

**IRON HORSE RANCH  
POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS**



Maximum bathing load: 149

1. The pool manager and lifeguards are in charge of the pool facility operations. They have the right and responsibility to enforce Iron Horse Ranch pool rules and regulations. Their instructions must be followed.
2. The Iron Horse Ranch Homeowners Association (IHR-HOA), Board, pool management company and lifeguards are authorized to instruct violators to leave the IHR-HOA pool grounds and/or contact local law enforcement at their discretion.
3. The Iron Horse Ranch HOA, Board, pool management company and pool staff are not responsible for accidents or injury.
4. All Iron Horse Ranch residents must wear a wristband to enter the pool facility.
5. All guests must be accompanied at all times by a resident wearing a wristband.
6. No one under the age of 12 years is permitted without an adult chaperone.
7. All floats, toys and other items must be approved by the lifeguard on duty and can be prohibited at his/her discretion. No excessively large floats of any kind are permitted.
8. Non toilet-trained children must wear disposable swim diapers at all times. Diapers should be monitored by parents/chaperones and changed frequently. Parents/chaperones must notify the lifeguard if any fecal matter enters the pool water. No regular diapers are allowed in the pool.
9. Breakable objects, including but not limited to glass containers, are not permitted in the pool fence area, bathhouse facilities, in the swimming pool or on the pool deck.
10. Smoking of any kind is prohibited in the pool fence area, bathhouse facility, in the swimming pool or on the pool deck. Smoking of any kind is banned within 25 feet of the pool fence area and all clubhouse entrances.
11. Alcohol consumption is permitted by persons 21 years and older. Alcohol consumption is not permitted in the swimming pool.
12. Any person appearing intoxicated or under the influence shall be prohibited from entering the pool and may be asked to leave the pool facilities
13. Spitting, urinating, blowing of the nose, spouting of water or the deposit of foreign matter in the pool shall be strictly prohibited.
14. No water balloons.
15. No skateboards, skates or bikes in the pool facilities.
16. No loud radios, speakers or instruments in the pool facilities.
17. No diving in the pool.
18. No running and jumping in the pool.
19. No flips, front or back, permitted. Enter the water feet first.
20. No running anywhere inside the pool facilities.
21. Dunking and excessive rough play will not be permitted.
22. Profanity is prohibited.
23. Inappropriate touching or sexual behavior is prohibited.
24. Proper swim attire required for all swimmers.
25. The pool shall be cleared immediately in the event of inclement weather, which includes audible thunder and/or visible lightning. The pool management/lifeguard is solely responsible for weather safety. The pool shall remain cleared until 30 minutes has passed without audible thunder and/or visible lightning. The pool shall also be cleared during a tornado warning.
26. Persons having or reasonably suspected to have any considerable area of exposed sub-epidermal tissue, cuts, or known recognizable contagious or communicable diseases, cough, cold, open sore or wounds, blisters, bandaged wound, fever, inflammation of the eyes, nasal or ear discharges, shall not be allowed to enter the pool water.
27. A cleansing shower, using warm water and soap, must be taken before entering the pool. Excess oils and body

lotions should be removed prior to entering the pool. Gender specific showers are available in the bathhouse.

28. Only approved service animals permitted in the pool facility.

29. Any person who cannot swim should not enter water above their shoulders. Swimmers may be subject to a swim test at the request of the lifeguard. The lifeguard on duty has the right to restrict swimmers from certain areas of the pool.

30. Non-swimmers must be accompanied by an experienced adult swimmer and wear a USCG approved flotation device. Arm floaties are prohibited.

31. A 10-minute safety break will be held during the last 10 minutes of each hour. During safety breaks, adults 18 and over may swim at their own risk. All children exit the water, including the stairs of the pool.

32. Private pool parties must be arranged with the IHR-HOA at least 1 week in advance. IHR residents shall not be restricted from pool during normal pool hours. Should private parties exceed regular pool hours, non-party guests will be expected to leave the premises. One long whistle blow means clear the pool immediately.

## POOL HOURS

### POOL HOURS FOR 2020

05/15/20 - 05/21/2020		
Day	Open	Close
Fri	11:00	9:00
Sat	10:00	9:00
Sun	12:00	8:00
Mon	closed	closed
Tue	2:00	7:00
Wed	2:00	7:00
Thu	2:00	7:00

05/22/20 - 09/07/2020*		
Day	Open	Close
Mon	closed	closed
Tue	12:00	7:00
Wed	12:00	7:00
Thu	12:00	7:00
Fri	11:00	9:00
Sat	10:00	9:00
Sun	12:00	8:00

\* On days Edmond Public Schools are in session, hours will be Tuesday – Thursday 4-7 and Friday 4-8.

### IHR SWIM TEAM

Historically, the IHR Swim Team will practice Tue - Thu - 9:30-10:15 and 10:15-11:00, but this is still being determined by the club sponsor, American Energy Swim Club.

Register for the IHR Swim Team at: <https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recaesl>

**\*\*\*NEW RULES FOR 2020\*\*\***

**CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 WARNING & DISCLAIMER**

Coronavirus, COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as a mean to prevent the spread of the virus. COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in programs or accessing Iron Horse Ranch facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. **IHR-HOA in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in IHR-HOA programs of accessing IHR-HOA facilities.**

**ADDITIONAL RULES FOR 2020\***

- All residents and guests **swim at their own risk**, which includes the risk of COVID-19 Virus contamination / infection.
- Lifeguard decisions/instructions **MUST** be followed. Lifeguards are instructed to contact local law enforcement at their discretion if someone does not follow their instructions.
- Individuals / Family Groups must be separated **by a least 6 feet**, both in and out of the water.
- In line with the CDC, the OKC-County Health Department is recommended that people wear face masks to help prevent / slow the spread of the virus. Masks should not be worn the water, as it may cause respiratory distress when wet.
- Residents **cannot** be in the pool facility if they have had **symptoms** of COVID-19, such as: diarrhea in the last two weeks, cough, fever, chills, headache, sore throat, recent loss of taste or smell. This list is not all inclusive, please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are concerning to you.
- It is recommended **residents bring their own disinfecting wipes** to disinfect furniture and/or tables they have used.
- Wash hands before entering the pool facility, even if you do not intend on swimming.
- No swim lessons for now.
- Safety breaks may be extended to provide time to disinfect handles, ladders, handrails and other such surfaces that are frequently touched.
- Any incidents of fecal matter in the pool will likely result in a 24 shutdown of the pool to disinfect.
- In cases where compliance with these rules / restrictions are infeasible or cannot be achieved due to lack of cooperation by residents, the pool **will be closed indefinitely** or until compliance can be achieved and maintained, or until the rules / restrictions are further relaxed.

\* Please see FAQs below

**CHANGE LOG:**

- 05/12/20 – Original
- 06/01/20 – Per official guidance by Authorities listed below in the FAQs and since Oklahoma is now moving to Phase 3 of the Governor’s Plan, removed restrictions on:
  - Capacity – Capacity restrictions explicitly removed by the OK State Dept of Health.
  - Visitors – Visitors restricted because of the capacity limitations, which is no longer in effect.
  - Swim Team – Our club sponsor, American Energy Swim Club (AESC), is following all state and local guidance, as well as guidance from USA Swimming, and they intend to begin neighborhood swim team practice shortly.
  - Pool Parties – Initially, we stated no pool parties because of the restriction of “no more than 10 people gathering”, but this restriction is now removed.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) FOR 2020

### **What guidance are you following for opening the pool this year?**

We are following guidance from the following Authorities:

- OKC-County Health Department - <https://www.occhd.org/pools>
- OK State Dept of Health - <https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Public%20Bathing%20ReOpening%20Guidance.pdf>
- Governor's Phasing - <https://www.okcommerce.gov/wp-content/uploads/Open-Up-and-Recover-Safely-Plan.pdf>

Further, we have worked with our pool operator, Northwest Pool Management, who manages dozens of HOA pools in Edmond, to develop this guidance.

### **Is it safe to open the pool this year?**

We are following all guidance from state and local Authorities (see links above). In addition, please review the, "CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 WARNING & DISCLAIMER" in the previous section.

### **Can Coronavirus/Covid-19 be transmitted at the pool?**

According to the CDC, there is currently no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans through the treated pool/spa water, as the virus is susceptible to destruction/inactivation by proper sanitizer levels (chlorine/bromine). The risk of transmission at such venues is largely **via direct person-to-person**, or from hard contact surfaces such as furniture, hand rails, door/gate handles, bathroom fixtures, etc.

### **Do people have to spread out?**

Family groups must be **6 feet apart**.

### **Can children play together in the pool?**

Siblings and family groups that are living together can play together. Children from separate families must stay **6 feet apart**.

### **How will we keep kids from separate families playing with each other and keep families 6 feet apart?**

**Really effective parenting.** Lifeguards cannot keep track of which children belong to which family. As such, this is the **resident's responsibility** to self-monitor.

### **Who will disinfect lounge chairs, chairs, and tables?**

**Residents must disinfect before and after use**, just like you do at the gym. Lifeguards will not be able to disinfect before and after every use. Their job is to guard the pool. Taking their attention away from the pool, even for a few seconds, would be neglecting their duty to protect the swimmers.

### **Will IHR-HOA provide disinfectant products for the pool chairs?**

We intend to provide disinfectant stations with paper towels and disinfectant products for the pool chairs. However, all disinfectant products are in short supply, so the IHR-HOA may not be able to provide enough supplies. As such, **it's the resident's responsibility to bring disinfectant/sanitization products with them to apply before and after use on the pool chairs** in case we are not able to secure enough disinfectant products for the pool area.

### **Will the lifeguard enforce social distancing?**

No. It is the **resident's responsibility** to self-monitor.

### **Will the lifeguard enforce mask wearing for the residents when they are not in the pool?**

No. This is a personal decision on whether you feel comfortable wearing a mask or being around people who are not wearing mask.

**Will the lifeguard wear a mask?**

No. It's a safety issue for the lifeguard to wear a mask when they may need to dive in the pool for an emergency. However, they will have CPR Masks in the case of someone needing mouth to mouth.

**What happens if someone is not following social distancing guidelines? Can I complain to the lifeguard?**

No. You should leave the pool area if you feel uncomfortable.

**What if I disagree with the lifeguard's instructions on a particular matter?**

**You must follow any instructions given by the lifeguard.** If you disagree with the lifeguard's instructions, please wait until safety break and then ask for the lifeguard manager's contact information. We will not allow confrontation with the lifeguard while they are on duty and furthermore, the lifeguards have been instructed to contact local law enforcement for any non-compliance issues.

**Will the restrooms be cleaned more frequently?**

Yes! Northwest Pool Management will disinfect the restrooms every 2 hours. Frequently touched surfaces (door knobs, handles, sinks, toilets, etc.) will all be disinfected every other safety break. This might mean some safety breaks go a little longer than 10 minutes.

**Can I use the pool for independent swim lessons?**

Not at this time.

**Will these rules change throughout the summer?**

**Highly probable** given the fluid nature of the guidance being issued by state and local authorities.