



OP 91.350: RESERVATION OF UNIVERSITY RECREATION FACILITIES

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines governing the use of University Recreation facilities at Mississippi State University.

POLICY

Facilities managed by the Department of University Recreation at Mississippi State University include the Joe Frank Sanderson Center, Sanderson Center Natatorium, Sawyer Tennis Courts, The RecPlex, and the Chadwick Lake Disc Golf Course. These facilities have been designed and developed to contribute to the development of the whole person; to provide a place where students, faculty, and staff can come together for recreational activities; to aid students in the constructive use of their leisure time; to promote healthy lifestyle choices; to provide a constructive outlet for the stress of academic life; and to enhance academic achievement compatible with Mississippi State University's institutional mission and educational purposes.

PROCEDURE

1. Activity areas managed by University Recreation may be reserved by contacting the Facilities Coordinator. Reservation requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and are subject to the availability of the space.
2. In order to maximize utilization of these facilities, University Recreation has established the following priority for reservations.
 - a. Programs administered by University Recreation: any duly authorized programs such as intramural sports, sport clubs, group exercise classes, aquatics programs, and special events, etc. This includes programs administered by the department in conjunction with other campus units.
 - b. Physical education classes include all classes properly reserved by the Department of Kinesiology.
 - c. Other approved activities including MSU Spirit Groups, softball tournaments, camps, swim meets, and other events approved by University Recreation.
 - d. Open recreation, which includes any other use of the facilities not otherwise discussed above.
3. No group or individual is permitted to reserve the whole of the Joe Frank Sanderson Center during normal operating hours. However, the whole of the RecPlex, the Sawyer Tennis Courts, Natatorium, and the Chadwick Lake Disc Golf Course may be reserved for tournaments when they do not conflict with events scheduled by MSU organizations

or programs.

Within the Sanderson Center, the following activity areas may be reserved: Sanderson Conference Room, URec Classroom, Studios A, B, and C, Auxiliary Gym, Racquetball Courts, individual courts in the Main Gym, Lounge, Climbing Wall, and Natatorium. Activity areas that may not be reserved are the Strength and Aerobic Conditioning Room, Level II fitness area, and the track. The whole of the Main Gym may be reserved under special circumstances and only as approved by the Director of University Recreation.

4. Recreational facilities may be made available to university and non-university groups for extracurricular purposes when the use is in the best interests of the University and is justified by the unique design, function, and availability of the facility. Such use must not interfere with any regularly scheduled function of the facility and must not interfere with official university functions. The use of facilities for extracurricular functions is subject to compliance with facility requirements and university rules, regulations, and policies. Use of facilities by registered and university-related organizations must be in compliance with OP 91.354 - Facilities Use. Reservations for extracurricular activities should be made as soon as possible and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
5. Those using University Recreation facilities may be required to reimburse the department for any costs incident to the use of the facility and will be required to pay a fee when the use of the facility is for the purpose of producing revenue as per OP 91.354 - Facilities Use.
 - a. Each facility will have its own rate schedule as established by the University and the Department of University Recreation and posted on the department's web site <https://www.urec.msstate.edu>. These fees will be based on the scheduled number of operational and non-operational hours the facility will be used from initial set-up through clean-up.
 - b. User fees are assessed to recoup indirect costs and direct expenses associated with a particular event. These include, but are not limited to, wages for facility set-up, breakdown, clean-up, supervision, equipment usage, and custodial and maintenance services.
 - c. Full payment of the user fee is expected in advance. Please contact the Facilities Coordinator to determine the fee.
 - d. Groups not affiliated with the university must provide proof of liability and damage insurance.

REVIEW

The Vice President for Student Affairs is responsible for the review of this operating policy every four years or as needed.

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