriam resident punch card.

The Merriam City Council shall have the authority to waive regular admission policies for after-hours special events.

## **Refund requests:**

The total fee charged for each membership is calculated based on the average number of weeks the membership is valid. The refund will be based using a formula to calculate the number of weeks that have lapsed at point of notification for refund. The amount refunded will be for the balance of weeks remaining in the valid pass. At the discretion of the participant, the entire balance can be placed on a "household account" or a refund processed. If choosing a refund, a \$10 processing fee will be deducted **There are no refunds for daily fees.**

## **Resident season pass information:**

Merriam residency is defined as persons whose permanent residence is within Merriam city limits. To qualify for Merriam resident season pass rate, proof of residency is required with a valid photo driver's license. Household membership is defined as more than one person living permanently within the same residence/address. Proof of residency is required for all adults age 18 and over with a valid photo driver's license prior to ID card being produced.

## **Non-resident season pass information:**

Non-residents may include no more than 6 household members on a household season pass. "Add-on" passes may be purchased at a cost of \$20.00 per person for households with more than 6 members. Household membership is defined as more than one person living permanently within the same residence/address. Proof of address is required for all adults age 18 and over with a valid photo driver's license for prior to ID card being produced.

## **OPERATION POLICTY:**

The manager or his/her designee shall have the authority to delay the opening of the facility or close early due to inclement weather, as a result of health concerns or deny access to the facility whenever the manager determines the crowd level has reached physical or staff ratio capacity. If inclement weather delays the normal opening time, an attempt will be made to open at 4:00 PM for the remainder of the day.

## **RECRETIONAL WATER ILLNESSES:**

The manager or her designee shall have the authority to close the facility due to an outbreak of Cryptosporidiosis or other recreational water illnesses.

### **GENERAL RULES:**

The City of Merriam reserves the right to revoke any membership for persons that have falsified information regarding household address. Memberships and daily admissions may be revoked for not abiding with the pool rules and regulations. Any attempt to transfer membership or membership cards will result in membership revocation.

1. Patrons will be provided one warning by staff if in violation of any rules. Continual violation of rules will result in written documentation of the behavior and expulsion for the day. Future behavior issues will result in permanent season expulsion.
2. Any form of vandalism will be cause for permanent ejection from the Merriam Aquatic Center. No refunds will be issued.
3. Boisterousness, loitering, profanity, and roughhousing are not permitted within Aquatic Center complex or parking lot.
4. The Aquatic Center manager or authorized personnel shall enforce all rules, settle disputes, and if necessary, shall have authority to expel violators.
5. To enter the Aquatic Center complex, children under age ten (10) must be accompanied by someone fourteen (14) years of age or older.
6. Swim suits must be worn by all patrons while in the water. Non-swimming patrons will be permitted to wear street clothes on deck. Shorts and cut-off jean shorts are not permitted in the water. White, solid colored T-shirts may be worn in the water for health reasons.
7. Adult swim will occur on the hour for a period of ten minutes in the 50-meter pool. All persons under the age of 18 are required to leave the water.
8. All persons using the swimming pool shall take a cleansing shower before entering the pool. A bather leaving the pool to use the toilet shall take a second cleansing shower before returning to the pool. Any person having an infectious or communicable disease shall be excluded from the pool. (Johnson County Environmental Sanitary Code 0008-04.)
9. Infants and toddlers who are not toilet trained are required to wear swim diaper products such as "Little Swimmers" underneath swimsuits. Children wearing non-swim diapers are not permitted in the water. Diapers must be changed in restrooms.
10. Food and drinks may be purchased at the concession stand and must be consumed within the concession area. **Patrons are not permitted to bring in their own refreshments.**
11. The use of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes are not permitted within the aquatic center grounds or facility.
12. The placement of deck furniture on the pyramid is not permitted.
13. Unnecessary conversation with lifeguards or attendants on duty is not permitted.
14. A basket checkroom is provided as a service to Aquatic Center patrons. The city will not be responsible for loss or theft of personal items left on city property.
15. Birthday parties and birthday packages are scheduled through the Irene B. French Community Center. **Organizations wishing to plan large group activities for participants must contact the pool manager to coordinate.** Group activities must provide 1 adult chaperone for every 8 children.
16. The manager or his/her designee is authorized, directed, and empowered to refuse admission to any person who is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or opiates, or any person having infectious or contagious disease, open sores, or cuts.
17. Aquatic Center safety rules will apply to all special event or rental group activities.
18. Persons wishing to take photographs inside the pool facility must obtain permission from the manager. The use of cell phone cameras or any other type of camera is not permitted in the locker rooms.

### **50 Meter Pool:**

19. Children age 6 and under must be accompanied by and be within arms reach of a person age 14 or older.
20. Lifeguards and management shall have the authority to restrict the use of the diving area during crowded conditions.

21. The following flotation devices will be permitted in the 50 meter pool: Coast guard approved life vests (child wearing life vest must be accompanied by and within arms reach of person age 14 or older)
22. The following toys will be permitted in the 50 meter pool: “noodles,” masks, fins, snorkels, and round foam “Nerf” balls (balls must be 4” or smaller.) Management shall have the authority to restrict usage of permitted toys, aids, and flotation devices during crowded conditions.
23. Lifeguards and managers shall have the authority to request proof of swimming proficiency for patrons who wish to swim in deep water or use diving boards.
24. The diving board fulcrum must remain in the forward (least bouncy) position during normal operating hours.

**Zero depth pool:**

25. Zero depth pool amenities are designed for children age 8 and under.
26. Children age 8 and under entering the zero depth pool must be accompanied by a person age 14 or older.
27. Use of the following toys, flotation devices and swim aids is permitted in the zero depth pool: swim rings, arm floats, inflatable toys, and small plastic toys. The manager or his/her designee shall have the authority to restrict the use of permissible toys during crowded conditions.
28. Rules for small water slides will be posted at zero depth pool. Slide manufacturer recommendation for all safety rules will be enforced. A maximum height requirement of 41” will be enforced on the themed slide to protect the safety of the child.

**Water Slides:**

Slide manufacturer recommendation for all safety rules will be enforced. Slide attendants will not be responsible for personal property. Failure to follow rules can result in serious injury.

29. All riders must be 42" tall in order to ride the waterslide.
30. No combs or foreign objects are allowed in pockets and no jewelry can be worn while riding the slide. Riders must enter the slide in a sitting position and wait for instructions from the attendant stationed at the slide starter tub.
31. All riders must ride feet first while lying on their back with arms crossed across their chest or hands clasped behind their head and legs crossed at the ankles.
32. Only one rider at a time. Absolutely no trains or chains of riders are permitted. Lifeguards will not catch riders as they exit the slides.
33. No tubes, mats, or life jackets are permitted on the waterslide.
34. The waiting line will form on the deck with one rider on each landing and one rider in the starter tub. Riders must follow the instructions of the slide attendant.
35. Riders must be in good health. Pregnant women or individuals with heart or back conditions should not use this ride.
36. No running, standing, kneeling, rotating, tumbling or stopping in the flume. Arms and hands must remain inside the flume.
37. No diving from the slides.
38. Leave the plunge pool promptly after entering.