

# Reservation and Rental Policies of Campus Recreation Facilities

## a. PURPOSE

The procedures described herein define the processes to be followed in carrying out the policy outlined in System Administration Memorandum 01.B.06 - Facilities Reservation and Rental, related to the use of University of Houston facilities by persons and organizations associated with and not associated with the university.

## b. DEFINITIONS

a. Auxiliary Space: Area of a university campus that is not supported through State of Texas appropriations.

b. Education & General (E&G) Space: Net assignable area used for academic instruction, research, and support of the institution's mission. It does not include auxiliary enterprise space or space which is permanently unassigned. E&G space is supported primarily from state appropriated funds.

c. General Purpose Classroom: A classroom used for academic instruction that is not otherwise assigned to a specific academic department. All general purpose classrooms are considered E&G space.

d. Grounds: All exterior acreage not covered by buildings. Includes plazas, parks, parking lots, roadways, and any other outside space.

e. Lessee: Any individual or group, whether internal or external to the University of Houston, or whether sponsored or not sponsored (in the case of external individuals or groups), who reserves and uses any university facility or space for a purpose other than that for which it is provided.

f. Reservation Office: Campus unit with responsibility and/or authority to assign a particular university facility or space for use by a university or non-university individual or group. Also responsible for collecting and handling all related forms and fees.

g. Special Services: Services provided in support of an event by personnel, contractors, or vendors either internal or external to the university or the System.

## c. SPACE AVAILABLE AND RESERVATIONS

a. The use of all University of Houston facilities for purposes other than those for which they are primarily intended will be allowed on a first-come, first-served basis according to the following priorities:

- University wide programs and officially recognized student organizations
- Faculty, staff, administration, and those professional organizations/affiliations whose activities are sponsored and coordinated by a University of Houston office or department
- Alumni
- Non-university groups

b. Reservations for the use of Campus Recreation facilities must be made through the reservation office located inside the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center.

c. Scheduling Facilities:

ALL requests for space must be submitted to the Reservationist IN WRITING and at least 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE to the Reservation Office or email to [crecres@uh.edu](mailto:crecres@uh.edu). Written requests are date-stamped upon receipt to ensure priority is given to the appropriate reservation, in the case of two or more requests for the same room(s) and time(s). Cancellations must be made no less than 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

Individuals or groups that cancel less than 72 hours in advance will be subject to limitations or restrictions on future space use.

d. Use of University Facilities for Commercial Purposes:

The Office of the Associate Vice President for University Relations is charged with oversight of policies and procedures concerning the use of university facilities for commercial purposes (movie shoot location, print and television advertising, etc.).

This office coordinates all arrangements with the Office of the Associate Vice President for Administration and oversees the contractual process involved in finalizing these arrangements.

e. Police Presence Associated with Space Reservation and Rental:

1. University of Houston Police officers must be hired to provide security, at the cost of the facilities lessee, at events where alcohol is served, unless this requirement is waived. If students are involved; waivers must be requested using a Request for Alcohol Distribution Form, available in the Dean of Students Office. Other waivers may be requested, in writing, to the Associate Vice President for Administration. Event security must be arranged through the University Center Reservation Office, Department of Campus Activities or the University Police Department (at least two weeks' advance notice is required by UHPD) using the University of Houston Police Department Request for Police Services Form (Addendum B).

2. The university may require the presence of University Police officers as a condition of holding certain events on campus. The decision to require the presence of officers and the determination of the number of officers necessary will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Associate Vice President for Administration, in consultation with the University Police Department. Costs for police services shall be borne by the lessee.

#### **d. SPONSORSHIP**

a. To sponsor an event held by a person or organization not associated with the university, a representative of the sponsoring administrative, academic unit or student organization must submit a completed Acknowledgement of Sponsorship Obligations form (see Addendum C), approved by the appropriate college, division, or administrative authority, to the unit having assigned authority over the space requested, whether it be E&G or auxiliary space. In the event of two or more sponsors, all must sign the form.

b. The Acknowledgement of Sponsorship Obligations form will not serve as a reservation of the space; nor will it serve to endorse the person or organization seeking sponsorship, their product/services, or their opinions; nor will it obligate or assign liability to the unit with assigned authority over the space, the university, or the UH System in any way.

c. Student groups who sponsor or cosponsor persons or organizations not associated with the university must also comply with guidelines set forth by the Student Program Board, the Activities Funding Board and the Council of Ethnic Organizations. Information is available in Campus Activities/Dean of Students Office.

#### **e. RESPONSIBILITY**

University individuals or groups who use university facilities, and university groups who sponsor non-university individuals or groups to use university facilities, are responsible for the behavior of their members and guests, and will be held liable for any personal injury or damage or theft of university property.

#### **f. FOOD AND BEVERAGES**

a. For reservations involving food and beverage service in facilities where the university food service provider has exclusive rights; all arrangements must be made through the campus food service provider. Catering services may be used in other facilities where food service is permitted; however, it is recommended that the campus food service provider be contacted first because they are familiar with on-campus facilities and are generally able to respond more quickly and with greater flexibility than other providers. Off-campus providers must show proof of insurance and provide a temporary alcohol license if

serving alcohol. Individuals and groups are prohibited from bringing in food and beverage to be served at events without proper approval by the appropriate reservation office.

b. The System has an exclusive contract with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company to supply cold beverages (defined as all forms of non-alcoholic liquids intended for human consumption and all beverages bases from which these can be prepared.

Does not include (i) milk, (ii) flavored milk, (iii) fresh brewed coffee and tea, whether served hot or cold, (iv) fresh brewed hot chocolate, (v) soups, (vi) fresh squeezed juices, (vii) unflavored tap, faucet or fountain water drawn directly from the public water supply, and (viii) non-alcoholic beer) such that only Coca-Cola products may be sold or given away in conjunction with events held on campus. Questions regarding compliance with this requirement should be directed to the Executive Director for Procurement and Auxiliary Services.

c. Campus student organizations and student programs may request from the Executive Director for Procurement and Auxiliary Services a waiver of these food – but not beverage – requirements for fund-raising events or special programs. The request must be made in writing and clearly describe the event, who is involved, time and location, and a justification for the waiver. There are certain areas designated in exclusive-use facilities where students may bring in snack foods for small groups by working through the respective reservation offices.

## **Recipient**

### **g. Alcohol:**

a. It is the university's policy that all members of the university community and guests are required to comply with federal, state, and local laws regarding the possession, consumption and distribution of alcoholic beverages.

b. Possession, consumption, or distribution of alcoholic beverages in public areas of the University of Houston is prohibited, except at:

1. events previously authorized by the Dean of Students, the President, Vice Presidents, or Deans; and
2. the University Hilton Hotel, cafeterias, and on-campus restaurants or food service areas where alcohol is legally distributed or sold.
3. A public area is defined as the campus parking lots, campus grounds, campus buildings, or any outside enclosed area or portion thereof, to which the public is invited or given general unrestricted access.

c. Any use of facilities where alcohol will be distributed or consumed and where students are allowed to attend is subject to the Alcohol Policy and Distribution of Alcohol

1. Beverages Policy published in the Student Handbook, available in the Dean of Students Office.

### **h. FACILITY USE FEES**

A. E&G Facility Charges: If required by the nature of the event or by the Facilities Use Agreement, the lessee will be responsible for paying the following out-of-pocket expenses as incurred:

#### **1. Special Support Services**

Support personnel – e.g., maintenance, building services, etc.

Special services – e.g., paramedics, ushers, ticket takers, technicians, etc.

Police

2. Extraordinary utility and maintenance fees In addition to these expenses, non-university lessees holding events in E&G facilities will be responsible for paying a rental fee, unless a waiver is granted (see Section VII(D)).

Room Rental Charges (includes normal utility and maintenance fees):  
**FACILITY SPACE \* ALL PRICES ARE PER HOUR**  
**Non-Affiliate Rate**

Facility Spaces		Non-Affiliate	Facility Spaces	Non-Affiliate	
<b>Main Gym</b>	One Court	\$67.50	<b>Racquetball Courts</b>	One Court	\$20.00
	Two Courts	\$135.00		Two Courts	\$40.00
	Three Courts	\$202.50		Three Courts	\$60.00
<b>Center Court</b>	One Court	\$67.50	<b>Squash Courts</b>	Four Courts	\$80.00
	Two Courts	\$135.00		One Court	\$20.00
<b>MAC</b>		\$92.00		Two Courts	\$40.00
<b>MP rooms</b>	Each Room	\$53.00	<b>Climbing Wall</b>		\$150.00
<b>1 &amp; 2</b>	Both Rooms	\$106.00	<b>Water polo setup</b>		\$140.00
<b>3</b>		\$34.00	<b>Wet/Dry Classroom</b>		\$20.00
<b>4 &amp; 5</b>	Both Rooms	\$106.00	<b>Sand Volleyball</b>		\$45.00
<b>Natatorium</b>		\$213.00	<b>Rotunda</b>		\$100.00
<b>per lane - 25 yd</b>		\$10.00	<b>Large Conference Room</b>		\$35.00
<b>per lane - 50 M</b>		\$13.00	<b>Small Conference Room</b>		\$20.00
<b>4 lanes- 25 yds</b>		\$40.00	<b>Rotunda Meeting Room</b>		\$75.00
<b>8 lanes – 25 yds</b>		\$80.00	<b>Tennis Courts</b>		\$5.00
<b>Dive Well</b>		\$130.00	<b>Intramural Fields</b>		
<b>Leisure Pool</b>		\$104.00		One Field	\$71.00
<b>Entire Rec Facility</b>		\$882.00		Two Fields	\$142.00
<b>Wellness Classroom</b>		\$44.00		Three Fields	\$213.00
<b>Sport Club Field</b>		\$71.00		Soccer Field	\$142.00
<b>Combat Room</b>		\$20.00		Softball Field	\$142.00
				Small Field	\$50.00

Additional costs may apply to event staffing, University support services (i.e. UHPDS, custodial), and equipment.

\*\* Rates for student groups, departments and community groups may vary (subject to verification and approval)

Extraordinary Utility and Maintenance Deposit: Room usage fees include a normal utility and maintenance fee. A deposit of \$200 is required, whether or not rental fees are required, to cover unanticipated utility or maintenance costs. Additional funds will be collected if the deposit is not sufficient to cover the expense. Failure to remit the amount required to cover the expense will result in the lessee being barred from using university facilities for future events.

*The university reserves the right to change rates as necessary without notice.*

B. Auxiliary Facility Charges: Fees and reimbursable expenses associated with the use of auxiliary facilities can be obtained from their respective reservation offices.

C. Payment, Collection, and Handling of Deposits and Fees:

1. At least five business days prior to the event for which the space is being reserved, rental fees, and special support services fees for the use of university facilities shall be collected as a single payment by the reservation office with assigned authority over the rented space and deposited in accordance with all applicable university and System policies and procedures. Deposit is due three business days from rental confirmation.

a. Cash will not be accepted under any circumstances as payment of deposits and rental fees. Deposits are accepted only by credit card.

b. Payment may be by cashier's check or money order, made payable to the University of Houston. Payment is permissible by credit card, if the reservation office responsible for the space is equipped to handle such.

c. Payment by university departments shall be by voucher (for use of auxiliary space) or by a Service Center Requisition

2. Within five business days following completion of an event the reservation office shall consult with Facilities Management and the Police Department to ascertain the dollar amount, if any, of extraordinary utility, maintenance, and/or police costs incurred in support of the event. This will determine the amount of deposits, if any, to be returned to the lessee or any additional amounts due from the lessee.

3. Within 10 business days following completion of an event, the reservation office shall submit appropriate paperwork to the Controller's office to transfer to specified operating accounts appropriate funds due the Police Department. Appropriate paperwork will also be submitted to refund the lessee any unused portion of the deposits or to bill the lessee for additional charges incurred. No interest will be paid on refunds to the lessee.

D. Fee Waivers: Room rental fees may be waived under certain conditions. Requests to waive expenses for auxiliary facilities must be submitted, in writing, to the appropriate reservation office. The reservation office will respond, in writing, to the requester regarding approval or denial of the request.

1. Auxiliary rental fees may be waived at the discretion of the auxiliary authority. Special Support Services fees, Security Deposits, and Extraordinary Utility and Maintenance Deposits may not be waived unless the reservation office is willing to assume financial responsibility for the waived fees.

## **9. FACILITIES USE AGREEMENTS**

A. Use of university space by a sponsored non-university group must be authorized by

a written agreement. Such agreements are to provide for:

- Full cost recovery;
- Confirmation that the use does not constitute university or state endorsement of the using organization, its views or objectives; and
- Certification that such use does not interfere with primary university uses for which the facilities were intended.

In addition, the agreement must specifically protect the university from any liability or property loss exposures that may or do result from the lessee's activities or occupancy. The agreement shall indemnify and hold harmless the Board of

Regents of the University of Houston System, the University of Houston, and all of its officers, employees, and agents from any actions or causes of action, claims, demands, liabilities, loss, damage, injury, cost or expense of whatever kind or injuries or the death of any person(s) or damage to or loss of any property claimed to have been caused by or to have arisen out of or in connection with or incidental to the use of University of Houston property.

B. The lessee must provide financial responsibility in the form of a Certificate of Insurance or as otherwise may be deemed acceptable by the University of Houston Office of Safety and Risk Management. The Certificate of Insurance should reflect the following:

Commercial General Liability coverage 250,000/500,000

UH is added as an additional insured

Subrogation against UH is waived

The lessee's insurance coverage is primary

Depending on the event, coverage and/or limits may vary.

C. The lessee must agree to comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations applicable to the intended use and occupancy. In addition, the lessee must agree to be responsible for payment of federal, state or local taxes, which may be levied against the entertainment being presented or on admission to such entertainment activity.

D. The lessee must not cause or permit anything to be done to mar, deface, or otherwise render the facilities unusable. The lessee must leave the premises in the same condition as the commencement of occupancy, except for ordinary wear and use.

E. Reservation offices are permitted to draft agreements that are unique to their facility, provided all the provisions of Section VIII are included. A draft of the agreements must be submitted to and approved by the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) prior to actual use. Alternatively, Addendum D must be used.

Reservation offices are responsible for:

Ensuring that the form used for the agreement has been approved by Office of the General Counsel

- Maintaining an inventory of blank agreements
- Ensuring the agreements are properly executed on a timely basis
- Promptly forwarding a copy of each Addendum D (or substitute agreement approved by OGC) to the Associate Vice President for Administration (or designee)
- Maintaining completed agreements a minimum of three years
- Ensuring full compliance with MAPP 04.04.01 - Contracting

#### **10. FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION (MAPP 13.01.01)**

**USE OF AMPLIFIED SOUND** - The use of amplified sound is permitted in designated areas pending completion of an Organized Expressive Activity Description Form and approval from Dean of Students office.

**SIGNS POSTED ON UNIVERSITY GROUNDS** - The only types of signs that may be planted on University grounds are those that promote official University events or activities. University departments wishing to display signs on University grounds that promote official University activities and events must obtain

approval from the Dean of Students at least ten business days prior to the proposed display. Signs will be subject

to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions and must include the name of the University department sponsoring the activity that it promotes.

**11. FACILITY CLOSURES** - the Department of Campus Recreation reserves the right to reschedule or cancel any request for space whether inside the facility or on the recreational fields when warranted (e.g. inclement weather, maintenance projects, field conditions)