

Dear Member:

On behalf of the Recreation Center team members I would like to thank you for joining and your interest and support of the facility is greatly appreciated. I encourage you to review the summary of rules and regulations enclosed and hope this information is beneficial to you and if applicable to your family members and or guests. For more detailed information on programs and services, please check the facility bulletin boards, our web site, and/or ask the front desk staff for assistance.

We are here because you are here and our goal is to provide quality facilities, programs and services to our UT Houston community. Thank you again for your business and please let me know if you have any questions, suggestions and or problems in regards to the Recreation Center.

Sincerely,

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Director

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UT RECREATION CENTER RULES, REGULATIONS & POLICIES

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Member certifies that all information provided by the Member is truthful and accurate in all material aspects and contains no misleading statement or any omission of any material information.

Membership is open to all UTHSC-H students, faculty and staff and their families, UTHSC-H Affiliates and Texas Medical Center employees. Proof of employment, student and alumni status, or spouse eligibility is required at time of purchase and renewals. During the academic year, UTHSC-H students who are enrolled for classes receive a membership as a benefit of their tuition during that enrollment period. During the summer term or in certain cases when the student tuition does not cover the membership fee, the student may purchase the membership at the facility.

Management may restrict the use of facilities to permit maintenance, repair or construction; and Management may cease providing all facilities and services to all Members upon giving notice of such decision to Members. The facilities may be closed periodically each year in order to conduct maintenance and upgrades. Management reserves the right to revise and add to these Rules, Regulations and Policies from time to time as it deems necessary for the benefit, comfort and enjoyment of the Members, and the reasonable and proper management of the facility.

In the event the facility is closed for a period longer than thirty (30) days through no fault of the Member, the Member is entitled to either extend this Membership Agreement for a period equal to that number of days that the facility was closed, or to receive a prorated refund of the amount paid by the Member under this Membership Agreement. Refunds are not applicable to UTHSC-H student tuition fees in such cases.

MEMBERSHIPS

Classifications.

Management shall establish classifications of Memberships and may add, delete, modify or otherwise change such classifications and related privileges of Membership as it deems necessary.

AGE POLICY: Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian at all times while in the facility. No one under 16 is allowed in the weight room or cardiovascular exercise area. Also, no one under 16 is allowed in the swimming pool or pool deck area during the winter months, or at anytime when the pool blankets are on the pool.

If applicant is less than 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must co-sign this Membership Agreement. Children five years of age and younger will be admitted free of charge. "Family Member" includes spouse and/or all those who are claimed as dependents up to the age of 20. Once turning 21, children must apply for their own membership if they meet the eligibility requirements.

An Extended Family Membership is a benefit provided to UTHSC-H students, faculty and staff only. "Extended Family Member" includes mother, father, brother and/or sister of a current UTHSC-H student, faculty or staff member who may purchase membership privileges at the Affiliate rate as long as the student, faculty or staff member is affiliated with UTHSC-H.

All Memberships are nontransferable and nonrefundable except as stated in the "Notice to Member".

Review of Qualifications.

Management shall review each applicant and reserves the right to disapprove any Membership application on its sole discretion.

Term.

For those members who pay for membership thru automatic EFT (electronic fund transfer). Monthly memberships shall automatically renew on the last day of each month unless the Member provides management with not less than thirty (30) days prior notice of its intent not to renew this Membership Agreement.

Membership Agreement and Payment of Charges.

Applicants must sign the Membership Agreement and submit it along with the appropriate charges, if any, at the time application for Membership is made. Member agrees that Member will pay the fees, charges and rates in effect at the time the membership is accepted. Members will be assessed a \$25 fee for any declined EFT and a \$25 fee for any returned checks. Management shall provide Member with not less than sixty (60) days written notice of an increase in rates, provided, however, that no increase in rates shall be effective until the expiration date of the then applicable membership period.

Guest Privileges.

Member is entitled to bring up to two (2) guests per member, per visit for a fee. No guest may use the facilities without registering at the front desk and completing Waiver of Responsibility and Assumption of Risk documentation.

Guest fees are charged to persons six years of age and older. Guests must be accompanied by the member or present proof of guest privilege at the time of purchase and any subsequent renewal. Anyone who is eligible for membership may be their own guest and purchase guest options, rather than a membership if so desired. Management reserves the right to limit the number of guests or the number of times any one guest can use the facility and reserves all rights to exclude any guest whose use of the facilities, in the sole opinion of the Management would be detrimental to the guest, facility or any of its members.

CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIPS

By Management.

Any member may be expelled by the Management for a gross or repeated violation of any rule, regulation or policy of the facility, or for any conduct which, in the opinion of the Management, is prejudicial to the welfare, good order, reputation, and character of the facility. A Member cancelled for any of the reasons set forth in the preceding two sentences shall be entitled to a prorated refund minus a 25% administrative handling fee. No person whose membership has been cancelled by the facility shall be accepted as a guest of the facility.

By the Member.

A Member may cancel this contract in the case of the Member's death, medical reasons, employment termination, or relocation of their principal residence more than 35 miles away, as more fully described below, by filling out the appropriate form and having said form delivered in person or by mailing such form via mail to the business office of the facility. In a cancellation pursuant to this paragraph, the facility may retain a portion of fees not to exceed 10% of total refund amount and will refund any remainder of amount previously paid during the membership term to the Member. A Member canceling this contract pursuant to relocation and or medical reasons, must provide proof of relocation, and or a physician's letter; in either case such evidence to be enclosed with the cancellation notice. Mail to UT Recreation Center 7779 Knight Road, Houston, TX 77054.

A Member may freeze membership for up to two months during each year. Such a freeze must be in consecutive day increments and not for less than two week periods to be considered for an adjustment to the membership expiration date. Member must provide notification of freeze request to the front desk staff prior to such leave or else no adjustment in expiration date will be granted.

Family Memberships.

For family memberships only, upon the termination of the Primary Member's membership, the Membership Agreement shall convert into an individual Membership Agreement and the rates and fees charged hereunder shall be reset accordingly. However, for the membership to continue, the individual must meet membership classification and eligibility requirements.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Membership Card, Keytag

UTHSC-H student, faculty and staff must present a valid university ID badge for admission into the facility and upon request when participating in activities. Non UTHSC-H ID members will be issued a Membership Card, bearing name, good as long as the Membership Agreement under which it was issued is valid. The Membership Card must be presented for admission into the facility and upon request when participating in activities. Only 1 active card allowed per member.

Name/data change on Recreation Center Membership Card will be made at no charge with the return of original card. Lost cards must be replaced and a fee of \$10.00 shall be charged. A fee of \$5.00 shall also be charged to replace lost Keytags. Use of University ID, Membership Card and or Keytag by anyone other than person named hereon is prohibited and will result in confiscation. Violation of this rule may result in immediate and permanent termination of membership. The cards are property of UTHSC-H and are nontransferable and may be revoked for cause.

Appropriate Exercise Clothing

Patrons are asked to wear gym clothing while working out or participating in activities. Proper athletic attire includes gym shorts, t-shirts, sweat suits, tights and leotards and sneakers. No street clothes shall be permitted in the workout areas. No denim allowed and no open toe shoes allowed in the exercise areas. Athletic shoes with non-marring sole are required in activity areas. Proper attire for the swimming pool area includes bathing suits and sandal type shoe and swimmers are encouraged to shower before entering the pool.

Swimming Pool Guidelines.

There is no lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk. The swimming pool closes 30 minutes prior to facility closure. There are designated and posted summer and winter hours for adult lap swim and family/children hours and open swim. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian at all times while in the pool or on the pool deck area.

Once the blankets are installed on the pool, no one under the age of 16 is allowed in the pool or pool deck and there is lap swimming only. Proper swim attire required and no disposable or cloth diapers permitted. Please dry off before entering the building.

Family/Children Guidelines.

For the safety of your family and all members, strollers, car seats, and any other baby carriers are not allowed in any activity area.

Children five years old and under of the opposite sex may be in the locker room. Children six years old or older must use the same sex locker room. A Family Restroom is provided in the facility.

Club Etiquette

Member agrees to be subject to the control of the Management, its staff, its agents, representatives and/or employees. Member agrees to conduct oneself in a quiet, well-mannered fashion while using the facilities.

Member's Property; Lost and Found

UTHSC-H shall not be liable for the disappearance, loss, theft or damage to or of any Member's personal property. Property that is found by facility employees will be stored for a reasonable period of time at the front desk.

Valuables / Lockers.

For your protection, do not bring valuables into the facility. The facility provides rental and daily use lockers for use during the Member's use of the facility. Users must furnish their own padlock for locker room lockers. The lockers are not designed to protect valuables and are provided solely for the convenience of Member. UTHSC-H is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Belongings are not to be left in unlocked lockers. Daily use lockers are available at no charge and must be cleared after each daily use. Rentals lockers may be purchased on a 3 month and 1 year basis and reserved at the front desk. Rental lockers are available for rent by current Member's only.

Cellular Phones and Cameras.

To preserve a tranquil environment, use of cellular phones and/or cameras in the workout area and locker rooms is prohibited.

Miscellaneous.

Members are not permitted to advertise or post notices in or about the facilities. Please remember to inform the front desk of any address changes. Member agrees that Management may contact Member by phone, e-mail or U.S. mail in order to communicate information pertaining to the facility or the Member's membership therein.

Waiver of Responsibility and Assumption of Risk

Members and guests voluntarily assume all risk and waive, on behalf of themselves and their heirs and to the extent allowable under law, any claims or damages against The University of Texas System, The UT Health Science Center at Houston, or their respective employees, agents, officers, Regents or representatives for any injury or illness that may directly or indirectly result from membership or participation at the UTHSC-H Recreation Center.