

# Manual of Policies and Procedures for Student Affairs

## Chapter 9. Louise Herrington Patriot Center/Recreational Sports

### Subchapter 9-100. Scope and Purpose

#### Section 9-101. Louise Herrington Patriot Center

a. The Louise Herrington Patriot Center (HPC) is home to The University of Texas at Tyler's Recreational Sports program. Recreational Sports furthers the educational experience by developing lifelong wellness. Development of these skills enhances the educational mission of the institution. Recreational Sports also promotes student retention by playing a major role in campus life.

b. The needs and desires of students are the basis for the types of activities and programs presented by Recreational Sports.

c. These activities allow students to acquire wellness and leadership skills which enhance their personal growth skills through their participation in and management of recreational programming.

#### Sec. 9-102. Definitions

a. In this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

1. "faculty or staff" means a current employee of The University of Texas at Tyler;
2. "student" means a person currently enrolled in residence at the university, or who is accepted for admission or readmission to the university, or who has been enrolled at the university in a prior semester or summer session and is eligible to continue enrollment in the semester or summer session that immediately follows, or who is attending an educational program sponsored by the university while that person is on campus;
3. "university" means The University of Texas at Tyler.

### Subchapter 9-200. Recreational Sports

#### Sec. 9-201. Recreational Sports Department

a. The Recreational Sports Department is comprised of university staff and student employees who assist in the planning, selection, and evaluation of recreational programs presented to the campus.

### Subchapter 9-300. Recreational Programming

#### Sec. 9-301. Recreation Sports Programming Areas

a. The recreation program involves both an individualized and group approach to recreation, which allows students to participate for fun and fitness as well as develop lifelong wellness and leadership skills. Recreational Sports programs are available in the following areas:

1. **Fitness** - (includes weight and cardio training, fitness classes, personal training and lifestyle change programs such as Living Well)
2. **Intramurals** - (includes approximately 40 programs each semester including flag football, basketball, ultimate frisbee, indoor triathlon and many other events)
3. **Outdoor Adventures** - (includes ski trip, canoe trip, mountain biking, hiking and adventure racing)
4. **Club Sports** - (Includes Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Triathlon, Bass Club and Ping Pong)
5. **Wellness Education** - (includes monthly education programs to improve lifestyle)
6. **Summer Programs** - (includes swim lessons, youth camps, and aquatic programs)

b. Facilities for recreational use by students and their hours can be found on the [Rec Sports website](#).

c. Students enrolled at the university are eligible to utilize all Recreational Sports Programs. Students should present their UT Tyler ID card to sign in upon entry to the Herrington Patriot Center. Students wishing to participate in summer Recreational Sports programs, but not enrolled in summer classes may do so by doing both of the following:

1. Enrolling and paying for upcoming fall semester classes at the university
2. Paying \$50 in the HPC Membership Office

d. The Recreational Sports program at the university provides structured, competitive, and non-competitive sport opportunities for all students.

e. An individual's athletic ability is not considered as important as his or her desire to participate and enhance his/her wellness and the wellness of others.

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