

# Waterslide Changes at the MixFamily Aquatics Centre

**Why did we change the waterslide?** The old waterslide was starting to cause some serious issues for our Aquatic Centre, primarily the Main Pool. If you did not know, the waterslide is connected to the Main Pools' water treatment system (uses the same water). Due to the low risers on the old slide, we were losing a significant amount of water when the slide was being used resulting in the Main Pool chemistry and temperature to fluctuate significantly. These drastic fluctuations resulted in us having to close the Main Pool and Waterslide periodically as we returned the chemistry and temperature back to normal.

Over the years we installed a new chemical control system to help compensate for this issue, however, due to an increase in facility usage the system was no longer able to effectively solve this problem.

As we were completing the facility upgrades in the summer of 2017, our manufacturer recommended higher risers on the slide as the best solution. Since the installation of the new risers, water chemistry and temperature have improved significantly in both the waterslide and Main Pool.

**Why are there new slide rules?** To ensure our continued commitment to the safety of our patrons, the City of Leduc adjusted our operating procedures for the slide to align with manufacturing safety requirements. It is important to note that these are not manufacturer suggestions or guidelines, but requirements for them to certify operation of the slide. Any departure from these requirements would result in the City legally negligent if a rider were to be injured on the slide. We understand these new changes have an impact on our smallest swimmers' ability to use the large waterslide, however, we have a number of slides in our Leisure Pool targeted specifically for children under the age of 6.

## *New Slide Rules*

- \* **Minimum Rider Height:** You must be at least 40" or 3'4". Children can check their height at the West Guest Services desk or at the waterslide.
- \* **Number of riders permitted on slide:** Only one (1) rider is permitted on the slide at a time. Parents can wait for their children at the bottom of the slide.
- \* **Lifejackets:** Lifejackets are now allowed on the waterslide.
- \* **Rider Line Up:** Riders will now be asked to line up at the bottom of the waterslide staircase.
- \* **Waterslide Operational Hours:** The waterslide now has operational hours. It will be open during times that historically see popular usage of the waterslide (evenings, weekends, holidays, and PD Days). You can view our waterslide hours on our website at [Leduc.ca/aquatic-centre](http://Leduc.ca/aquatic-centre).

*Before*



*After*

