Statement of Purpose

Welcome to the David V. Wise Sport & Fitness Center. We hope that you will take advantage of the facilities to improve your physical fitness and enjoy leisure time. We ask you to please note and observe the rules and help us maintain the equipment and cleanliness of the facility.

The Wise Center offers practice and performance areas for the College’s varsity sport teams, community use, and general recreation and fitness. The building is designed to meet the indoor recreational and athletic needs of students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Facility Users

Allegheny students, faculty, and staff may use the facilities during open recreation hours. A valid Allegheny College ID is required for admittance into the building at every visit. A card swipe machine is used to identify all users of the facility.

Spouses and dependent children (14-23 yrs. of age) of Allegheny employees may use the facilities with proper picture ID obtained at the Office of Security (Newton Observatory: 814.332.3357).

Children under 14 years old must be accompanied by a parent or supervising adult and must remain with that supervisor at all times.

General Policies

1. Participation is at your own risk.
2. Please enter and exit the Wise Center through the Student Entrance off Highland Avenue.
3. Proper athletic shoes are required. Non-marking athletic shoes must be worn in the activity areas. Street shoes are not permitted.
4. Proper gym attire is expected. Shirts must be worn at all times.
5. Smoking, the use of tobacco of any kind, and all alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
6. Food and beverages are not permitted in any activity area.
7. Signs for posting must be approved by the Associate Director of Athletics prior to placement on bulletin boards.
8. Follow all rules posted throughout the building. Any individual caught abusing rules may be removed from the Wise Center. Continued abuse of the rules may result in loss of privileges in using the facility.
9. Individuals are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will not detract from the enjoyment of others using the building. Destructive horseplay and profanity are considered improper behavior.
10. Rollerblades, skateboards, and bikes are not permitted in the building.
11. The Wise Center will be supervised at all times during posted hours of operation.

Facility Guest Passes

1. Allegheny College students and employees are permitted to bring one out-of-town guest per visit at no charge.
2. Local guests of students, employees and Wise Center members are not permitted.
3. Special requests from department heads for guest passes may be made with the Associate Director of Athletics and Recreational Services at 814.332.2316.

Facility Use Policies

Sports Forum
1. Hanging on the basketball rims is prohibited.
2. Do not leave coats or additional clothing on the floor. Lockers and clothes hooks are available throughout the Wise Center.
3. The batting cage is not available for public use.
4. Please refer to the “General Policies” section for additional rules regarding the Sports Forum.

Weight Room/Cardio Area
1. Personal items such as coats and bags must be stored in a locker.
2. Appropriate attire for use of this facility includes loose fitting clothing (shirts, shorts, sweats) and athletic shoes. No street shoes. Shirts must be worn at all times.
3. Users are required to wipe machines off after use.
4. During times of peak use, please limit workouts on cardiovascular equipment to 30 minutes.
5. Replace weight plates, bars, and dumbbells to their original location after use.
6. Due to academic schedules and/or team training purposes, the use of the facility may be limited at certain times. Please check the weekly schedule posted outside the weight room.
7. You must be 14 years old to use the equipment.

Dance Studio
This room is specifically designed for structured use by groups: aerobic and dance classes, martial arts, fencing, etc.

Spinning Room
This room is specifically designed for structured use by scheduled classes but individual use is permitted when classes are not in session.

Racquetball Courts
1. All courts are considered on a first come, first served basis. No reservations will be accepted.
2. The courts can be used for personal exercise space, but please remove any equipment after you are finished.
LOCKER ROOMS
1. Lockers are available next to the Mellon Pool for general use.
2. Users are encouraged to bring their own locks.
3. Half lockers must be signed out with the Associate Director of Athletics and Recreation.
4. Locks are not to be left on full lockers overnight.

SWIMMING POOL
1. No one will be allowed to enter Mellon Pool without proper identification.
2. The pool can only be used during scheduled pool hours when a lifeguard is on duty.
3. Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or supervising adult and must remain with the parent or supervisor at all times.
4. All posted pool rules and regulations must be followed.
5. Hours (and lanes) for lap swimmers will be posted. Hours may change with limited notice for swim team activities and lifeguard availability.
6. The Aquatics Director has the authority to revoke pool privileges for individuals who display inappropriate behavior.

EQUIPMENT USE
Recreational equipment will be issued from the front desk. IDs will be held for equipment checkout and the equipment borrower is responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items.

GROUP USAGE OF THE WISE CENTER
1. There is some availability for outside group rentals of space in the Wise Center. Please contact the Associate Director of Athletics and Recreational Services at 814.332.2316 to inquire about reserving.
2. Student groups may reserve space in the Wise Center during operating hours, which may restrict some general usage of the building.

Please refer questions to:
Bill Ross
Associate Director of Athletics/Recreation
814.332.2316
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OR

Lindsey Craft
Director of Peak Performance/Fitness
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Check out our website
http://www.alleghenygators.com

Hours of Operation

Building hours while classes are in session:
Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Hours for summer and other break periods will be posted at the front desk at the appropriate time.

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