

Terms of use for the swimming areas/beach areas and lawns for sunbathing in Bosen and Gonneseiler on Lake Bostalsee

General information

1. The terms of use serve to ensure safety, order and cleanliness in the swimming areas/beach areas (swimming lakes) and at the lawns for sunbathing of the Bostalsee Leisure Centre in Bosen and Gonneseiler.
2. The terms of use are binding for all guests.
By entering the swimming areas/beach areas and the lawns for sunbathing, every visitor recognises these terms of use and all other regulations issued to maintain operational safety.
3. The bathing facilities are to be treated with care, in particular the plants on the lawns for sunbathing. In the event of misuse, culpable soiling or damage, the guest(s) shall be liable for the damage caused.
4. Guests must refrain from doing anything that is contrary to good morals and the maintenance of public safety, peace and order. Photographing and filming other people and groups without their express consent is not permitted.
5. Smoking is not permitted in the showers, changing rooms and sanitary facilities, and glass containers must not be used in these rooms or in the bathing area.
6. Swimming areas/beach areas, lawns for sunbathing and recreational facilities must be kept clean. Waste must be collected and disposed of in the bins provided.
7. Staff are authorised by law to make decisions that visitors must abide by during any visit. Visitors who violate these terms of use may be excluded from the pool temporarily or permanently. In such cases, the entrance fee will not be refunded.
8. Requests, suggestions and complaints are accepted by the management.
9. Lost property must be handed in to the staff. Further information is available at the Sankt Wendel County tourist information centre.

Opening hours and access

1. The two swimming areas/beach areas at the Bostalsee Leisure Centre are open from 10 am to 7 pm during the bathing season and until 8 pm from June to August. The last admission is one hour before closing time; at closing time the swimming areas/beach areas must be vacated. Opening times may vary due to local weather conditions. The bathing areas are supervised during opening hours. Guests are required to pay attention to acoustic and visual signals and to always follow instructions. The management may restrict the use of the swimming areas/beach areas and lawns for sunbathing, or parts thereof, for compelling reasons.

The volleyball court at the swimming area/beach area in Gonneseiler is open until 10 pm. Volleyball players are required to remain within this area, which is separated by a net, and to always follow staff instructions.
2. Persons under the influence of intoxicating substances are not allowed to enter. **Pets (dogs) are not allowed in the bathing area and on the lawns for sunbathing for reasons of hygiene.**
3. Children under the age of seven and people with disabilities who cannot use the pools without assistance are only permitted to use the pools together with an accompanying person who is at least 14 years old.
4. A fee must be paid to use the swimming areas/beach areas and the lawns for sunbathing. This fee is set annually by the county council. The day ticket/receipt is valid on the day of purchase, the season ticket for families is valid for the season printed on the ticket and the ten-entry ticket is also valid for the following season from the date of purchase. These tickets and receipts are non-transferable. Used tickets/receipts cannot be returned and fees will not be refunded. Lost tickets/receipts will not be replaced. When leaving the bathing area before the scheduled closing time, used tickets/receipts will be marked by ticket office staff on the day of use by means of a stamp on the guest's hand or arm to enable re-entry. When the guest re-enters, the stamp must be shown to the cashier without being requested to do so.

Liability

1. Guests use the swimming areas/beach areas and the lawns for sunbathing, including the play and sports facilities, at their own risk, notwithstanding the obligation of the operator to maintain the swimming areas/beach areas and the lawns for sunbathing and their facilities in a safe condition. The operator shall not be liable for any damage caused by force majeure and unforeseen circumstances or for defects that are not immediately recognised even if the usual care is taken.
2. Liability shall not be accepted for the destruction, damage or loss of items worn or carried into the facility.
3. The operator or its vicarious agents shall only be liable for personal injury, property damage or financial loss in the event of wilful intent or gross negligence. This also applies to vehicles parked in the car parks of the establishment.
4. Liability shall not be accepted for valuables and cash; this also applies to valuables and cash left in the lockers.

Special provisions for bathing facilities

1. Jumping into the lake from the bathing islands and using the water slide is at your own risk. When jumping into the lake, it is essential to ensure that the jumping area is clear. The rules of behaviour at the water slide must also be observed at all times.
2. The use of swimming rings is permitted. It is forbidden to push or throw other people into the lake or to swim underneath the jumping area.

Special regulations for the swimming areas/beach areas and the lawns for sunbathing

1. Swimming is only permitted when wearing suitable swimwear.
2. All items that have not been collected within 30 minutes of the pool closing will be retained by staff.
3. **Barbecues, open fires and shisha pipes are strictly prohibited.**

Notes on the bathing zones

1. Swimming at Lake Bostalsee is only permitted in the two demarcated swimming areas/beach areas (swimming area/beach area on the western shore near Bosen and the swimming area/beach area on the north-eastern shore near Gonneseiler). The shoreline at the lawn for sunbathing in Gonneseiler (surfer's point) is not authorised for bathing.
2. The two swimming areas/beach areas are separated from the rest of the lake by a chain of buoys. Swimming is only permitted between the swimming areas/beach areas and the chain of buoys. Swimming is strictly prohibited around the rest of the lake and outside the chain of buoys due to the risk of accidents. Liability shall not be accepted for accidents.
3. The non-swimmer limit in the swimming areas/beach areas is at a water depth of 1.25 m and is marked by buoys and signs.

Lifeguard service and supervision

1. Supervision and lifeguard service in the swimming areas/beach areas are provided by specialist employees of the establishment and by lifeguards at the rescue station of the regional association of the German Life Saving Association (DLRG).
2. The instructions of supervisory staff, who are easily recognisable due to their clothing, must be followed at all times.
3. The lifeguard service is carried out from a watchtower, through beach checks and by patrols on the lake.
4. Accidents and incidents requiring external assistance must be reported to the lifeguard service immediately. The lifeguard service can contact the emergency services via an emergency call system.
5. The access routes for emergency vehicles to the swimming areas/beach areas and the lawn for sunbathing are secured. The access route for emergency vehicles to an incident scene must be kept clear by visitors at all times.

Playgrounds at both swimming areas/beach areas

1. The playground at the swimming area/beach area in Bosen can only be used by guests of the swimming area/beach area in Bosen. The playground at the swimming area/beach area in Gonneseiler can only be used by guests of the swimming area/beach area in Gonneseiler.
2. The playground equipment is regularly checked by specialists. The operator shall not be liable for force majeure, external influences and unforeseen circumstances or for defects that are not immediately recognised even if the usual care is taken.
3. Use of the playground equipment is at your own risk.

Catering kiosks in the two swimming areas/beach areas

1. The operator is not responsible for operation of the catering kiosks.
2. At the swimming area/beach area in Bosen, access to the catering kiosks is only granted if the entrance fee for the swimming area/beach area has been paid.
3. At the swimming area/beach area in Gonneseiler, access to the "Beachbar" catering kiosk is granted separately. However, a fee must be paid to use the swimming area/beach area or the lawn for sunbathing in Gonneseiler.

Exceptions

The terms of use apply to general bathing activities. Special events may be exempt from these terms of use without requiring individual cancellation.

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BOSTALSEE LEISURE CENTRE

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