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I. Policy

- A. The Blatt Physical Education Center is responsible for meeting the university's needs in four areas:
1. Academic-Facilities are provided for students receiving instruction in physical education, athletic training, exercise science, and physical therapy.
  2. Campus recreation facilities are provided for intramural sports, sport clubs, group fitness, and special events.
  3. Unstructured recreation facilities are provided for students, faculty, staff, and guests, for recreational activities.
  4. Intercollegiate athletics facilities are provided for men's and women's swimming / diving.
- B. Only students, faculty, staff, and guests are allowed to use the facilities. Participants in special groups sponsored by the university and special programs sponsored by primary user groups (see I.A. 1, 2, and 4) will be admitted provided that the outside user group policy is adhered to.

II. Procedure

- A. Admission is by valid Carolina Card, special program card, or alumni pass.
1. Students, faculty, and staff will scan their valid Carolina Card

2. Guests must be accompanied by a student, faculty, or staff member who has a valid Carolina Card and must pay the guest fee. In addition, the guest must present a valid picture ID and follow correct guest sign in procedures (\*see II.E. 1-13).
  3. Participants in special university sponsored groups will be admitted by scanning their special ID card that is issued by the Office of Campus Recreation.
  4. Spouses and dependent children who are 17 years old or older, who possess a PE Center family membership card, may enter the center by scanning the card. Dependent children under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18, and must swipe their PE Center family membership card.
- B. The Blatt Physical Education Center maintains locker rooms for men and women. The locker rooms are available for use on a daily basis free of charge. Locks are supplied by the user and must be removed daily. Lockers may be rented on a semester or yearly basis from room 202 of the Blatt Physical Education Center. Locker rental includes locker, lock, and towel service.
- C. With the use of a current Carolina Card, individuals may check-out sports equipment from the equipment issue room in the Blatt Physical Education Center. In signing the check-out sheet, the person accepts responsibility for the care and return of the equipment. Payment will be required to repair or replace equipment that is lost or damaged. The individual's Carolina Card may be retained until the equipment is returned or payment is made.
- D. Facilities and Reservations
1. The hours of operation for the Blatt Physical Education Center are available from room 202 of the Blatt Physical Education Center and are posted on the Office of Campus Recreation website.  
<https://campusrec.sc.edu/>
  2. The following facilities are located in and adjacent to the Blatt Physical Education Center:
    - a. Two (2) dance studios, strength and conditioning areas, four (4) basketball courts, six (6) volleyball courts, three (3) badminton courts, two (2) multipurpose athletic fields-and an Olympic sized natatorium. Reservations for these facilities may be made by students, faculty, and staff by submitting a Facility Reservation Request form through the Campus Recreation website. Forty-eight (48) hours advanced notice is required for reservations.

- b. Four (4) racquetball / handball courts, two (2) squash courts and three (3) tennis courts can be reserved on a daily basis by calling (803) 777-3878. Reservations are accepted on day of play only.
- E. Each student, faculty, or staff member may bring two guests per visit. All guests must pay the guest fee and follow appropriate procedures.
  1. Sponsors must surrender their Carolina Card.
  2. Guests must be 18 years of age or older and surrender a photo ID card with date of birth, complete a guest registration form, complete a waiver, and pay the guest fee. Both the sponsor and guests' ID cards will be held at the front desk during the entire visit.
  3. Sponsors must accompany guests during their entire visit. When the sponsor has concluded his/her use of the facility and departs, their guest must also depart.
  4. Sponsors are responsible for their guests' action during their visit to the Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center. Non-compliance may result in the sponsor losing use privileges.
  5. Guests may not participate in intramurals, group exercise classes, sport clubs or outdoor recreation programs.
  6. Guests may not check out equipment.
  7. Guest registration forms/fees are non-transferable and non-refundable.
  8. Soliciting patrons to gain access into the Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center is prohibited.
  9. The Office of Campus Recreation reserves the right to terminate guest privileges for failure to abide by set policies/procedures or misuse of facilities/equipment.
  10. Current students, faculty, and staff with a current Carolina Card may purchase a family membership for members of their immediate family. Please refer to Section II.A.4.
  11. Alumni, spouse members, and individuals with family memberships may not sponsor guests.
  12. Hazardous Weather Conditions - The Blatt Physical Education Center may remain open on a restricted schedule during periods of hazardous weather when the residence halls are open and students are on campus. This policy

is applicable when other university or state employees have been released from work by the University President and / or the Governor.

G. Fields

1. Tobacco in any form is prohibited.
2. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
3. Animals or pets are prohibited on or within field areas with the exception of guide/aid animals for individuals with a disability.
4. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on fields.
5. Golf is prohibited on fields.
6. Metal cleats/spikes are prohibited.
7. Glass containers are prohibited on the fields.
8. Bicycles, rollerblades, and skateboarding are prohibited on field areas.

III. Reason for Revision

Policy procedures were modified to reflect current technology and practice.