

Parent Observation Policy for all Brandywine YMCA Programs

- Parents will be able to observe their children in any YMCA program at any time. Parents may be directed to a specific area depending on the space available.
- Siblings of children will not be allowed to observe during programs other than on designated observation days. Siblings may cause distractions for the instructor, and can impede the safety of the program. Please utilize the babysitting center if you have siblings with you and would like to observe.
- We will have designated observation days when all parents, grandparents, siblings, and visitors will be invited to observe programs. On these observation days, seating will be made available, and additional staff may be added to the environment to ensure the safety of the activities.
- Children respond differently to different environments. Some may not do well with their parents watching them. If your child seems to be distracted or uneasy with you watching, we would encourage you to leave the area where the program is being conducted. A director or program instructor may speak to you if they think that your child's learning is being hindered by your presence. We understand that this can be difficult, but also want to provide the best learning environment for each child.

Additional Swim Team Observation Policy

- Please refrain from talking at all times while you observe. The audio qualities of the North Pool are such that even soft conversations create "white noise" at the far end of the pool. Please respect your swimmers and coaching staff by refraining from any conversation while observing practice.
- Please observe only from the bleachers located at the shallow end of the pool. The bleachers running along the length of the pool are to be used by swimmers waiting for their practice to begin.
- Swimmers should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of practice. Swimmers arriving more than 15 minutes early are asked to remain in the "wet hallway."
- Observation is limited to adults only. Children under the age of 14 are not permitted on the pool deck during practice.
- As observers, you are requested not to distract or attempt to "coach" your child.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact Coach Pierson at JPierson@ymcade.org or by phone (302) 478-YMCA (9622). Thank you.