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Effective January 2006 *Admission Standards for Public Pools* were developed by the Office of the Chief Coroner to assist lifeguards in maintaining adequate supervision over the whereabouts and activities of young bathers while they are inside a public pool enclosure. The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care strongly supports these Standards for the purpose of preventing injuries and fatalities. Town of Collingwood Parks, Recreation and Culture Department staff have outlined the following adult supervision requirements for children under 10 to be admitted to the Centennial Aquatic Centre.

1. **Public Admission Standards** apply to visitors during unregistered program times at the Centennial Aquatic Centre in the Town of Collingwood.

Children – 5 years of age and younger

- Must be accompanied in the water by a parent or adult guardian (minimum 14-years of age)
- Parent or adult guardian is responsible for their direct supervision and must be within arm's reach of the child at all times
- Maximum two children per parent or adult guardian

Children – 6 to 9 years of age

- Must be accompanied in the water by a parent or adult guardian (minimum 14-years of age)
- Parent/guardian is responsible for their direct supervision and must be able to give immediate assistance
- Non-swimmers must remain within arm's reach of their parent or adult guardian
- Maximum four children per parent or adult guardian
- A swim test may be administered at the discretion of the Lifeguard for participation in deep water activities.

Children – 10 years of age and older

- May swim without a parent or guardian
- Recommended to *always swim with a buddy*

2. **Birthday/Splash Party** participants where recognizable staff or volunteers are not in charge of their group must adhere to the Public Admission Standards.

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3. **Rental Groups and Camps** must adhere to the following admission standards at the Centennial Aquatics Centre:
- a) All participants must pass the facility swim test in order to be awarded a bracelet which will allow them to swim in the deep end.
 - b) Non-swimmers 5 years and under who haven't passed the facility swim test must be accompanied in the water by an adult 14 years or older within arms reach at a ratio of maximum 2 children per adult.
 - c) Participants 5 years and under who have passed the facility swim test may swim in the deep end but must be accompanied in the water by an adult 14 years or older at a ratio of maximum 6 children per adult.
 - d) Non-swimmers 6-9 years old who haven't passed the facility swim test must be accompanied in the water by an adult 14 years or older within arms reach at a ratio of maximum 4 children per adult.
 - e) Participants 6-9 years who have passed the facility swim test may swim in the deep end but must be accompanied in the water by an adult 14 years or older at a ratio of maximum 10 children per adult.
 - f) Participants 10 years and older must be supervised by an adult 14 years or older at a ratio of maximum 10 children per adult.

Age & Ability of Child	Adult:Child Supervision Ratio
5yrs and under & Non-Swimmer	1:2
5yrs and under & Swimmer	1:6
6-9yrs & Non-Swimmer	1:4
6-9yrs & Swimmer	1:10
10yrs+	1:10

4. **School Lesson Rental Groups** can rely on Town Instructor/Lifeguards to supervise children provided the following admission standards are adhered to. The number of Instructor/Lifeguards required to supervise groups of increasing numbers of participants are listed in the chart below.

Number of Participants	Number of Instructors/Lifeguards
1-30	3
31-40	4
41-50	5
51-60	6