

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION** STAF Student Affairs  
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**POLICY TITLE** Campus Recreation General Access & Usage  
**SCOPE OF POLICY** USC Columbia  
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**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER** Vice President for Student Affairs  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE** Student Health and Well-Being

**PURPOSE**

This policy outlines member types, requirements, privileges, responsibilities and conduct of all campus recreation patrons or guests.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Affiliate:** A person who is able to obtain an “Affiliate” CarolinaCard.

**Alumni Association Member:** A person who is over the age of 18, current member of the USC Alumni Association, and able to obtain a “Alumni Membership” CarolinaCard.

**Campus Recreation:** An administrative unit housed in the Student Health and Well-Being within the Division of Student Affairs and Academic Support.

**Campus Recreation Facilities:** For the purpose of this policy, campus recreation facilities are the Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center (Blatt PE Center), the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center (Wellness and Fitness Center) and Campus Recreation managed outdoor spaces.

**Faculty:** A person currently employed on the Columbia campus, in good standing and able to obtain a “Faculty” CarolinaCard.

**Guest:** A person who is over the age of 18, able to provide a physical government issued ID, and sponsored by a university entity or Campus Recreation member.

**Member:** Individual who has meet the requirements to utilize Campus Recreation facilities, categories include student members and non-student members.

**PlusOne:** A person who is able to obtain a “PlusOne” CarolinaCard.

**Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center (Blatt PE Center):** Multipurpose facility designed for academic teaching and physical activity on a variety of levels shared by Campus Recreation, Athletics and several academic programs located at 1400 Wheat Street, Columbia, SC.

**Spouse:** An individual who is able to obtain a “Spouse” CarolinaCard from the University CarolinaCard Office.

**Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center (Wellness and Fitness Center):** Student fee funded facility operated by Campus Recreation for the intent of providing physical activity and aspects of wellbeing located at 1000 Blossom Street, Columbia, SC.

**Staff:** A person currently employed on the Columbia campus, in good standing and able to obtain a “Staff” CarolinaCard.

**Student:** A person

- who is currently enrolled and paying the USC-Columbia wellness fee,
- who is accepted for admission or readmission to the university, enrolled in the next academic term, obtain a CarolinaCard, and pay the associated member fee
- who has been enrolled at the university in a prior academic term and is eligible to continue enrollment in the next academic term, and pay the associated member fee
- who graduated the previous academic term and pay the associated member fee
- who is attending an educational program sponsored by the university while that person is on campus; one who is in good standing and able to obtain a “Student” Carolina Card.

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The university supports Campus Recreation Facilities as a means of advancing the wellbeing of our community. USC considers participation in Campus Recreation facilities, programs, and services purely voluntary, and individuals participate at their own risk. Participants should be aware of the possibilities of bodily injury and understand that they are responsible for any and all costs arising out of injury, death, property damage, or loss sustained through participation. Facilities and services will be available on a regular basis; however, they may be discontinued for a given period because of directives from the university, major maintenance projects, or unforeseen circumstances.

#### **A. Requirements for Membership at Campus Recreation facilities**

##### **1. Student Members**

- a. To enter Campus Recreation facilities, students must be able to provide a valid CarolinaCard to gain access.
  - i. Memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable.
  - ii. Memberships will be cancelled upon enrollment status change.

##### **2. Non-Student Members**

- a. Non-student members consist of faculty, staff, spouse, PlusOne, alumni association member, retiree, and affiliates who purchase a membership to utilize Campus Recreation facilities.

- b. To enter Campus Recreation facilities, non-student members must have a current Campus Recreation membership, which can be purchased through the Campus Recreation website, and a valid Carolina Card.
  - i. Memberships are non-transferable, non-refundable and membership fees are subject to change.
  - ii. Memberships will be cancelled upon separation from university service. Temporary faculty and staff memberships will end based on contract dates.

### 3. Guests

- a. Guests are eligible to utilize Campus Recreation Facilities if they meet either of the two conditions: (a) they are sponsored by a university entity or campus recreation member and pay the advertised daily fee, (b) they are a faculty or staff member and pay the advertised daily fee.
- b. Sponsor is responsible for their guest. Both sponsor and guest are responsible for knowing the Campus Recreation policies and guidelines, which are available online. Any policy violations by a guest may result in loss of guest pass privileges or suspension from Campus Recreation Facilities (including programs) for the sponsor or university entity. Solicitation of sponsorship is not permitted.

## B. Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership at Campus Recreation Facilities

### 1. Privileges

- a. Members are able to participate in programs and services for which they are eligible; these programs and services may require registration and/or additional fees.
- b. Guests are able to participate in programs and services; for which they are eligible' these may require registration and/or additional fees.

### 2. Responsibilities

- a. Members and guests are responsible for knowing Campus Recreation policies and guidelines, which are available online.
- b. Members and guests that violate Campus Recreation policies or do not follow the instructions of a Campus Recreation employee in situations where there is a risk to health or safety may lose access to Campus Recreation facilities, programs, and services; student members may also be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

**PROCEDURE**

Procedures for member types, requirements, privileges, responsibilities and conduct of all campus recreation patrons or guests can be located at the following site: [Campus Recreation Rules & Guidelines - Campus Recreation | University of South Carolina](#)

**RELATED UNIVERSITY, STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES**

[STAF 6.26 – Student Code of Conduct](#)

**HISTORY OF REVISIONS**

<b>DATE OF REVISION</b>	<b>REASON FOR REVISION</b>
June 25, 2010	New policy approval
October 20, 2016	Non-substantive revision approval
September 19, 2023	Policy name updated, revised to reflect current campus recreation practices and to merge the following policies within this policy: STAF 2.01, 2.03, 3.07, 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.08, 10.09
May 15, 2025	SAAS requested review, non-substantive revision.