

DPR Swim Attire Requirements

All persons on the pool deck, and/or swimming in the pool, are required to wear proper swim attire. All swimwear bottoms must have a liner. All swimwear must be clean.

All infants/toddlers that require diapers must wear swimmers diapers and proper swimwear.

ALLOWED: Clean cotton t-shirts and sarongs. Patrons on the deck MUST have on proper swim attire under these items.

NOT ALLOWED: Brazil/French-cut, thong style and/or revealing swim wear is prohibited. "Street clothes", cut-off jeans, jeans, skirts, shorts, sport bras, leotards, leggings, dri-fit wear, compression shorts and compression shirts. **Underwear and undergarments are not allowed to be worn under swimsuits.**

Why do I have to wear proper swimwear?

- Street clothes (especially cotton) can transport airborne and ultimately water borne contaminants into the pool.
- Lycra and Nylon are the best non-absorbent material for swimming and are the best fabrics for proper swim attire.
 - Other absorbent materials (such as cotton) can break down in the water and cause fibers to clog filters.
 - Any "colored" material (unless specifically made for swimming) can bleed into the pool, effecting water chemistry and balance. This is also a reason for turbidity in pools.
- Cotton and similar materials can absorb the chemicals in the water, causing the water to become less effective at maintaining the proper chemical balance or may cloud the water.



ALLOWED



*When purchasing, please confirm that this item is specifically made for swimming/swimming pools.

NOT ALLOWED



The DC Department of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to deny use of DPR pool and/or spa facilities for non-approved swimwear. If you are unsure if your swimwear meets our guidelines, please check with facility management. DPR Aquatics Division (202) 671-1289.