NATATORIUM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

It is the responsibility of all persons using the pool to familiarize themselves with and abide by the rules and policies established for this facility.*Please note: We follow national guidelines safety guidelines for closing of pool.

All general facility rules apply to the natatorium, in addition to the following:

1. Lifeguards on duty must be obeyed at all times and under all conditions.
2. No one is allowed to swim or have access to the pool area or patio unless the pool is officially open and a Valdosta State University appointed Lifeguard is on duty.
3. Only swim suits and t-shirts are permitted in the pool. No cut-offs, jeans, or other inappropriate clothing is allowed. The VSU Lifeguard will verify whether swim attire is publicly appropriate.
4. All persons using the pool must take a cleansing shower before entering the pool area or the pool.
5. NO SHALLOW WATER DIVING. Flips, twists, somersaults or other gymnastic diving is strictly prohibited. Conventional head-first diving is only permitted in the deep end. In pool water less than 9ft, enter feet-first.
6. Running, rough play and excessive noise are forbidden in the natatorium.
7. No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall use the pool.
8. Persons with communicable diseases shall not enter the pool.
9. Persons with contagious conditions, such as colds or skin/eye/ear/nasal infections, shall not enter the pool.
10. Persons with open blisters, cuts, sores etc. are advised to not use the pool.
11. No spitting, spouting water, nose blowing, or discharging bodily wastes in the pool.
12. No animals or pets allowed in the natatorium. Guide animals are permitted.
13. No glass, food or beverage, or chewing gum is permitted in the pool area or pool.
14. Drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products are strictly prohibited in the natatorium.
15. Flotation devices may only be used at the Lifeguard’s discretion.
16. Swimming longer than 25 yards underwater continuously is prohibited.
17. All requests for underwater training and activities need to be submitted to David Williams, Graduate Assistant for Aquatics and Red Cross at davidwilliams@valdosta.edu or 229-245-4305.

Persons disregarding pool rules or failing to cooperate with university aquatics staff may be subject to expulsion from the facility and possible further disciplinary action.

* Please note: The term “natatorium” includes the pool, pool deck area, patio, and locker rooms (consisting of restrooms, showers and dressing areas) adjacent to the pool deck at the Student Recreation Center