

Aquatic Venues and Facilities

Proposed Significant Rule Changes for Plan Review



The proposed changes to the Pool and Spa Rules (OAR 333-060 and 333-062) that are listed below were developed by a workgroup of industry and regulatory members to update the statewide standards. Please note that the proposed rules listed below are not the only changes to the public pool and spa standards. The complete draft rules are available at: www.healthoregon.org/pl

Rule Citation	Subject	Summary	Effective Date
3.0	Definition, Authority Having Jurisdiction	Means the Oregon Health Authority, Local Public Health Authority, or an agency, organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, installations, or procedures.	March 1, 2025
3.0	Definition, Bulkhead	A movable partition that physically separates a pool into multiple sections.	March 1, 2025
3.0	Definition, Hygiene Facility	An enclosed structure that may contain a toilet, shower, diaper-changing unit, handwashing station, and dressing capabilities serving bathers and patrons at an aquatic facility. Also referred to as a bathhouse.	March 1, 2025
3.0	Definition, Infinity Edge	A pool wall structure and adjacent perimeter deck that is designed in such a way where the top of the pool wall and adjacent deck are not visible from certain vantage points in the pool or from the opposite side of the pool. Water from the pool flows over the edge and is captured and treated for reuse through the normal pool filtration system. They are often also referred to as "vanishing edges," "negative edges," or "zero edges."	March 1, 2025
3.0	Definition, Slip Resistant	Surfaces shall have a minimum dynamic coefficient of friction at least equal to the requirements of ANSI A137.1 and A326.3 for that installation as measured by the DCOF AcuTest.	March 1, 2025
3.0	Definition, Underwater Shelf	A shallow, flat area within a pool that extends horizontally from the pool wall. It is designed to be submerged in water, typically with a depth of 8 to 24 inches, providing a shallow space for lounging, play, or easy entry into the pool. Also referred to as a tanning ledge, sun shelf, or Baja shelf.	March 1, 2025
4.1.2.3.5.3	Maximum Bather Load Capacity	The maximum bather load for each aquatic venue shall be calculated based on the formula under 4.1.2.3.5.3.	New and Substantially Altered
4.10.4.5	Diaper Changing Stations	Diaper changing stations required at hygiene facilities.	New and Substantially Altered

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4.10.5.13	Cleansing Shower	A minimum of 1 shower per 40 bathers and one per each sex, must be provided. For spas, if unisex showers are provided, only 1 shower is required per 40 bathers.	New and Substantially Altered
4.10.5.14	Rinse Shower	A minimum of one rinse shower shall be provided on the deck near an entry point to the aquatic venue. additional rinse showers may be required at the discretion of the local public health authority.	New and Substantially Altered
4.12.1	Spas	Spas must comply with the standards listed under 4.12.1.	New and Substantially Altered
4.12.2	Water Slides and Landing Pools	Water slides and landing pools must comply with the standards listed under 4.12.2.	New and Substantially Altered
4.12.3	Wave Pools	Wave pools must comply with the standards listed under 4.12.3.	New and Substantially Altered
4.12.5	Lazy Rivers	Lazy rivers must comply with the standards listed under 4.12.5.	New and Substantially Altered
4.12.7	Bulk Heads	Bulk heads must comply with the standards listed under 4.12.7.	New and Substantially Altered
4.12.8	Interactive Water Play Venues	Interactive Water Play Venues (aka Splash Pads) must comply with the standards listed under 4.12.8.	New and Substantially Altered
4.5.15	Infinity Edges	Aquatic venues that incorporate an infinity edge must comply with the standards listed under 4.5.15.	New and Substantially Altered
4.5.16	Underwater Benches	Aquatic venues that incorporate an underwater bench must comply with the standards listed under 4.5.16.	New and Substantially Altered
4.5.18	Underwater Shelves	Aquatic venues that incorporate an underwater shelf must comply with the standards listed under 4.5.18.	New and Substantially Altered
4.5.19.4	No Diving Markers	For pool water depths less than 5 feet, all deck depth markers must be provided with "NO DIVING" warning signs along with the universal international symbol for "NO DIVING."	New and Substantially Altered
4.5.4.9	Approach Steps	Steps that are a part of a raised pool or spa must comply with the design standards listed under 4.5.4.9.	New and Substantially Altered
4.5.5.4	Handrails for Steps wider than 5 feet	Stairs wider than 5 feet shall have handrails at either side and spaced not more than every 12 feet apart across the entire stair width, or as approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.	New and Substantially Altered

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4.6.7	Drinking Fountains	Drinking fountains provided at general-use facilities must comply with the standards listed under 4.6.7.	New and Substantially Altered
4.7.1.10.4	Reuse Ratio	The ratio of interactive water play aquatic venue feature water to filtered water shall be no greater than 3:1 in order to maintain the efficiency of the filtration system.	New and Substantially Altered
4.7.1.4.4 and 4.7.1.5	Surge Capacity	Surge tanks and in-pool surge capacities for perimeter overflow systems must comply with the standards listed under 4.7.1.4.4 or 4.7.1.5.	New and Substantially Altered
4.7.3.1.1	Disinfection and pH	Disinfection and pH control chemicals shall be automatically introduced through the recirculation system.	New and Substantially Altered
4.7.3.2.1.3	Electrical Interlock	All chemical control and feed systems shall be provided with an automatic means to disable all chemical feeders for each venue or portion of a venue.	New and Substantially Altered
4.7.3.2.8	Automated Controllers	Automated controllers shall be installed for monitoring and turning on or off chemical feeders used for pH and disinfectants.	New and Substantially Altered
4.7.3.3	Secondary Disinfection	Secondary disinfection systems, such as UV and ozone, must meet the requirements listed under 4.7.3.3.	New and Substantially Altered
4.8.6.2.1.2	Mesh Fencing	Chain-link fencing constructed of a maximum opening of 1¾ inches mesh shall be permitted. Mesh openings greater than 1¾ inches may have vertical slats installed.	New and Substantially Altered
4.8.6.2.4	Enclosure Height	Enclosures shall be no less than 6 feet (1.83 m) in height.	New and Substantially Altered
4.8.6.2.5	Enclosure Clearance Above Grade	The maximum vertical clearance at the bottom of the enclosure when measured on the side of the enclosure facing away from the enclosed space, shall not exceed: 1) 2 inches above grade when the ENCLOSURE rests on a non-solid surface, including grass or gravel; or 2) 4 inches above grade when the ENCLOSURE rests on a solid surface.	New and Substantially Altered

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