

**Department of Recreational Sports
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Outdoor Recreational Facilities – Mutual Respect Policies

In this community, as in any other, each of us has rights and responsibilities. Please review the following policies so that we all may all enjoy the wonderful facilities we have. We welcome you to our facilities and hope that you enjoy your time while on campus. Questions and comments regarding these policies call 614-247-5073.

All are expected to obey the following Outdoor Recreational Facility Mutual Respect Policies:

1. **Personal Property and Injury.** The University will assume no responsibility for lost or stolen articles. All patrons participate at their own risk.
2. **Inclement Weather.** The Department of Recreational Sports personnel reserve the right to delay events, postpone events, relocate events, and cancel events. In addition, the “nature of the sport” regarding impact of footwear and cleats on the grass will affect these decisions. Based upon wear patterns of events further changes and modifications may also need to be made.
3. **Pre-Contest Warm-Ups.** If fields are wet/soft, yet still playable, practices and/or warm-ups may be re-located to another site or abbreviated to reduce field wear, yet still be able to play a contest.
4. **Cleanup.** Groups are asked to “leave the facility in better condition than they found it.” This includes trash pickup and the sweeping of dirt/mud on floors in buildings/shelters, etc. A minimum of a \$100 charge will be assessed for any residual trash or cleanup that needs to be done by OSU staff.
5. **Facility Managers (FM).** Facility users must follow all posted regulations and comply with decisions made by the FM and staff (including identifying oneself when so requested). The FM has the authority to cancel events and also has the option if necessary, to contact University Police for assistance at any time.
6. **Beverage Sale Policy.** All beverages to be sold must be Coke products.
7. **Drugs and Alcohol.** In accordance with University, state, and federal laws, alcohol and drugs are prohibited at any Recreational Facility. Failure to abide by this policy is also grounds for immediate cancellation of an event.
8. **Grills.** Open fires or grills with charcoal are prohibited other than grills installed at the FBP and WFH Shelter Areas, unless otherwise approved prior to an event. When grills are used please protect against grease stains.
9. **Parking.** Parking is allowed in approved University spaces only, based upon Transportation and Parking Rules and Regulations. Parking in any Recreational Facility or blocking the entrance or exit to a facility is prohibited.
10. **Automotive Vehicles.** Automotive vehicles are prohibited on any grass area. Approved access points must be used for loading and unloading. Parking and driving on the Fred Beekman Park Jogging Path is also prohibited unless prior approval has been granted.
11. **Tents.** Tents requiring staking, chairs, tables, or any other objects that would cause penetration of the lawn are prohibited (with the exception of the Mount Hall picnic area). Tents must be approved prior to an event and have the proper Fire permit when applicable. Contact Joel Schaefer at 614-588-4742 to arrange for necessary permits.
12. **Signs.** Signs, banners and other items may not be attached to site furniture, trees or light poles. Sites must be approved for signage. Furthermore the use of tape must be approved prior to use and removed after use. Sponsorship signs must also be approved prior to use to comply with University/Departmental sponsorship contracts.
13. **Damage.** Individuals reserving facility space for activities are responsible for the conduct and actions of all parties associated with and participating in the event. This includes casual spectators as well as followers and team members/opponents. Any damage to the facility and/or equipment is the responsibility of the individuals/groups reserving the space and must be reported immediately. The party is also responsible for the charges associated with these damages and has 7 business days to pay for them.
14. **Misconduct.** 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.
15. **Personnel.** Groups are responsible for informing the Department at least 48 hours in advance if their event has been cancelled so that scheduled personnel may be informed. A minimum \$40 charge will be assessed for failure to inform the Department of an event cancellation when personnel arrangements have been made. Additionally, when a Group requires pre-event services (i.e. painting, dragging, chalking, etc.) and these services are partially or fully completed, the group will be charged the full amount even if the event is postponed or cancelled.
16. **Rental Space.** Groups are restricted to the facilities they have been scheduled to use by OSU Department of Recreational Sports. A copy of a facility confirmation sheet must also be present at the facility at all times. Forging or providing false information on a Facility Request/Confirmation is prohibited.
17. **Safety Margins.** Groups must lay out their field(s) and/or court(s) with proper safety margins as set forth by the respective governing body (i.e. NCAA, FIFA, NFHS, NIRSA, ASA, USSSA, IRB, ICC, etc.).
18. **Tackle Football.** Tackle football is not permitted to be played at any Department of Recreational Sports facility.