

Child Admission Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety, wellbeing, and effective supervision of all children utilising the leisure facilities, including the swimming pool, gym, and organised camps. It provides a framework for parents, guardians, and staff to maintain a secure environment in compliance with national safety standards.

Scope

This policy applies to all minors (under 18 years of age), their parents/guardians, and staff members within the LeisureWorld facility. It covers general public admissions, swimming lessons, and specialised kids' camps.

Principles

- **Safety First:** The safety of the child is the paramount consideration in all activities.
- **Parental Responsibility:** Parents or guardians maintain primary responsibility for their children unless the child is signed into a programmed activity.
- **Inclusion:** Services are provided consistently and transparently, regardless of disability or other protected characteristics.
- **Compliance:** All users must adhere to LeisureWorld rules and staff instructions to maintain a pleasant environment.

Supervision and Access

LeisureWorld operates strictly enforced supervision ratios to ensure the safety of all minors. These ratios are based on national safety guidelines and vary by activity.

- All specific age-related access rules and supervision ratios are outlined in the Appendix: Access and Supervision Requirements
- Supervision ratios are determined by industry safety standards, risk assessments, and insurance requirements.
- Management reserves the right to amend these ratios based on safety assessments. Parents are responsible for reviewing these requirements prior to their visit.

General Requirements

- **Health Declarations:** All children participating in activities and gym patrons must have a completed screening or health declaration form on file.
- **Medical Conditions:** Parents must disclose any medical conditions (e.g., Asthma, Epilepsy, Diabetes) or additional needs to ensure staff can provide necessary accommodations.
- **Induction:** All teens must complete a gym safety induction prior to using the gym or attending fitness classes.
- **Code of Conduct:** LeisureWorld maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding the use or possession of drugs, alcohol, or aggressive/anti-social behavior. Any individual found in breach of this code will be refused entry or removed from the premises immediately.
- **Exclusions:** Management reserves the right to exclude individuals for behavioural issues or non-compliance with safety rules.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually, or earlier if required

Appendix

Current Access and Supervision

These procedures define the specific ratios and metrics required to satisfy Ireland Active/IWS/Swim Ireland 2021 safety standards.

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Public Swimming Supervision Ratios

Supervising adults (18+) must adhere to the required safe supervision ratios while children are in the pool.

Childs Age	Ratio (Adult : Child)	Requirement
0-10 Years	1 : 2	Adult must be in the water within arm's reach.
11-13 Years	N/A	Adult must remain on the premises (Viewing Gallery).
14+ Years	N/A	May swim unaccompanied.

Swimming Lessons

Ratios are determined by the ability level and water depth.

- Level 1-2: 1 : 8
- Level 3: 1 : 10
- Level 4-6: 1 : 12.

Summer Camps & Groups

Groups must provide a manifest of all participants and adhere to the following:

- Dry-Side Activities: 2 : 25 (Leader to Child).
- Wet-Side Activities: 2 : 25 (In addition to the Lifeguards).

Safety Briefing: A 5-minute safety briefing must be conducted by the Duty Manager for all camp participants before the first pool session.

Gym

- Student gym and swim sessions are open to those aged 16 years and over.
- Teen OPS-POL-05 LeisureWorld Child
- Admission Policy available to those aged 13–15 years.

Hygiene Recovery Times

To prevent the spread of infection (Cryptosporidium), the following exclusion periods apply:

- Standard Illness: 48 Hours clear of symptoms.
- Confirmed Waterborne Infection: 14 Days clear of symptoms.
- Pre-shower entry: All bathers must shower thoroughly before entering the pool deck

