

REC SPORTS MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

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

MEMBER EMERGENCY & SAFETY PROCEDURES

Fire Prevention & Fire Alarms

1. Each Recreational Sports facility has emergency procedures. During an evacuation, members must cooperate fully with staff and follow the procedures. All violations of these regulations are investigated by University Police.
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.
3. All patrons must leave recreation areas immediately when the fire alarm sounds.
4. A designated university official may conduct a search of any part of the recreational facilities in accordance with law and university procedures.
5. 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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Members who witness possession, use or storage of firearms, weapons or explosives in the facilities should report this information to a staff member.

Personal Safety

1. The Code of Student Conduct will be enforced within all Recreational Sports facilities. The Code of Student Conduct can be viewed at studentlife.osu.edu/csc.
2. Passing through any door where security alarms have been set is prohibited except during emergency evacuations.
3. Unauthorized propping open of any door is prohibited.
4. Members are not permitted in restricted or closed areas within Recreational Sports facilities.

5. Unauthorized people in Recreational Sports facilities should be reported to Recreational Sports staff immediately or University Police (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 the Department of Recreational Sports staff.

Inclement Weather & Tornadoes

A tornado warning is indicated by the sounding of emergency sirens for three minutes followed by seven minutes of silence. The warning siren signals that a tornado has been sighted or has appeared on radar in Franklin County. When the alarm is sounded, all members will be directed to take shelter immediately in a designated weather safety zone. The tornado shelters for each facility are listed below.

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.

ARC: Inside the OAC “drying/equipment” room and in the ARC locker rooms.

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
- Jesse Owens West: Blankenship Hall

Members will be asked to stay inside and be alert to falling objects, while staying away from exterior windows and doors. Members have the right to leave under their own free will if they so choose.

ACCESS/AGE LIMITS

1. Patrons must present proper Ohio State and/or Recreational Sports identification to obtain access to all facilities.
2. 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.
3. Participants/members must be 14 years or older to use fitness or cardio equipment, attend group fitness classes or climb at the OAC.

4. Children ages 6 and over will not be admitted to enter the opposite sex locker rooms. This policy ensures the privacy of others. Please use our private changing rooms.
5. Members demonstrating signs of intoxication or impairment due to illicit drug use will be denied access to recreation facilities and programs.
6. Only service animals are permitted in indoor Recreational Sports facilities. Individuals are required to clean up after their animals at all facilities.

Guest Guidelines

1. All guests are considered members for the duration of their active guest pass. Guests can rent day lockers and check out equipment to use in the facility, and attend group fitness classes.
2. The charge is \$10 per day, per guest and covers all recreation facilities. A day is defined as from the facility's opening to closing. Valid photo ID is required from the guest and sponsor.
3. Each member is entitled to two guests per day. To bring additional guests, members must make arrangements at least 24 hours in advance through the Membership Services Office.
4. During the time period for which their guest pass is valid, guests must maintain a policy or policies of health and accident insurance covering hospitalization and treatment for any injuries sustained as a result of physical activity.
5. Failure to comply with the guidelines for guests may result in revocation of the guest and/or member's privileges, a guest's access to recreational facilities and/or disciplinary action.
6. Guest passes may not be solicited.

Forgotten ID Policy

Members are given two opportunities a year to gain admittance to a Recreational Sports facility without proper photo identification. A year begins the day of the member's first violation of the policy. The member would then have one additional opportunity to enter the facility without an ID for the year. After taking advantage of their two opportunities, members will not be allowed access to any Department of Recreational Sports facility without a valid identification card for the rest of the predetermined year.

Illegal Access

The following are prohibited:

1. Attempting to gain access into any Recreational Sports facility with an ID other than your own.
2. Allowing another person to use your ID to gain access into Recreational Sports facilities.
3. Attempting to sneak someone inside emergency exit doors or other points of access not designated as a main entry.
4. Exiting through emergency exit doors during a non-emergency.

Expulsion

1. If an individual is asked to leave a recreational facility for violation of any policy, the facility manager 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.

MEMBER CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE

1. Upon request, patrons must show valid identification to any Recreational Sports staff member. Failure to do so may result in removal from the facility.
2. Observing damage being done to a building, its furnishings or its equipment without notifying Recreational Sports staff is viewed as complicity and may result in shared financial or judicial liability.
3. 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.
4. Fighting and rough play are prohibited. Failure to abide by this guideline may result in loss of privileges.
5. Tampering with or maliciously damaging any coin-operated machines or vending machines is prohibited.
6. 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.
7. In accordance with the university-wide Tobacco Free Policy, tobacco use of any kind is prohibited.
8. Members may not use recreational facilities to gain compensation for activities not limited to coaching, personal training, etc. Use of recreational facilities for personal gain is prohibited.
9. 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.
10. Public urination is prohibited at all recreational facilities and is subject for ejection from all facilities.
11. 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.
12. 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.

Activity Time

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.

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.

- Tennis courts at Jesse Owens West Tennis Center
- Racquetball courts at the RPAC
- Squash courts at the RPAC

FOOTWEAR AND APPAREL POLICIES

1. Proper footwear is required in indoor activities areas:
 - a. Shoes are required in public areas of all indoor facilities, except locker rooms and aquatic areas
 - b. Five-finger shoes are permitted
 - c. Shoes are not to be worn on matted areas unless otherwise posted
 - d. No open-toed shoes (sandals, slippers or flip flops)
 - e. No street shoes
 - f. No turf shoes (except on indoor turf fields at the ARC)
 - g. No shoes suspected of marking the floor
 - h. No metal cleats or spikes on any indoor or outdoor turf, grass or golf areas
2. Individuals wearing improper footwear will not be permitted to participate in specific activity areas.
3. Appropriate articles of clothing (i.e. t-shirt, tank top, etc.) must be worn at all times throughout Recreational Sports facilities.
 - a. Transparent pants and compression shorts without athletic shorts are prohibited.
4. The Department of Recreational Sports is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Personal items not being worn must be kept in provided cubbies, day lockers or locker rooms. Bags and other personal items will not be allowed on fitness floors or gym floor spaces.
5. Headphones must be worn when using portable electronic devices.

TURF FIELD GUIDELINES

1. Proper sport-specific safety equipment and clothing are required at all times.
2. Metal baseball-type cleats and metal-tipped molded cleats are prohibited.
3. The following items are prohibited on the synthetic turf fields:
 - a. Tobacco
 - b. Gum
 - c. Food
 - d. 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.
4. Team Benches-At the completion of their use of the turf fields, individuals/groups are responsible for returning team benches to the condition in which they found them. All trash and personal items must be removed.
5. Equipment-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.
6. Batting Cages
 - a. Helmets-Helmets must be worn at all times inside batting cages. Feeders, pitchers and hitters are all required to wear helmets.
 - b. Equipment-All equipment should meet safety requirements of the respective governing body. Proper bats, helmets, balls, etc. must be used at all times.
 - c. Screens-Protective screens must be used at all times when pitching, hitting, etc. is taking place inside the batting cages.
 - d. Pitching Machines
 - i. Club Use-Pitching machines are only to be used by registered sport clubs.
 - ii. Balls-Only yellow dimpled cage balls (jug balls) should be used when using the pitching machines.
 - iii. 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.
 1. Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in one strike being assessed to an individual(s) and/or organization(s) record.
7. Batting of Balls-Batting practice is only permitted inside the batting cages.
8. Tackle football is not permitted on synthetic turf fields.

FITNESS AREA/MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM POLICIES

1. Clothes with zippers, rivets and/or any other feature that may damage equipment are prohibited. Shirts completely covering the mid-section are required.
2. Closed toe shoes are required at all times. Shoes should be free of mud and other debris
3. The use of chalk is prohibited.
4. 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.
5. Collars/clips must always be used with overhead lifts.
6. Dropping weights is prohibited. Please complete exercises by placing weights on the floor and not dropping them.
7. All weights must be returned to their proper racks after completion of a set.
8. The use of spotters is strongly recommended.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Fitness equipment cannot be removed from the fitness area. Doing so may cause damage to the hardwood floor, tile or turf fields.
12. Water is allowed in a sealed container; all other food and drinks are prohibited.
13. Personal items not worn or being used should be kept in designated areas.
14. Spitting is prohibited.
15. Unauthorized use of video recording devices and photography is prohibited. To obtain permission to film/take photos, contact recmktg@osu.edu. Prior notice of 48 hours is required.

WOOD FLOOR/COURTS POLICIES

1. 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.
2. Shoes should be non-marking and free of mud and debris. Street shoes are prohibited.
3. Recreational Sports staff will be responsible for setting up and taking down volleyball equipment. Only authorized personnel will be permitted to access this equipment.
4. Recreational Sports staff will be responsible for raising and/or lowering basketball backboards. Members may request this of any Recreational Sports staff member.
5. Dunking is permitted; however, excessive hanging on rims or nets is prohibited.
6. Water is allowed in a sealed container; all other food and drinks are prohibited.

AQUATIC AREA POLICIES

1. Regulation swimsuits (with drawstrings for males) are required in swimming pool.
2. Showers are recommended prior to pool use.
3. Street shoes are restricted from the pool deck areas.
4. Only clean, appropriate attire designed for swimming is permitted. For females, appropriate swimwear covers the breasts, buttocks, genital and the pubic region. For males, appropriate swimwear covers the buttocks, genitals and the pubic region. Specifically, street clothes, thongs and see-through swimwear are prohibited.
5. A clean, white T-shirt and/or clean aqua socks may be worn into the pool.
6. 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.
7. Eyeglasses worn into the water should be worn with a safety strap.
8. The use of mask, snorkel and fins is restricted to commercial-quality equipment. The mask must be well-fitted and have tempered safety glass.
9. Wearing goggles, earplugs or contact lenses while diving is prohibited.

CLIMBING CENTER POLICIES

Who Can Use It

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.

To climb, a participant must:

1. Be a Recreational Sports member or purchase a guest pass.
2. Complete the [OAC Climbing Center Release Waiver](#) (climbers under 18 years old must have this form signed by a parent or guardian).
3. 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. It is preferable, although not currently mandatory, to have both parents/guardians sign the waiver. 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.

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.

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 allowed.

Helmets

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

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.