

# **Recreation and Sport Facilities User Rights and Responsibilities**

Students, faculty, staff, and guest pass holders of the University community have the right to expect a welcoming and mutually respectful environment. The expectations and responsibilities of each person are contained within this document.

## **EXPECTATIONS**

As a valued member of this University community you have:

1. An expectation of quality indoor facilities that are clean, safe, and 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 professional staff member who can assist in addressing concerns.
5. Freedom from the threat of intimidation and/or emotional harm.
6. The recreation facility policies, procedures, and standard of conduct by all users will be enforced.
7. For questions, concerns, and to report problems, contact Mr. Larry Shank, Director of Athletics at # 6109.
8. A timely response to expressed concerns.
9. Individuals with disabilities have a right to reasonable accommodation that ensures equal opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, our recreational 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, the Village of New Concord, and the University.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES: cont'd**

- 2. Cooperate with all University officials.**
- 3. Respect all reasonable requests of fellow participants.**
- 4. Treat fellow users and staff with respect.**
- 5. Take responsibility for personal and community safety and security.**
- 6. Recognize that everyone uses the recreational facilities and their furnishings.  
Abuse of those areas violates the rights of all users.**
- 7. Be an active member and communicate your needs to the Athletic Office.**
- 8. 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.**

## **STATEMENT OF CONDUCT**

### **I. GENERAL FACILITY RULES:**

- 1.1 Children under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by an adult, parent, or guardian.**
- 1.2 Minor guests must be visible with the student, faculty, staff, or guest pass cardholder. This includes faculty and staff member's children.**
- 1.3 Any user who enters the recreation facilities before or after posted times could have their privileges revoked.**
- 1.4 When asked to leave, users must leave immediately or guest privileges could be revoked.**
- 1.5 Proper University identification must be presented upon using all recreational sports facilities when requested.**
- 1.6 Groups or individuals using either outdoor or indoor facilities may be required to provide identification upon request.**
- 1.7 A user who forgets their ID is not eligible to participate.**
- 1.8 Recreational equipment must be used only in the area the equipment is located.**
- 1.9 Unauthorized equipment is prohibited in all recreation facilities.**
- 1.10 NO individual may use recreational sports facilities for personal or monetary gain.**
- 1.11 Facilities may only be used for their intended purpose.**

**GENERAL FACILITY RULES: cont'd**

- 1.12 All people must leave the recreation areas immediately when the fire alarm sounds. Failure to comply may result in a prohibition of future use of facilities.**
- 1.13 Appropriate procedures must be followed during times of emergency.**
- 1.14 Use of any tobacco products is prohibited in any indoor or outdoor recreation facilities.**
- 1.15 Harassment and/or hazing of groups, individuals, members, or staff are prohibited.**
- 1.16 The University will not be responsible for any items of value such as driver's license, gym bags, ipods, cell phones, headsets, etc.**
- 1.17 Skateboards, roller blades/skates, and cycling devices are prohibited in all indoor and outdoor facilities.**
- 1.18 Unauthorized use of video recording devices and photography is prohibited in all recreational sports facilities.**
- 1.19 Appropriate attire, including footwear, must be worn in all activity areas. Different facilities may have specific rules on attire, please check at each venue for guidelines.**
- 1.20 The University reserves the right to close a specific facility when warranted.**
- 1.21 Only Muskingum University students, faculty and staff plus their families, and guest pass cardholders may use the facilities. Use of the facilities is at your own risk. The University and its employees are not responsible for personal injuries.**
- 1.22 Facility users are responsible for the security of their personal property and are encouraged to protect their possessions. The University does not assume any responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or destruction of personal belongings.**
- 1.23 Users are accountable for any damages they have caused to equipment through negligence.**
- 1.24 Only authorized personnel may repair equipment. Report damages or necessary repairs to the Athletic Office # 8320.**
- 1.25 Unauthorized alteration of equipment is prohibited.**
- 1.26 The University respects and is committed to the user's 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 facility when necessary. Designated University officials include, but not limited to, Campus Police, EMS (Emergency Medical Services), Fire Prevention Services personnel, athletic staff, maintenance personnel, and other persons authorized by the University to inspect for damages, cleanliness, or provide other services as necessary.**

## **GENERAL SAFETY RULES: cont'd**

- 1.27 A designated University official may conduct a search of any part of the recreational facilities in accordance with University procedures.**

## **II. ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND GAMBLING**

### **2.1 Alcohol**

- 2.1.1 Alcoholic beverages are routinely prohibited at sports facilities.**
- 2.1.2 Users demonstrating signs of intoxication may be denied access to recreational facilities and programs.**

### **2.2 Drugs**

- 2.2.1 Muskingum University complies 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 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.**

## **III. FACILITY USER RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **3.1 Electric Equipment**

- 3.1.1 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 New Concord community is eligible to request guest passes, a limited number of passes will be available**
- 3.2.2 Pets – Service animals only are permitted in indoor recreational and sports facilities. Individuals are required to clean up after their animals at all recreational/sports facilities > indoor or outdoor.**

### **3.3 Activity Space Policies**

- 3.3.1 Appropriate athletic footwear must be worn in each activity space. Please see specific facility guidelines for these requirements.**
- 3.3.2 Appropriate athletic attire must be worn in each activity space. Please see specific facility guidelines for these requirements.**
- 3.3.3 Beverages, (other than water in approved containers), food and gum are not permitted in any activity space other than intercollegiate activities.**
- 3.3.4 Personal items not worn or being used should be kept in designated areas.**
- 3.3.5 All users are expected to use proper conduct:**
  - 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.**
  - Use of abusive language at any recreational facility is prohibited.**
  - Conduct that interferes with University-authorized activities is prohibited.**
  - Inappropriate sexual behavior and/or sexual misconduct are prohibited.**
  - Users must comply with decisions made by sports staff.**

## **IV. SAFETY**

### **4.1 Firearms and Weapons**

- 4.1.1 Concealed weapons are prohibited on the campus except by law enforcement officers. Campus 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 permission.**
- 4.1.3 The use and/or possession of fireworks or explosive devices of any type are not permitted in recreational and sports facilities and is prohibited under the Ohio Revised Code.**

### **4.2 Fire Prevention**

- 4.2.1 Each recreational and sports facility has emergency procedures. Fire drills are held periodically to ensure that all users are familiar with procedures. During an evacuation, cooperate fully with staff and follow the emergency procedures. All violations of these regulations are investigated by Campus Police**

- 4.2.2 Pulling a firearm, 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 punishable under the Ohio revised code. University judicial action may also result.**
- 4.2.3 Trespassing – Unauthorized people in recreational and sports facilities should be reported to the Athletic Office immediately or Campus Police at # 8155. Any time you believe a crime is about to be committed or has been committed, immediately call Campus Police and then report the incident to the Department of Athletics Staff.**
- 4.3 Personal Safety**
  - 4.3.1 Behavior that endangers personal safety within the jurisdiction of the University is not permitted.**
  - 4.3.2 Passing through any door where security alarms have been set is prohibited except during emergency evacuations.**
  - 4.3.3 Unauthorized propping open of any door is prohibited.**
  - 4.3.4 Users are not permitted in restricted or closed areas within the recreational and sports facilities.**
  - 4.3.5 The Code of Student Conduct will be enforced within all recreational and sport facilities.**

