



# SAFETY - OPERATING RULES

Children can place themselves into dangerous situations in spite of all structural and other safety precautions.  
It is the pool staff's and parents' responsibility to keep everyone safe.

**Ensure that all staff have read and understand these rules:**

## 1. General

- a. **Always** have responsible supervision when children are using pool platforms
- b. **Never** leave platforms unattended (in water or on the side of pool area)  
If possible, we recommend removal from the pool when not in use
- c. **Do Not** use the platforms for purposes for which they were not intended (**e.g. not by Adults**)
- d. **Place** platform at least 2 meters away from edge of pool so kids cannot jump on/off
- e. **Depth** of water must be appropriate to the height of the platform
- f. **No Diving** or jumping from platforms
- g. **No Swimming** under or through platforms

## 2. Assembly

- a. **Follow** all assembly instructions to the letter - no shortcuts
- b. **Ensure** all structures are assembled and tested by "responsible" adults' instructions
- c. **Ensure** the platform has adequate ballast to make it sink to the bottom of the pool
- d. To further minimise slipping, you may wish to:  
.... - add bathtub-type non-slip strips on the platform(s) (commercially available)  
.... - spray platforms with non-skid paint (commercially available)

## 3. Inspection & Maintenance

- a. **Check** regularly that all panels are secured with 4 black panel screws (90degree, ¼ turn)  
If not properly secured, the panels can bend and/or collapse along the edges
- b. **Check** regularly that all tubes are secured with coloured screws
- c. **Do Not** leave any tube holes open - especially in tubes that have aluminium reinforcements
- d. **Inspect** the structure regularly for loose, broken or missing components
- e. **Clean** platforms periodically to ensure no mildew or other bacterial build-up

## 4. Moving

- a. **Never** lift, lower, carry, pull or move any platform by the **Railing** or **Superstructure**  
*The structures are not welded. Never stress the railings or superstructures*
- b. **Always "push"** platform out of the pool. **Never "pull"** platforms out of the pool  
*Pulling or dragging platforms will stress the systems, especially with larger structures*
- c. **Never** drag the platform on the ground  
*Dragging will wear out the bottoms of the tubes and connectors*

## 5. Placement

- a. Try not to have the larger platforms in much less than 3' of water (Kids may fall off and get hurt hitting pool bottom)
- b. Place on FLAT pool bottom surface
- c. If possible, place at least 2 meters from pool sides (so kids do try to jump to/from platform)
- d. Do not place close to a pool wall where a child could fall between platform and pool sides