



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1501:46-7-04 Flotation devices prohibited; exceptions.

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(A) No person shall use or offer for use by any person any inner tube ring, buoy, air mattress, beach ball or similar novelty device of inflatable air cell construction, nor any plastic foam flotation device in the waters of the division where swimming is prohibited, in division swimming pools, at division-operated beaches, or at boat swimming areas adjacent to division-operated beaches except as provided in paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule and except at pools operated by concessionaires.

(B) A coast guard approved wearable personal flotation device may be used as a safety aid to a swimmer when said swimmer is being assisted by a responsible and experienced swimmer and the device is being used in accordance with the labeling or users manual, properly secured, is the proper size and is undamaged. Suitable flotation devices may be used in conjunction with self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (S.C.U.B.A.) by persons engaged in scuba diving or skin diving when flotation devices are necessary to said activity. Float fishing tubes are permitted when used in accordance with rule 1501:46-15-15 of the Administrative Code. Children may use flotation devices in division wading pools when the child is being supervised by an adult.

(C) Persons shall use adequate and effective coast guard approved wearable personal flotation devices while being towed by a vessel in a ski zone or open zone in accordance with section 1547.18 of the Revised Code. Adequate and effective coast guard approved wearble personal flotation devices shall also be used by persons being towed by a vessel traveling at idle speed in a designated no wake zone in compliance with division (C) of section 1547.14 of the Revised Code.
