



STUDENT LIFE'S RECREATIONAL SPORTS MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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As a valued Student Life Recreational Sports member of the university community, you have the responsibility to follow the following policies:

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- All members must comply with all state, county and city ordinances
- It is expected that all members of Recreational Sports act respectfully of others. Unacceptable or irresponsible behavior may result in dismissal from facilities, and/or suspension of membership privileges. The Student Code of Conduct will be enforced within all Recreational Sports facilities. The Student Code of Conduct can be viewed at studentlife.osu.edu/csc
- All patrons are expected to use proper conduct. Infliction or threat of bodily or emotional harm, whether done intentionally or with reckless disregard, including threat or action in retaliation for making allegations of misconduct, is prohibited. Use of abusive language and/or sexual misconduct is prohibited.
- Unauthorized use of video recording devices and photography is prohibited. Filming of materials for personal gain including YouTube channels is not allowed in the recreation facilities. Cell phone photography and video is not permitted in locker rooms. To obtain permission for filming/photography, contact recsports@osu.edu. at least a week in advance to secure approval.
- Personal belongings must be stored in lockers. Day locks are available free of charge for checkout at all indoor facilities. Items may not be left in Day Use lockers overnight. Locks will be collected and stored at the end of every night. Items will be held onto for 1 week; at that time, they will be added to Lost and Found items.
- Requests to cut locks placed on mistaken Day Use lockers may be denied if items cannot be identified. Patrons must wait until the other individual arrives or at facility close, whichever comes first. If a lock is misidentified and cut, you are responsible to pay for replacement lock.
- Members may not use recreational facilities to gain compensation for activities - not limited to coaching personal training, etc. Use of recreational facilities for personal financial gain is prohibited.
- In accordance with the university-wide Tobacco Free Policy, tobacco use of any kind is prohibited.
- Upon request, patrons must show valid identification to any Recreational Sports staff member. Failure to do so may result in removal from the facility.
- Observing damage and/or misuse being done to a building, its furnishings, or its equipment without notifying Rec Sports staff is viewed as complicity and may result in shared financial or judicial liability.
- In accordance with university, state and federal laws, alcohol and drugs are prohibited at any recreation facility. Failure to abide by this policy is also grounds for immediate cancellation of an event.
- Fighting and rough play are prohibited. Failure to abide by this guideline may result in loss of privileges.
- Tampering with or maliciously damaging any software or vending machines is prohibited.
- Unauthorized usage or transference of university keys or locks is prohibited. Damaged or lost keys or locks will result in a \$100 per item service charge.
- Consistent with the Ohio Revised Code, gambling in any form is prohibited within the recreational facilities or on university premises. Such activity includes, but is not limited to football parlays, lotteries or card games involving money exchange.
- Consistent with the Ohio Revised Code, illegal use/administration/distribution of anabolic steroids is prohibited within all Recreational Sports facilities.
- Parking is allowed in approved university spaces only based upon Traffic and Transportation Management and CampusParc. Blocking an entrance or exit to a facility is prohibited.
- All equipment checked-out from Department of Recreational Sports facilities must be returned at the required check-in time. Equipment returned late or damaged is subject to applicable late or replacement fees.
- The Department of Recreational Sports may record or edit into video and/or photographs any patron's name, likeness, voice, image and video images for use in Department publications, promotional materials and website, without compensation and without prior notice.

ACCESS/AGE LIMITS

ID GUIDELINES

- Patrons must present proper Ohio State and/or Recreational Sports identification to obtain access to all facilities.
 - *Proper Identification includes: (University Issued or Government Issued)*
University Issued: Buck ID, Wexner Medical Center ID, Rec Sports Membership Card **Government Issued:** Driver License, Military ID, Passport
- Attempting to enter the facility using false identification will result in confiscation and/or suspension of membership privileges.
 - Examples of ID misuse include but are not limited to the following:
 - Attempting to gain access into any Recreational Sports facility with an ID other than your own
 - Allowing another person to use your ID to gain access
 - Attempting to sneak someone inside Recreational Sports facilities via points of access not designated as entrance locations
 - Using someone else's ID to check out equipment
- Forgotten ID Policy: Members are provided (2) allowances per semester to gain access into Recreational Sports facilities without proper ID by being looked up at the Main Access location.
- Patrons are not permitted in restricted or closed areas within Recreational Sports facilities
- Unauthorized people in Recreational Sports facilities should be reported to Recreational Sports staff immediately or Ohio State University Police Department 614-292-2121. 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 Recreational Sports staff.
- Membership may be revoked for individuals with prior criminal convictions.
- Children less than 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years of age at all times in all facilities. Accompanying your child is defined as being in the same activity area and in constant supervision.
- Patrons must be 14 years or older to use fitness or cardio equipment, attend group fitness classes or belay at the Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC).
- Children ages 6 and over will not be admitted to the opposite sex locker rooms. This policy ensures the privacy of others. Please use our private changing rooms.
- In accordance with the minor policy at The Ohio State University, any member or participant in activities under age 18 held within a facility of the Department must have a parent/guardian present at all times. Failure to do so may result in suspension or termination of the parent/guardian membership or referral of the matter to the Office of Student Life Student Conduct or The Ohio State University Police Division, where appropriate.
- Members demonstrating signs of intoxication or impairment due to illicit drug use will be denied access to recreation facilities and programs.
- Only service animals are permitted in Recreational Sports facilities. Individuals are required to clean up after their animals at all facilities.
 - Service animals are defined as: Any animal that assists a person with a disability.
 - Questions regarding service animals in Rec Sports facilities can be directed to recsports@osu.edu.

GUEST GUIDELINES

Personal affiliation with The Ohio State University is required in order to purchase any level of membership or guest pass. Affiliation is defined as, being directly connected to the university as one of the following; currently enrolled student, currently employed Faculty/Staff or Medical Center, Retiree of Ohio State or Alumni as defined by The Ohio State Alumni Association.

All non-Affiliates are defined as Guests with Recreational Sports. A guest must meet the following requirements to utilize Recreational Sports facilities and programs:

- Must be sponsored by a current Rec Sports member. Sponsors cannot be solicited, and both the Guest and Sponsor must provide a valid photo ID onsite at time of purchase.
- Each Rec Sports member is entitled to TWO guests per day. Arrangements for additional guests must be requested at least 24 hours in advance through Member Services by contacting recsports@osu.edu.
 - A day is defined as: Facility Hours (open-close) on date of guest pass purchase
- Guests are able to checkout equipment, including day-use locks and are able to participate in Group Fitness classes.
- Failure to comply with Guest Guidelines may result in revocation of the guest and members' privileges, including restricted access and/or disciplinary action.

EXPULSION AND/OR REMOVAL

If an individual is asked to leave a recreational facility for violation of any policy, the Rec Sports staff member has the authority to cancel an event and ask the individual or the individual's group to leave the premises. If the individual or the group does not vacate the facility, University Police will be contacted and access privileges may be revoked.

EMERGENCY AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

Each Recreational Sports facility has emergency procedures. During an evacuation, members must cooperate fully with staff and follow these procedures. All violations of these regulations are investigated by University Police.

FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE ALARMS

- 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.
- Passing through any door where security alarms have been set is prohibited except during emergency evacuations. Unauthorized propping open of any door is prohibited.
- All patrons must leave recreation areas immediately when the fire alarm sounds.
- A designated university official may conduct a search of any part of the recreational facilities in accordance with law and university procedures.
- Interference with and/or non-adherence to emergency evacuation procedure or drills is prohibited under Ohio Revised Code 2917.12 and Ohio Fire Code FM 106.4.

FIREARMS AND WEAPONS

- Concealed weapons are prohibited on 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.
- Participants in certain activities may be granted permission to use appropriate weapons (nunchucks, swords, etc.) as part of a recreational sport with prior written application and approval from the Scheduling Office.
- The use and/or possession of fireworks or explosive devices of any type are not permitted in Recreational Sports facilities and are prohibited under the Ohio Revised Code.
- Members who witness possession, use or storage of firearms, weapons, or explosives in the facilities should report this information to a staff member.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND TORNADOES

Tornado Warning – defined as, a tornado has been sighted or has appeared on radar in Franklin County. Indicated by, the sounding of emergency sirens for 3 minutes followed by 7 minutes of silence.

- When the alarm is sounded, all members and patrons will be directed to take shelter immediately in a designated weather safety zone. Shelters for each location are:
 - o **RPAC:** The primary shelter area is in the main locker room. Overflow shelter areas include the bathrooms and stairwell across from the Sport Shop, and the hallway near the golf hitting stations.
 - o **ARC:** Inside the OAC “drying/equipment” room and in the ARC locker rooms.
 - o **NRC:** Bathrooms, laundry area, and garage area. Stairwell is a secondary location.
 - o **JORC:** There is no safe shelter area at the Jesse Owens Recreation Centers. In case of a tornado warning, members should evacuate to the following locations:
 - Jesse Owens South: 11th Avenue parking garage, lowest level
 - Jesse Owens North: Gerlach Hall/Drackett Tower basement

MEMBER RESERVATIONS

Students and faculty/staff who have paid the Recreational Sports membership fee may reserve the following spaces at no charge, providing that all participants are members and that no additional staff time is required. Any expenses incurred by the department for additional staff time or damages will be charged to the members reserving the space. Non-members must purchase a daily guest pass to use the facilities. Individuals/groups’ activity time begins at the scheduled start time and ends at the scheduled completion time. All equipment must be returned to the original set-up by the scheduled completion time so that groups scheduled next do not lose activity time.

RESERVABLE SPACES

- Racquetball courts at the RPAC
- Squash courts at the RPAC
- Golf spaces at the RPAC

FACILITIES POLICIES

In an effort to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members, reduce the risk of bacterial disease transmission, mitigate risk, and prolong the life of exercise equipment, the following policies are enforced for all Recreational Sports facilities.

GENERAL

- Bicycles, skateboarding, hoverboards and roller-skates/blades are not allowed to be used in Recreational Sports facilities. Bicycles must be parked at designated bike racks prior to entering, skateboards, roller-skates/blades may be stored in available locker during facility visit.
- Open Recreation is defined as a formal program scheduled in activity spaces that is to be used by our members on a drop-in basis. Additional information can be found at recsports.osu.edu
 - o Use will be on a first come first serve basis that is also inclusive of other drop-in participants. A single person or group of people cannot monopolize the designated open recreation space that would prohibit other drop-in users from participating. In addition, no formal coaching/instruction or structured competition is permitted during designated open recreation times.
- Balloons are prohibited in all Recreational Sports facilities.

FOOTWEAR AND APPAREL

- Proper footwear is required in all activity areas. Proper footwear is defined as, activity specific or general athletic footwear.
 - Five-finger shoes are not permitted
 - No open-toed shoes (sandals, slippers or flip flops)
 - No turf shoes, except on indoor turf fields at the ARC
 - No shoes suspected of marking the floors
 - No metal cleats or spikes in any indoor or outdoor turf, grass or golf areas
- Shoes are required in all public areas of all indoor facilities, except for locker rooms and aquatic areas
- Appropriate articles of clothing must be worn at all times throughout non-aquatic Recreational Sports facilities.
 - Tops must completely cover the pectoral region
 - Sheer (see through) tops or bottoms are not permitted
 - Clothing or shoes suspected of damaging equipment or other areas of the facility are prohibited
 - Swimwear attire must be worn in the pools (see aquatic guidelines for details)
- Recreational Sports is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Personal items not being worn must be kept in day lockers or locker rooms. Bags and other personal items will not be allowed on fitness floors or gym floor spaces. Day-use locks are available for free checkout at each facility.
- Headphones must be worn when using portable electronic devices. Bluetooth speakers are not permitted.

TURF FIELD GUIDELINES

- Proper sport-specific safety equipment and clothing are required at all times.
- Metal baseball-type cleats and metal-tipped molded cleats are prohibited.
- The following items are prohibited on the synthetic turf fields:
 - Tobacco
 - Gum
 - Food
- Any and all items that are suspect to stain turf surface. Such items include, but are not limited to, paint, tape and wood-based furniture or equipment.
- At the completion of their use, individuals/groups are responsible for returning team benches to the condition in which they found them. All trash and personal items **must** be removed.
- Individuals and/or groups are responsible for removing all sport specific equipment (goals, nets, pitching machines, etc.) and returning them to their respective storage space at the completion of their activity time.
- Tackle football is not permitted on synthetic turf fields.
- Batting of Balls: Batting practice is only permitted inside the batting cages.
- Batting Cages
 - **Helmets:** Helmets must be worn at all times inside batting cages. Feeders, pitchers and hitters are all required to wear helmets.
 - **Equipment:** All equipment should meet safety requirements of the respective governing body. Proper bats, helmets, balls, etc. must be used at all times.
 - **Screens:** Protective screens must be used at all times when pitching, hitting, etc. is taking place inside the batting cages.

- Pitching Machines
 - o **Club Use:** Pitching machines are only to be used by registered sport clubs.
 - o **Balls:** Only yellow dimpled cage balls (jug balls) should be used when using the pitching machines.
 - o **Locations** of use-Pitching machines are only to be used in batting cages and for hitting purposes. The use of machines for infield/outfield practice or other uses is not permitted.
 - o Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in one strike being assessed to an individual(s) and/or organization(s) record.

FITNESS AREA/MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM POLICIES

- Closed toe shoes are required at all times. Shoes should be free of mud and other debris.
- The use of chalk is prohibited.
- Any overhead lifts must be guided down with the participant's hands remaining on the bar. Hands must remain on the bar until the weights and bar are no longer in motion.
- Collars/clips must always be used with overhead lifts.
- Dropping weights is prohibited. Please complete exercises by placing weights on the floor and not dropping them.
- All weights must be returned to their proper racks after completion of a set.
- The use of spotters is strongly recommended.
- All cardio and fitness equipment with upholstery must be wiped down after each use. Disinfectant and towels have been provided for your convenience. Please spray the towel and not the machine because spray may cause damage to equipment. Return them to their proper location after cleaning equipment.
- Only authorized personnel may repair equipment. Members are responsible for reporting damages or necessary repairs to the Recreational Sports staff. Unauthorized alteration or adjustment of equipment is prohibited.
- Fitness equipment cannot be removed from the fitness area. Doing so may cause damage to the hardwood floor, tile or turf fields.
- Water is allowed in a sealed container; all other food and drinks are prohibited.
- Personal items not worn or being used should be kept in designated areas.
- Spitting is prohibited.

WOOD FLOOR/COURTS POLICIES

- Proper sport-specific clothing is required at all times. If an individual does not have the proper clothing or shoes, he/she will not be permitted to participate in that specific activity area. Shirts must be worn at all times.
- Shoes should be non-marking and free of mud and debris. Street shoes are prohibited.
- Recreational Sports staff will be responsible for setting up and taking down volleyball equipment. Only authorized personnel will be permitted to access this equipment.
- Recreational Sports staff will be responsible for raising and/or lowering basketball backboards. Members may request this of any Recreational Sports staff member.

- Dunking is permitted; however, excessive hanging on rims or nets is prohibited.
- Water is allowed in a sealed container; all other food and drinks are prohibited.

AQUATIC AREA POLICIES

- Regulation swimsuits (with drawstrings for males) are required in swimming pool.
- Showers are recommended prior to pool use.
- Street shoes are restricted from the pool deck areas.
- Only clean, appropriate attire designed for swimming is permitted. Appropriate swimwear covers the breasts, buttocks, genitals, pubic region and breasts of those who have them. Specifically, street clothes, sports bras, underwear/compression shorts, thongs and see-through swimwear are prohibited.
- A clean, white T-shirt and/or clean aqua socks may be worn into the pool.
- Young children, infants and others not in control of bodily functions must wear plastic pants or swim diapers designed specifically for pool use. Swim diapers are available in the RPAC Sport Shop.
- Eyeglasses worn into the water should be worn with a safety strap.
- Wearing goggles, earplugs or contact lenses while diving is prohibited.

CLIMBING CENTER POLICIES

The Climbing Center is open to members or guests who complete the OAC Climbing Center Release Waiver and the necessary orientation and test requirements. Each climber must check-in at the OAC Climbing Center Desk and swipe their BuckID/membership card before participating in activities.

TO CLIMB, A PARTICIPANT MUST:

- Be a Recreational Sports member or purchase a guest pass.
- Complete the OAC Climbing Center Release Waiver (climbers under 18 years old must have this form signed by a parent or guardian).
- Be 14 years of age or older or have parent/guardian present.

MINORS

- Children under the age of 18 need to have a parental/guardian sign the Risk Waiver Form.
- Children under age 14 must have a parent/guardian present in order to climb.
- Any climber 14 years or older may qualify to become a belayer after appropriate lessons.
- Children under 14 are designated “Climber Only” in our computer database and must be accompanied by a belay certified parent/guardian.

FOOTWEAR

- Climbing shoes, sneakers or light hiking boots are all appropriate footwear.
- Shoes that are dirty or that leave tread prints on the rock may be banned from use.
- Barefoot climbing is not allowed.
- Open-toed sandals, heavy mountaineering boots and other hard-soled shoes are not permitted.

HELMETS

Helmets are not required, but are suggested, and can be provided at no charge.

HARNESS

Participants will use a provided harness or a harness that has been examined by the climbing center staff to determine its suitability. If using a harness with two loops for tying into, it is imperative that the climbing rope be tied into both loops. Never tie directly into a belay loop. Personal harnesses must have leg loops, be tied according to manufacturer's directions and have no frayed or broken stitching.

OAC belay-qualified patrons may use our belay devices free of charge. Participants are also allowed to use their personal tubular aperture devices and assisted braking devices (ex. ATC, Gri-Gri) after inspection and approval from OAC staff. This step must be done every check-in.

MEETING OUR STANDARDS

Any climbers found to be climbing/belaying in a hazardous manner will be told why their activity was deemed dangerous. They will be educated on proper climbing procedures and then may be asked to stop climbing for a period of time or to re-test their belay skills, depending on their understanding of the problem and/or hazard created. Habitual or otherwise serious offenses will result in the loss of climbing privileges. Climbing/belaying under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will not be tolerated.

REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICIES

- Semester memberships are based on the academic term.
- Monthly rate only available when paying annual membership by payroll deduction or recurring credit card payments.
- There is a \$40 cancellation fee for early termination of a semester or annual membership. Annual memberships are only assessed the cancellation fee if canceling during the first year of membership.
- Annual memberships paying monthly are automatically renewed and will reflect any and all increases in September of each year, unless you notify member services in writing 30 days prior to the renewal date.
- Rec Sports charges an activation fee for all annual memberships charged via monthly payroll deduction or recurring credit card payment. This \$25 fee is non-refundable and is charged per membership activation at the time of registration. The fee covers internal fees associated with processing the membership and establishing the payroll deduction or recurring payments, as well as management and auditing expenses. Monthly memberships are pro-rated upon joining to cover any remaining days in the first month of membership. The activation fee will be charged for all membership activations, including reactivating previously canceled memberships.
- Members are restricted to one (1) sponsored adult membership.
- Only faculty/staff, affiliates and students may add members to their family.
- Some restrictions may apply to the dependent membership.
- Any refund request must be formally made, and is reviewed prior to any determination of funds being granted.



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