

Sault Ste. Marie YMCA Birthday Party – Important Information & Terms

Pool Party Rental:

- **Cost:** \$200 + HST
- **Capacity:** Up to 25 guests (adults and children combined)

Party Schedule:

- **11:10am – 11:15am:** Family Arrival, Sign-in, Set-up
- **11:30am – 11:45am:** Change Room
- **11:45am – 12:45pm:** Pool
- **12:45pm – 1:45pm:** Play Centre (Cake, Food, Presents)
- **1:45pm – 2:00pm:** Clean-up

Key Information:

- If you're ordering food for delivery, please be present at the **Welcome Desk** to accept the delivery, as YMCA staff cannot accept it on your behalf.
- A **cafeteria on-site** is available if you'd like to place a food order.
- **Locks** are required for lockers to secure your belongings in the change room while using the pool.
- All swimmers must **shower** before entering the pool, in accordance with Ontario Health Regulation 565.
- If any swimmer has a **medical condition**, please inform the Lifeguards for safety reasons.
- Pool **admission requirements** must be followed by all guests during the party.

Party Room Information:

- The **room** must be left clean. Please wipe down tables/chairs and dispose of any garbage in the provided containers.
- All visitors must **check-in** at the Membership Services desk before entering the facility. **Photo ID** is required for all persons over 18 years of age.
- The **party organizer** is responsible for ensuring all adults have their ID ready for check-in.

- Parties have access to the **Program Room** for cake, presents, and to store belongings. The room will be set up with chairs and tables for your event, and a refrigerator is available for items like ice cream. The party organizer is responsible for decorating the room.
- The **Program Room** is available **30 minutes before** the party for set-up and **15 minutes after** for clean-up.
- The **party organizer** is also responsible for ensuring all guests are signed in and for overseeing the safety and behavior of the children during the event.

Booking Terms:

- To book a party, you will need to create a **profile** at the Sault Ste. Marie YMCA, either in person or online.
- The **rental fee** must be paid **seven days in advance** to confirm the booking. If payment is not received by this time, the booking will be cancelled.
- A **\$50 deposit** is required at the time of booking and must be processed via **credit card**. A valid credit card must be on file to qualify for a refund of the deposit.
- **Cancellations** must be made at least **one week in advance**. Cancellations with less notice will not be eligible for a refund, and the \$50 deposit will not be reimbursed.
- **Youth aged 13 and younger** cannot be left unattended in the building.
- Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the **cancellation of future bookings** and suspension of room usage privileges.

YMCA Cancellations:

- If the YMCA is unable to provide the reserved room or pool due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g., damage or staffing issues), your booking will be cancelled, and a **full refund**, including the deposit, will be issued.

Pool Admission Policy:

- **Deep End Access:** Lifeguards may request a swim test for any patron at any time and may restrict access to the deep end or require the swimmer to use a life jacket or flotation aid.

- **Caregivers in the Deep End:** Caregivers over the age of 18 may bring children under 11 to the deep end, provided they remain within arms' reach, maintaining a **1:1 caregiver-to-child ratio**.
- **Swimmers aged 6-12:** Must be accompanied by a caregiver who is at least 16 years old and dressed appropriately in deck clothing (sport shorts, short sleeves, and bare feet or sandals). A **1:6 caregiver-to-child ratio** applies.
- **Children under 11** must wear a red bracelet while in the pool facility, regardless of where they intend to swim or who is accompanying them.
- **Swimmers under 6:** Must have a caregiver who is at least 16 years old and remains within arms' reach at all times. The **1:4 caregiver-to-child ratio** applies in all pool areas.
- **Independent Deep End Usage (under 11):** Children under 11 may use the deep end without a caregiver in arms' reach, pending a swim test or at the lifeguard's discretion. A second bracelet will be provided if permission is granted, but the caregiver must remain in the pool area.
- **Whirlpool Usage:** Children under 6 are not permitted to use the whirlpool. Children aged 6-12 may use the whirlpool within arms' reach of a caregiver over 18. Children aged 12-16 may use the whirlpool with a caregiver over 18 present in the pool area.

Thank you for choosing the Sault Ste. Marie YMCA for your celebration! We look forward to making your special day memorable.