SWIMTESTPOLICY

Swim Tests

Swim tests are administered by lifeguards at their discretion and availability. If a child 7–14yrs passes the swim test, they may be given a one time swim bracelet that signifies they passed the test.

All children 6 and under a must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in the water that is 16+yrs at all times and remain within arms length.

Shallow Water swim test:

To swim without an adult in water shallower than the swimmer's chin or in the designated shallow end, the swimmer must pass the Shallow Water Swim Test.

Enter water to armpit depth, Front float for 5 seconds, transition from floating to standing, Back float for 5 seconds and return to standing.

If the swimmer passes, they may be given an orange wristband to wear for the day.

Deep Water

To swim in water deeper than the swimmer's armpits, the swimmer must pass the Deep Water Swim Test:

Jump into deep water and submerge over the swimmer's head, right themselves, tread water for 45 seconds, swim the length of the pool to the stairs. The swimmer can use a combination of freestyle, breaststroke, or backstroke (for backstroke the swimmer must demonstrate rolling from front to back and then continue swimming). If the swimmer passes, they may be given a green wristband to wear for the day.

The Fergus Falls Area YMCA reserves the right to alter this list or limit activities to protect members and guests. For your safety and the safety of others, please obey all verbal instructions from YMCA staff.