



The Ohio State University Department of Recreational Sports Rights and Responsibilities

Students, faculty and staff of The Ohio State University have the right to expect the finest programs, services, facilities and equipment as consistent with the Department's mission statement. The Department of Recreational Sports serves the University as a unit of the Office of Students Affairs.

We are committed to offering a welcoming environment for the University community and operating within an environment of mutual respect. The rights and responsibilities of each member are contained within this document.

RIGHTS

As a valued recreational sports member of this university community you have the right to:

1. Quality indoor and outdoor facilities that are clean, safe, and well maintained, which meet the diverse recreational sports needs and interests of the campus community.
2. Program opportunities encompassing a variety of activities.
3. A learning environment.
4. Grievance resolution with a Department of Recreational Sports professional staff member who can assist in addressing concerns.
5. Freedom from the threat of intimidation and/or emotional harm.
6. Expect that all rights will be respected.
7. Expect that our policies, procedures, and standards of conduct will be enforced.
8. Expect comprehensive information regarding facilities, programs and services.
9. A timely response to expressed concerns.
10. Individuals with disabilities have a right to reasonable accommodation that ensures equal opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, our recreational sports programs and activities.

RESPONSIBILITIES

As a valued recreational sports member of this university community you have the responsibility to:

1. Abide by all policies, laws and regulations established by the State of Ohio and The Ohio State University and the Department of Recreational Sports.
2. Respect all reasonable requests of fellow members.
3. Treat fellow members and recreational sports staff with respect.
4. Take responsibility for personal and community safety and security.
5. Recognize that everyone uses the recreational facilities and their furnishings. Abuse of those areas violates the rights of all recreational sports members.
6. Be an active member and communicate your needs to the recreational sports staff.
7. Individuals with disabilities who choose to participate in our programs and activities have a responsibility to identify themselves as needing accommodation in a timely fashion.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

1. GENERAL FACILITY RULES

- 1.1 Children under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by an adult member.
- 1.2 Proper university identification must be presented upon entering all indoor recreational sports facilities.
- 1.3 Groups or individuals using either outdoor or indoor facilities may be required to provide identification upon request.
- 1.4 A member who forgets their ID may purchase a guest pass for the established fee and then receive a refund for the fee within 30 days by providing a staff member their ID.
- 1.5 Unauthorized equipment is prohibited in all recreation facilities.
- 1.6 No individual may use recreational sports facilities for personal or monetary gain.
- 1.7 Facilities may only be used for their intended purpose. Activities other than those included in the design will be scheduled only after review by the appropriate facility administrator and then by the Facility Committee. If you have immediate questions about a facility's use, ask the staff member on duty.
- 1.8 All patrons must leave the recreation areas immediately when the fire alarm sounds. Failure to comply may result in a prohibition of future use of facilities.
- 1.9 Appropriate procedures must be followed during times of emergency.
- 1.10 Use of any tobacco products is prohibited in indoor recreation facilities and other areas as posted. No smoking is permitted within 25 feet of the footprint of any indoor recreational facility.
- 1.11 Harassment and/or hazing of groups, individuals, members or staff is prohibited.
- 1.12 The Department of Recreational Sports staff will not be responsible for items of value such as driver's license, gym bags, etc.
- 1.13 Helium balloons are not permitted in indoor recreational sports facilities.
- 1.14 Skateboards, roller blades/skates, and cycling devices are prohibited in all indoor facilities except in designated areas.
- 1.15 Recording of images without knowledge. Using electronic or other means to make a video or photographic record of any person in a location where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy without the person's prior knowledge, when such a recording is likely to cause injury, distress, or damage to reputation. This includes, but is not limited to, taking video or photographic images in shower/locker rooms, residence hall rooms, and restrooms. The storing, sharing, and/or distributing of such unauthorized records by any means is also prohibited.
- 1.16 Appropriate attire, including footwear, must be worn in all activity areas. Different facilities will have specific rules on attire, please check at each facility for guidelines.
- 1.17 The Department of Recreational Sports reserves the right to close a specific facility when warranted.
- 1.18 Only The Ohio State University Recreational Sports members may use the facilities. Use of all facilities is at your own risk. The university and its employees are not responsible for personal injuries.
- 1.19 Recreational sports members are responsible for the security of their personal property and are encouraged to protect their possessions. The Department of Recreational Sports nor the University assumes any responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or destruction of personal belongings.
- 1.20 Members are accountable for any damages they have caused to equipment.
- 1.21 To observe damage being done to a building, its furnishings, or its equipment and not notify the

- recreational sports staff is viewed as complicity and may result in shared financial or judicial liability.
- 1.22 Only authorized personnel may repair equipment. Members are encouraged to report damages or necessary repairs to the recreational sports staff.
 - 1.23 Unauthorized alteration of equipment is prohibited.
 - 1.24 The university respects, and is committed to, the members' right to equal access to recreational facilities, as well as their safety and security. However, a designated university official has the right to enter any part of the recreation facility when necessary. Designated university officials include, but are not limited to, University Police, EMS (Emergency Medical Services), Fire Prevention Services personnel, recreation staff, maintenance personnel, and other persons authorized by the university to inspect for damages, cleanliness, or provide other services, as necessary.
 - 1.25 A designated university official may conduct a search of any part of the recreational facilities in accordance with law and university procedures.

2. ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND GAMBLING

- 2.1 Alcohol
 - 2.1.1 Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at recreational sports facilities.
 - 2.1.2 Members demonstrating signs of intoxication may be denied access to recreation facilities and programs.
- 2.2 Drugs
 - 2.2.1 The Ohio State University and the Department of Recreational Sports must comply fully with all federal, state, and municipal regulations regarding the use, cultivation, manufacture, sale, and/or possession of drugs or controlled substances. The misuse of prescription, over-the-counter, or illegal drugs shall not in any way limit the responsibility of the individual for the consequences of his/her behavior.
- 2.3 Gambling
 - 2.3.1 Consistent with the Ohio Revised Code, gambling in any form is not permitted within recreational facilities or on university premises.

3. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Electronic Equipment - The use of equipment such as stereos, radios, amplifiers, and musical instruments, in a manner that violates a standard of quiet conducive to recreational activity is prohibited.
- 3.2 Guest Guidelines
 - 3.2.1 In this document all self-sponsored guests are considered one-day members.
 - 3.2.2 Members are eligible to purchase guest passes.
 - 3.2.3 The charge will be \$10.00 per day per guest and covers all recreation facilities.
A day is defined as from the facility's opening to closing. Photo ID is required from the guest.
 - 3.2.4 Members are responsible for their guests' behavior.
 - 3.2.5 Guests may check out selected equipment and rent day lockers.
 - 3.2.6 Each member is entitled to two guests per day. In order to bring additional guests members must make arrangements at least 24 hours in advance through the membership services office.
 - 3.2.7 Members are responsible for informing their guests of security procedures, fire evacuation, and safety procedures in the event of an emergency.

- 3.2.8 Guest passes may not be solicited.
- 3.2.9 Failure to comply with the guidelines for guests may result in revocation of the guest and/or members privileges, a guest's access to recreational facilities, and/or disciplinary action.
- 3.3 Pets - Service animals only are permitted in indoor recreational sports facilities. Individuals are required to clean up after their animals at all facilities.
- 3.4 Bicycles/Vehicles - Unauthorized bicycles and other vehicles are not to be stored anywhere in a recreational sports facility. Please secure your bicycle and other vehicles in an appropriate location as governed by University Parking rules.
- 3.6 Activity Space Policies
 - 3.6.1 Appropriate athletic footwear must be worn in each activity space. Please see specific facility guidelines for these requirements.
 - 3.6.2 Appropriate athletic attire must be worn in each activity space. Please see specific facility guidelines for these requirements.
 - 3.6.3 Beverages, other than water in approved containers, food and gum are not permitted in any activity space.
 - 3.6.4 Personal items not worn or being used should be kept in designated areas.
 - 3.6.5 All members are expected to use proper conduct:
 - 3.6.5.1 Infliction or threat of infliction of bodily or emotional harm, whether done intentionally or with reckless disregard, including threat or action in relation for making allegations of misconduct is strictly prohibited.
 - 3.6.5.2 Use of abusive language at any recreational facility is prohibited.
 - 3.6.5.3 Spitting is only allowed in designated areas.
 - 3.6.5.4 Conduct that interferes with university-authorized activities is prohibited.
 - 3.6.5.5 Inappropriate sexual behavior and/or sexual misconduct is prohibited.
 - 3.6.6 Patrons must comply with decisions made by recreational sports staff.

4. SAFETY

- 4.1 Firearms and Weapons
 - 4.1.1 Concealed weapons are prohibited on the campus except by a licensed person in a locked vehicle or by law enforcement officers. University police and codes of conduct prohibit the possession of weapons.
 - 4.1.2 Participants in certain activities may be granted permission to utilize appropriate weapons (numb chucks, swords, etc.) as part of a recreational sport with prior written application and approval.
 - 4.1.3 The use and/or possession of fireworks or explosive devices of any type is not permitted in recreational sports facilities and is prohibited under the Ohio Revised Code.
- 4.2 Fire Prevention
 - 4.2.1 Each recreational sports facility has emergency procedures. Fire drills are held periodically to ensure that all patrons are familiar with procedures. During an evacuation, cooperate fully with staff and follow the emergency procedures. All violations of these regulations are investigated by University Police.
 - 4.2.2 Pulling a fire alarm, tampering with the smoke detector system, damaging emergency or safety equipment, or false reporting of an emergency to the police or fire department is prohibited and is

punishable under the Ohio Revised Code. University judicial action may also result.

- 4.3 Trespassing—Unauthorized people in recreational sports facilities should be reported to recreational sports staff member immediately or University Police (2-2121). Any time you believe a crime is about to be committed or has been committed, immediately call University Police and then report the incident to the Department of Recreational Sports staff.
- 4.4 Personal Safety
 - 4.4.1 Behavior that endangers personal safety within the jurisdiction of the Office of Student Affairs is not permitted.
 - 4.4.2 Passing through any door where security alarms have been set is prohibited except during emergency evacuations.
 - 4.4.3 Unauthorized propping open of any door is prohibited.
 - 4.4.4 Members are not permitted in restricted or closed areas within the recreational sports facilities.
- 4.5 The Code of Student Conduct will be enforced within all recreational sport facilities.