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Pool and Spa Inspection Marking Guide

Critical Violations/Imminent Health Hazards

1. **Barrier: pool enclosed/fencing in compliance**
 - a. Barrier does not have a missing piece.
 - b. Barrier does not have a space to ground underneath of more than 4 inches.

2. **Self-closing/self-latching gates**
 - a. All gates used for access in the pool enclosure must have be self-closing and self-latching.
 - b. A gate which is maintained as padlocked will not need be considered as an access gate.

3. **Compliant drain covers in place and in good condition**
 - a. Drain covers are not missing
 - b. Drain covers are not out of place.
 - c. Drain covers are not broken.
 - d. Drain covers are a Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) compliant cover.

4. **Vacuum cap line protected/ entrapment hazards not present.**
 - a. Vacuum cap not missing.
 - b. Vacuum cap not broken.
 - c. Equalizer lines for skimmers either with approved covers or properly disabled with some kind of intact cover in place.
Examples of properly disabled equalizer lines would a threaded plug, not removable without the use of tools, on the inside of the skimmer or filling the equalizer line with cement.
 - d. Two or more main drains are connected by a pipe under the pool, main drain(s) are large enough to be unblockable, a safety vacuum release system (SVRS) is on each pump, or the pool is a gravity drainage (gutter) pool. To be considered unblockable the cover must be at least 18 inches by 23 inches or manufacturer's information is available stating it is unblockable.

5. **Glass / cutting hazards**
 - a. No broken glass or tile in the pool or on the deck.
 - b. Any broken glass

6. **Water clarity:**
 - a. Main drains clearly visible.

7. **Proper disinfectant level:**
 - a. Spas- 3.0 - 10.0 ppm free chlorine
4.0 - 8.0 ppm bromine
 - b. Activity / Interactive / Wading Pools /spray pads
2.0 - 10.0 ppm free chlorine
3.0 - 8.0 ppm bromine
 - c. All Other Pools
1.0 - 10.0 ppm free chlorine if no cyanuric acid chlorine stabilizer used
2.0 - 10.0 ppm free chlorine if cyanuric acid chlorine stabilizer is
8. **pH between 7.2 and 7.8**
9. **Chemical feed is operational**
 - a. Any chlorinators/brominators hoses are connected. Any electronic displays functioning for equipment such as a salt water chlorination system.
10. **Filter: maintained and operating**
 - a. Filter intact
 - b. Filter connected
11. **Pump: maintained and operating**
 - a. All circulations pumps are working

Non-Critical Violations

12. **Grab/hand rails, ladders installed and secure**
13. **Float line in position**
 - a. A float line is provided within one foot of and on the shallow side of the break in grade between the shallow and deep portions of the swimming pool. The operator may remove the float line when the pool is used for lap swimming or swim meets. The line must be reattached immediately after completion of the event.
 - b. An underwater shelf which is adjacent to an area of the pool with a water depth of more than 3 and one-half feet (42 inches) in depth has a float line attached on the shallow side before the edge of the shelf.
14. **Emergency phone (operational if present)**
 - a. Can be cell or land line.
15. **Depth and no diving markers, step marking; installed and contrasting**
 - a. "No diving" only required if a bridge is over a pool. A "no diving and no-jumping" sign has been placed at both ends of the bridge.
 - b. Depth markers include a unit of measurement.
 - c. Shallow end, deep end, and slope break has depth marked on the deck and the water line.

- d. Zero depth entry pools have the 1 foot area marked on the deck and the water line, deep end, and any slope break.
- 16. Pool / Pool deck: maintained, unobstructed and clean**
- a. In adequate repair so no trip hazards present.
 - b. In adequate repair so the pool and deck are cleanable.
- 17. Skimmers/gutters maintained and operable**
- a. Water level is high enough to get into skimmers or gutters.
 - b. Skimmers are pulling water.
 - c. Throttle valves/trimmer valves present in skimmers. Throttle valve/trimmer valve not required in skimmer furthest from circulation pump(s). Throttle valve/trimmer valve not required when only one skimmer present.
- 18. Return inlets maintained**
- a. Return inlets covers not missing.
- 19. Alkalinity between 60-180 ppm**
- 20. Combined chlorine level 0.4 ppm or less**
- 21. Cyanuric acid level not exceeding maximum**
- a. Maximum level is 90 ppm.
- 22. Water temperature does not exceed 104F**
- a. A thermometer is available to the operator to measure the temperature of the water.
 - b. A thermometer is available to the patron to measure the temperature of the water.
- 23. Appropriate lifesaving equipment present**
- a. Shepherds crook/body hook present at least 12 feet long.
 - b. A throwing rope one and one-half times the maximum width of the pool or fifty feet in length, whichever is less, to which has been firmly attached a ring buoy with an outside diameter of approximately fifteen inches or a similar flotation device which is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- 24. Piping identified and marked**
- a. Return, skimmer, main drain, vacuum, water feature suction, and water feature return piping labeled.
- 25. Pump strainer: basket cleanable**
- 26. Flow meter / gauge(s) operational**
- a. Flow meter present and working.
 - b. Pressure gauge or vacuum gauge present and working.

27. Adequate test kit on-site

- a. Test kit must be available on-site.
- b. Kit can be digital, colorimetric, titrimetric, or test strips.
- c. Digital test kits must be NSF 50 listed.

28. Automated controller operational; pumps interlocked

- a. All newly constructed and extensively remodeled increased public risk (spray pad/wading) pools have automated controllers for pH deliver, monitor and control disinfectant and pH chemical feeders through an automated chemical controller. If an increased public risk pool(wading pool or spray pad) has an automated controller present, it must be operational.
- b. All newly constructed and extensively remodeled pools must have all chemical (chlorine and acid) pumps wired so that they will not run when the circulations pumps are not running.

29. Supplemental disinfection UV system, Ozone system

- a. Supplemental disinfection equipment operational when used on an increased public risk (spay pad/wading) pool.

30. Toilets & lavatories: clean and maintained

- a. Toilets and lavatories work and clean.
- b. Soap (liquid or powdered), paper towels, and toilet paper provided.

31. Deck / rinse shower maintained if present

- a. Shower area is clean.
- b. Floors and walls of showers maintained in good repair.
- c. Shower is working.

32. Dressing showers: clean and maintained

- a. Shower area is clean.
- b. Floors and walls of showers maintained in good repair.
- c. Shower is working.

33. Operator training certification available onsite and approved

- a. National Swimming Pool Foundation(NSPF)
Certified Pool Operator (CPO)
- b. American Swimming Pool and Spa Association (ASPSA)
Licensed Aquatic Facility Technician (LAFT)
- c. Aquatic Training Institute (ATI)
Certified Pool Technician (CPT)
- d. National Recreation and Aquatic Park Association Park Association (NRPA)
Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO)
- e. Georgia Chapter of the Association Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP)
Certified Maintenance Specialist (CMS)

34. Certified pool operator's contact information posted

- a. Contact information of the trained operator is posted on the exterior of the primary entrance gate. .
- b. Any facility that has staff on-site during all times of the pool being open to the public is not required to post the contact information of the trained operator.

35. Lifeguard training certification available onsite

36. Inspection report placed in public view

37. Signs: pool/spa/signs legible and in clear view

- a. Where no lifeguard is on duty, a sign or signs shall be placed in clear view at or near the entrance to the pool and shall state in clearly legible letters at least four inches high "NO LIFE GUARD ON DUTY".
- b. A sign in clearly legible letters must provide rules which address the following:
 1. People with illnesses and open wounds should not use the pool.
 2. Glass is not allowed within the pool enclosure.
 3. Animals, except service animals, are not allowed in the pool enclosure.
- c. Signage for spas has additional sign dealing with the maximum water temperature being 104°F.

38. Other violations of the chapter

- a. An annual gas fired inspection shall be performed by a qualified professional.
- b. People with illnesses and open wounds not allowed in the pool.
- c. Animals, except service animals, not allowed in the pool enclosure.

Ratings

- ✓ A pool will be rated as SATISFACTORY if there are no violations marked that were not corrected-on-site.
- ✓ A pool will be rated as UNSATISFACTORY if there are one or more violations marked which are not corrected-on-site.

Enforcement

- a. All critical violations/imminent health hazards must be immediately corrected-on-site or the permit to operate will be suspended/pool voluntarily closed until the violation has been corrected and confirmed by the department.
- b. All non-critical violations, which are not corrected-on-site, must be corrected within 10 business days and confirmed with a follow-up inspection. Failure to correct the violation may lead to permit suspension until the violation is corrected. The department has the discretion to allow more time for non-critical violations that will be more difficult to correct such as replacing a deck or resurfacing the pool interior. All violations at some point must be corrected.