

Recreational Sports

ACTIVITY STAFF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

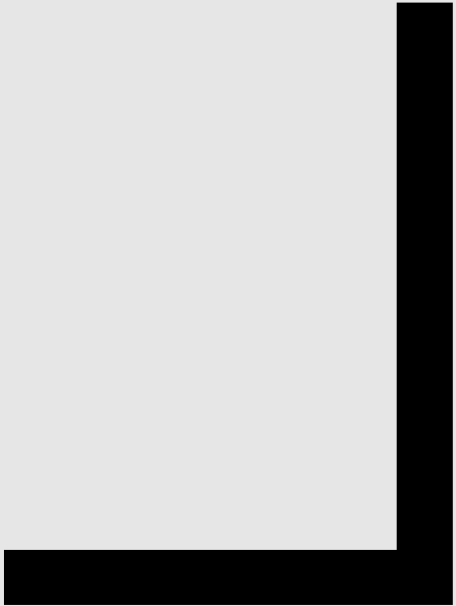


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INTRODUCTION

As a member of the Recreational Sports Staff, you are a team player of one of the most visible and popular departments on campus. With this position comes a tremendous responsibility that demands high levels of professionalism, communication, pride, and loyalty. You were hired because you possess these qualities. We hope that you are excited about your role and responsibilities. Above all, we hope you enjoy working with people as these programs are PEOPLE ORIENTED. Our job is to serve UWL students, faculty, staff, and guests. Let's work together to provide the ULTIMATE product. Enjoy your job, those you work with, and your entire UWL experience.

Handbook

This handbook has been prepared to provide a solid information base for you, so you know where to start and where to go for questions. Make the best of it. Read this handbook carefully. Digest the information and read it again. But, remember that nothing is all textbook. Situations may arise that will not have been discussed and will demand problem solving. At these times, use common sense, keeping in mind the mission, vision and values of the Recreational Sports Department.

ABOUT REC SPORTS

Mission, Vision & Values

Mission Statement

The Recreational Sports Department enhances the UW-La Crosse experience by offering diverse programs, innovative services, growth opportunities, and welcoming facilities.

Vision

A thriving community enjoying active and healthy lives.

Values

Fun, Wellness, Inclusion, Integrity, Collaboration, Customer Service, Leadership Development

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Statement

Everyone deserves a chance to play and belong. We recognize that significant disparities exist for historically marginalized people in every aspect of society, including within our facilities, programs and services. This is why we are dedicated to creating a space that celebrates, supports, and affirms, everyone from all backgrounds, abilities, and fitness levels. We are focused on eliminating barriers that prevent the full participation of historically excluded identities. We believe in treating everyone with respect and strive to provide recreational facilities, programs and services which are welcoming, accessible and equitable.

Our Commitments

- Provide programs and events that create a safer space for historically marginalized people
- Establish and maintain mutual relationships with partners across campus
- Embrace inclusivity by removing barriers to participation that currently exist within our offerings, policies, and procedures
- Strive to build a culture that emphasizes the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace
- Collaborate with the UWL Bias Support & Education Team to report, address and confront all incidents of hate and bias

Programs & Services

Rec Sports prides itself in having something for everyone! We are one of the most popular programs on campus and consistently have over 84% of the student body participate in one or more of our program areas on an annual basis. Programs and services include:

- Open Recreation
- Intramural Sports
- Sport Clubs
- Climbing Wall
- Outdoor Connection
 - Equipment Rental
 - Trips
- Mitchell Hall Pool
- EZONE Esports & Gaming
- Fitness Programs
 - Group Fitness
 - Personal Training
- Fitness Center
- Special Events
- Instructional Programs

Rec Sports staff members should review the Rec Spots website to learn more about our programs and services.

GETTING PAID

First Day Steps

On your first day of employment, all staff members must complete a Direct Deposit Form and W4 in the MyUW System. Failure to complete these forms will result in payroll errors and/or delay in payment.

HRS Time Keeping System

Rec Sports staff are required to use the web-based HRS time keeping system. This program allows all student employees to punch in/out through My System Portal during work shifts. During staff training, all team members will be shown the HRS system.

It is imperative team members use only Rec Sports computers when punching in and out. Unless otherwise instructed to do so, student employees are not allowed to use their cell phone or non-Rec Sports computers to punch in/out. Team members may view timecards from non-approved computers in order to track hours.

Upon arrival, be aware of the position you are working and the staff member you are replacing. Typically, there is no reason for a service staff member to punch in more than 5 minutes prior to the start of your shift. Before punching in, always be sure you are logged in under your account. After punching in or out, it's imperative to log-out of HRS and close the browser.

HRS Issues

As one of over 200 student employees, it's imperative that you follow the payroll process appropriately. Any mistake or violation, knowingly or unknowingly, impacts the Rec Sports budget that is 100% student fee funded, takes time to correct, and potentially jeopardizes your position on campus.

Missed Punch or Error Punching In/Out

- If you missed a punch or punched in/out incorrectly in HRS, fill out the HRS Issues Form via Connect2 or the Rec Sports website
- Record the exact time(s) worked
 - Do not fill out the 'out' time before it occurs. For example, if you are scheduled to work from Noon to 3pm, do not fill out the 3pm 'out' time until the end of the shift. It is not a guarantee that you will be here until 3pm
- If you missed a punch in HRS, DO NOT punch out of your shift later that day and/or away from the facility. Doing this could be considered payroll fraud/falsification!
 - If this is across multiple days, fill one out for each day. For example, if you forgot to punch out on the previous shift and cannot punch in for the current shift, fill out the HRS Issues Form for each day. DO NOT PUNCH OUT SO YOU CAN PUNCH IN. Doing this could be considered payroll fraud/falsification!

Received Error Message or Computer Failure

- Contact the Rec Sports Office Manager immediately
- Complete the HRS Issues Form via Connect2 or the Rec Sports website

Payroll Fraud

As an employee of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, you are held to the same standard of ethics as all university faculty and staff. This includes the accurate and honest reporting of the hours you work. All staff members must record actual hours worked.

The web clock (HRS) that is used to punch in and out of work automatically records the time that you enter your punch, but it does not eliminate the problem of falsification of time. Examples of falsification of time includes, but is not limited to:

- Entering your punch using the web clock prior to arriving at work or after leaving work in order to appear as though you worked more hours
- Failing to use the web clock and misrepresenting to your supervisor about when you arrived at or left work.

Falsifying hours may immediately result in your suspension and/or termination from all employment at UWL. Additionally, you may be required to pay back the university for hours paid that you did not work.

Pay Checks & Pay Periods

Students are paid every two weeks via direct deposit. Student paychecks are paid according to the number of hours worked in a 2-week period and take 2 weeks to process. Therefore, checks seem 2 weeks behind. You will receive statements via My Portal. Pay checks are based on a 2-week period called pay period.

Maximum Hours Worked

A pay week runs from Sunday through Saturday. Campus regulations state that students may not work more than 20 hours per week (Sunday-Saturday) while attending classes, including winter sessions and summer sessions. All staff members must track hours worked each week and ensure that these limits are not exceeded. On occasion, Rec Sports team members may have exception to the rule. With advance approval from their supervisor and the Rec Sports Office Manager, a student may work up to 25 hours in one week. In the case that a staff member anticipates a heavy week of work, they should find a sub. in advance when feasible. At no time is a student allowed to work more than 40 hours per week.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

As a Rec Sports staff member, you are part of a team that works together to provide exceptional recreational services to the campus community. To maintain the high standards which our students expect, we have a few expectations of all student employees:

- Safety & Risk Management is our #1 responsibility. Safety and risk situations show up differently in each service area. Enforce policies consistently, be prepared and proactive.
- Create a welcoming and friendly experience for all.
- Complete work tasks and projects as assigned. Never plan on doing schoolwork on the clock. Getting to do homework on shift should be considered a bonus, not an expectation. Know that what you do impacts others.
- Work as a team to create a product and work environment in which we are proud of. Know that what you do impacts others.
- Set an example for our participants. When participating, it's important to follow Rec Sports policies. Being a staff member does not entitle you to break the rules.
- Follow important policies within the Activity Staff Employee Handbook.
- Read your email and respond to emails and text messages in a timely manner.
- Remember to accurately punch in/out.
- Utilize SubitUp to trade shifts. Help your fellow staff members by picking up shifts when possible.
- Follow other expectations as set by your immediate supervisor and peers.

Rec Sports Mandatory Online Training

Rec Sports student staff are required to complete online training required of all UWL employees.

Training Location

Trainings are completed through their MyUW Portal and/or Canvas

Availability & Deadline

Courses are available on the day of your start date. In addition, annual training is required to be re-taken every March. Training must be completed within 30 days of when it was assigned.

Training	Time Required	Staff	Frequency
Sexual Harassment (Title IX)	30 Min	All Staff	Annually
Mandated Reporter	30 Min	All Staff	Once
Information Security Awareness	One Hour	All Staff	Annually
PCI Training	One Hour	Info Counter & OC	Annually

Getting Paid

The mandatory trainings are considered "work", as such student employees are entitled to compensation at their normal hourly rate. With the exception of Fitness Center and Climbing Wall Supervisors, all staff can complete these trainings during their normally scheduled shifts, during less busy times.

Fitness Center & Clinging Wall Supervisors

Complete the trainings on your own time, outside of scheduled shifts. Immediately following completing a course, students are required to complete an HRS Issue Form. The report form will be used to pay student employees for their time.

Customer Service

There are endless sayings about customer service, such as: it takes months to find a customer...seconds to lose one; treat every customer as if your world revolves around them...it does; service does not come from a manual, it comes from the heart! While these are all great sayings, no statement is more critical to your current position than the following: the foundation of the UW-La Crosse Recreational Sports Team is customer service. It is the basis and priority to all that we do since our responsibilities revolve around serving UWL students, faculty, staff, and guests. Whether on the phone or dealing face to face, you are expected to be professional, cordial, and informative to all people. That means you must be always accessible, willing to listen to complaints, resolve problems quickly and politely, go above and beyond the call of duty, and demonstrate visible appreciation to all. The following standards of customer service were developed by your fellow student employees:

- Initiate experience with friendly and respectful acknowledgement
- Focus on the customer while interacting with positive verbal and non-verbal communication
- Stay up to date with departmental programs, services, and procedures
- Strive to go above and beyond expected service
- Conclude with knowledge of customer satisfaction

Confidentiality

Confidential information includes, but is not limited to:

- Personal identification information (e.g., names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses)
- Student staff schedules
- Pro staff personal contact information
- Health and medical information including accident, injury or incident reports or information
- Financial information
- Security camera footage
- Any other information that is considered sensitive or private

All student staff are responsible for protecting confidential information from unauthorized access or disclosure and reporting any breaches of confidentiality to their supervisor immediately.

Apparel

Rec Sports staff members are expected to dress according to the expectations set by their supervisor.

General Rules

- All apparel must allow for staff to perform all functions of their job duties and not interfere when responding to emergencies. Be cautious of items that may be too tight or too loose as they items may restrict range of motion and your ability to do your job
- Attire must cover the genitals, buttocks, pectorals and the entire length of the torso
- No inappropriate logos and themes including, but not limited to drug/alcohol references and profanity
- Apparel must be free of stains, holes, mesh, rips, altered/unfinished seams, transparency and permanent alterations

Rec Sports Apparel Purchases

- Staff t-shirts (\$14), long sleeve shirts (\$15) and Rec Sports caps (\$15) may be purchased from the Rec Sports Director or Office Manager
- RECET typically sells additional Rec Sports apparel items via an online store once per year.

Staff should be advised that they are representing UWL Rec Sports anytime when they are wearing Rec Sports staff apparel. Rec Sports apparel should not be worn to bars or parties.

Professional and student staff are expected to inform a working staff member when they are in violation of the apparel policies. Lack of compliance with these apparel policies may result in disciplinary action and will be considered during semesterly performance evaluations. Raises for returning staff may be withheld due to lack of compliance. Student employees should complete a For the RECOrd Form when a fellow staff member is in violation of the apparel policies.

Student staff are encouraged to contact the Director to request religious exemptions to the apparel policy.

Staff Off Clock Access Procedure

Please make sure your check-in through Fusion when you access a Rec Sports facility to work out or recreate. Two options are available:

- Use your ID card or Rec Sports App barcode and enter through the turnstile
- Enter through the info counter and check in on the “swivel computer” by swiping your ID or typing in your name. Ask an info counter staff member if you need assistance.

Use statistics are an important measure of our success and contributes to our funding allocations. When a staff member enters through the Info Counter without registering through Fusion, we lose out on that swipe and our statistics are not correct at the end of the year when we compile our annual report. You do not need to swipe in when you are here to work a shift.

Safe Work Environment

The goal of the Recreational Sports Department is to provide a positive experience for all, including staff members. If at any time you are concerned about your environment and/or that of another co-worker, please consult a member of the professional staff. Other resources include the Office of Student Life, Violence Prevention Office and/or the Counseling and Testing Center.

Sexual Harassment

As listed on the UWL website, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, UW-La Crosse and the Recreational Sports Department strive to foster an environment of respect for the dignity and worth of all members of the University community. Sexual harassment of students and employees is unacceptable and impermissible conduct that will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination. It occurs in a variety of situations that share a common element: the inappropriate introduction of sexual activities or comments into the work or learning situation. Often, sexual harassment involves relationships of unequal power, and contains elements of coercion--as when compliance with request for sexual favors becomes a criterion for granting work, study or grading benefits. However, sexual harassment may also involve relationships among equals, as when repeated sexual advances or demeaning verbal behavior have a harmful effect on a person's ability to study or work in the academic setting. Consensual romantic and/or sexual relationships may also constitute sexual harassment and sex discrimination. The individual with the power in such a relationship should expect to bear the burden of responsibility (excerpts from a UW System document adopted by the Board of Regents on May 8, 1981; for additional information and further definition of sexual harassment, see the policies listed on the UWL webpage).

Personal Space

All team members should be cognizant of personal space. At no time should staff members be in one another's personal space in any work environment, regardless of relationship.

Unwanted Attention

If at any time you feel uncomfortable due to the action of a customer or staff member, tell them so. This could be the result of many actions, including, but not limited to flirting, or excessive interactions. At no time should you need to put customer service over your own comfortability. If the behavior persists or you don't know how to handle the situation, contact a member of the professional staff.

Alcohol and Drug Use Policy

While at work, it is the expectation the work area will remain an alcohol and drug free place. Employees are prohibited from reporting to work under the influence.

Food Policy

The following policy applies to eating food while being on the clock.

- Staff members are encouraged to bring small sandwiches and snacks that can be eaten quickly and without a mess. Snacks should be able to be easily concealed or put away and may include, but not limited to: small sandwiches, chips, granola bars, cut up fruit and vegetables.
- Eating a meal is not allowed. Meals are defined as pizza, spaghetti, foods with strong aromas, soups, large sandwiches, other delivered foods and/or foods that require utensils.
 - Meals are allowed if a meal needs to be eaten due to a back-to-back class/work schedule. If this is the case:
 - Prior approval from a professional staff member must be given.
 - Staff should utilize the kitchen area or lobby of the REC.
 - Meal breaks should be limited to 10-15 minutes
- No food should be eaten while providing service to a customer.

Kitchen Use & ATR Ice Machine

- All staff members are welcome to use the refrigerator and microwave in the kitchen area.
 - It is recommended you label your dishes to avoid any confusion and/or TEMPTATION!
 - Please do not leave any food in the fridge for more than one week. Beyond that, your items may be discarded.
- Be sure to clean up after yourself so that the area stays clean.

The ice machine in the Athletic Training Room is NOT a food/drink storage area. This creates health concerns for you as well as maintenance issues for the ice machine!

On-Task Policies

Safety, risk management, and customer service are the primary priority as well as completing job duties and responsibilities first. Customer service is at the root of these policies & how we are perceived by customers. At no time should team members play cards/games, "play around" or watch television. If you do not have anything to do, find something to do! Complete work tasks and projects as assigned. Never plan on doing schoolwork on the clock. Getting to do homework on shift should be considered a bonus, not an expectation. Your fellow students are not paying you to be engaged in such unprofessional activities! At no time personal work/tasks distract a staff member from performing job responsibilities. All staff should hold each other accountable to these policies.

These policies may become more lenient during summer or break periods at the discretion of your supervisor.

Cell Phone Use

Rec Sports student employees need to use personal cell phones for Okta 2-step authorization for HRS and Fusion.

It is recommended that student employees put their cell phones in a place where they are not tempted or distracted by them. If a student employee needs to use their cell phone while being clocked in, cell phone use should not interfere with job responsibilities. Customer service and risk management are significantly affected when staff continually use personal cell phones while clocked in.

Perceptions of participants when they see a staff member using a cell phone while working:

- Staff would rather be on their phone than helping me
- Staff is not prepared to handle an injury because they are distracted by their cell phone
- This building is not welcoming
- Staff are not approachable
- Staff are bored

Stealing

The following actions are prohibited and will result in disciplinary action or termination:

- Providing yourself or friends free products, services, or access.
- Taking office supplies or using the Rec Sports printer/copier without authorization.
- Time theft: Punching in before starting work and stopping work but punching out late.

STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

Staff Committees

All team members are invited to become involved in the department beyond your typical job description. In addition to helping out on planning committees for special events, team members can serve on the following committees. Typically, applications for committees are due the first Wednesday of the semester. Applications and more information are available on the [Current Student Staff Resources](#) page of the Rec Sports Website. If you have an interest in participating in committee work, it is recommended that you discuss your desire with your Professional Staff supervisor.

Rec Employee Community Enhancement Team (RECET)

The Rec Employee Community Enhancement Team works to build a strong and connected Rec Sports staff to support staff belonging and satisfaction.

Student Advisory Council (SAC)

As a representative body of the entire Recreational Sports student team, the Student Advisory Council (SAC) provides recommendations and works with the professional staff team on Rec Sports related policies, procedures, and staff concerns.

Emergency Response Team (ERT)

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) seeks to ensure the readiness of the department for any potential emergency. They review departmental incident response plans and facilitate medical emergency and incident simulation activities for student staff members.

Student Inclusive Networking Committee (SINC)

The Student Inclusivity Networking Committee (SINC) is comprised of student staff passionate about

making Rec Sports a more welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone. The committee strives to further the department's commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through staff training and assisting with departmental annual initiatives. SINC welcomes all Rec staff to join and values self-reflection, critical thinking, open discussion and building community.

Intramural Sports Participation

Rec Sports supports and encourages staff participation in the intramural sports program, but not on the night of duty. Plan your activity schedule around your work schedule and participate on those nights you are not working.

This may be hard to avoid during playoffs. If you do participate in an intramural playoff game during a shift, you must find a replacement to cover your responsibilities. Be sure your work hours reflect your actual working hours by punching out and then back in. You will not get paid to play. This situation may be considered payroll fraud. Communicate with your replacement about duties so that everything is complete by the end of the shift.

There is no limit to the number of Recreational Sports team members allowed on the same team. However, the professional staff reserves the right to change this rule immediately in the event that this creates a conflict and/or interferes with work schedules or staff policies.

Staff Conduct

Staff are held to a higher standard of conduct when playing intramural sports. Staff are to show respect and support of contest officials, scorekeepers and supervisor staff at all times.

Team Names

Team names implying Rec Sports employment or using the term "REC" (or other applicable terms deemed appropriate by administrative staff) will not be permitted.

Mo McAlpine Student Employee Development Scholarship

The purpose of the Mo McAlpine Student Employee Development Scholarship is to promote and support continuing education and professional development opportunities for UWL Rec Sports student employees while contributing to the betterment of the department.

Mo McAlpine

This scholarship was renamed in 2022 to honor Mo McAlpine's 32 years of service to Rec Sports. Mo was the heart and soul of this department. For 32 years, she created a culture of leading from the heart, with an eagle-eyed focus on student support and development. She made a positive impact on the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of students over the years, caring for them as if they were her own children. Countless professional staff here and around the country can call her their friend and mentor. Her passion, positive energy and wisdom was unmatched. The culture she helped create will undoubtedly leave a positive impact on the department for years to come.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled at UWL
- Have a positive work history
- Have completed at least one full semester of employment with UWL Rec Sports at the time of application
- Be on staff at the time of the development opportunity

- Certification applicants must utilize their certification to contribute to Rec Sports for two semesters after successful completion of the certification. Students may be required to pay Rec Sports back if they don't meet this obligation.

Development Opportunities

Funding may be used to attend a local, state, regional or national seminar, workshop, conference or certification. Though the opportunity does not have to be campus recreation related, the applicant must provide rationale that the experience will benefit the department. Opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- WIRSA Conference
- NIRSA Regional or National Conference
- AORE National Conference
- Wilderness First Responder Certification
- Group Fitness Instructor Certification
- Group Fitness CEU Courses
- Personal Trainer Certifications

Student employees should NOT apply to attend the NIRSA Student Lead On, as that is funded and applied for separately.

Funding

Funding is provided through the UWL Rec Sports Foundation Development Fund. Funding available each semester is based on the total dollars available in the fund and revenue generated the previous year.

The maximum funding allowed per development opportunity is equal to the cost of the registration fee. Funding is non-transferable to another staff member or development opportunity.

Scholarship funding will be provided as a reimbursement upon registration of the development opportunity.

Application Process

- Eligible applicants must [apply](#) for funding by the two application deadlines, with specific dates set each year:
 - Apply in September for opportunities between October and February.
 - Apply in February for opportunities between March and September.
- Students must [submit an application](#) and required supplemental materials for each activity. The application will request the following:
 - Current resume
 - Itemized budget to include registration fees, costs associated with travel to and from the conference, food, and the cost of lodging
 - Supporting document that verifies event description and registration fees

Successful applicants will have considered and applied for other funding scholarships available through [UWL](#), [NIRSA Region III](#), [NIRSA National](#), [WIRSA](#), [AORE](#), etc.

Scholarship applications are reviewed and awarded by departmental pro staff. Applicants will be notified via e-mail once a funding decision has been made; award must be accepted by deadline stated in e-mail.

Recipient Follow Up & Expectations

Recipients are expected to:

- Act in a professional manner that positively reflects UWL and the Rec Sports Department. If poor behavior is observed and/or reported, applicant will be asked to leave the development opportunity and return to campus at own expense. No reimbursement will be awarded.
- Verbally report on the experience at a position staff meeting at the earliest date possible following the event. Report should include summary of lessons learned, skills gained, networks created, and new potential ideas.

Staff Study Spaces

The Rec Sports Conference Room (REC 161) and the EZONE is open to Rec Sports staff to use as a study or socialization space when it is not used for a departmental activity or meeting. Please keep in mind the following:

Conference Room

- Use the QR code at the entrance to see if the space has been reserved for official departmental business.
- Access can be provided by stopping by the Info Counter.
- Technology should not be used.
- Please keep the space clean
- Be ready to vacate the space promptly if necessary due to a last-minute departmental need

EZONE

- The primary use of the EZONE before 3:00 pm is for Rec Sports student coordinators and anyone who works in the student office as an overflow space
- Rec Sports student employees may use the space to study or socialize between 6:00 am and 2:45 pm, Monday-Friday so long as they are respectful of any staff using the space to work
 - There should be minimum non-work-related conversations with clocked in staff
- There is a QR code on the door to scan to see if any Rec Sports meetings are taking place that day
 - Rec Sports professional staff and student staff may make last-minute reservations if the conference room is not available
 - Non-working staff may be asked to leave the space if it is needed for a meeting
- The expectations for using the space are like that on the 1st level of the library
 - Conversation at low volume and not disturbing working staff
 - Not creating disturbance or creating behavior in a manner which interferes with normal use of the EZONE
 - Including rowdiness, noise, and offensive interpersonal behavior
- Info Counter staff can unlock the door for staff to gain access to the EZONE
- No personal use of the EZONE computers, gaming consoles, or projector computer
- No food or drinks
- Clean up after yourself and leave the space better than you found it
- 20 people could use the space at one time at any of these locations
 - 12 computer stations on the west side of the EZONE
 - High top tables along windows
 - Couches and lounge chairs
- Non-Rec Sports staff are not allowed to use the EZONE as a study space
- If any of the above policies are violated, BMs and Pro Staff can remove non-clocked in staff

NIRSA Student Lead On

Typically held in January each year, the NIRSA Student Lead On provides opportunities for student staff leaders to attend a student-led recreation conference in the Midwest. Stay tuned for additional information.

Support from Professional Staff

Any member of the professional staff is willing to provide limited support to student employees dealing with stressors about work and beyond. Sometimes a listening ear is all you need. Other times, we can help connect you with various offices on campus including the [Student Life Office](#) and [Counseling & Testing](#).

PERFORMANCE & EVALUATIONS

RECOgnition Form

A RECOgnition Form, available on the Rec Sports website, is used to recognize a fellow staff member for performing above and beyond their duty. Uses include, but are not limited to:

- A staff member has covered multiple shifts
- A staff member provided exceptional customer service in a tricky situation
- A staff member went above and beyond in helping a fellow employee

For the RECOrd Form

A Form the RECOrd Form, available on the Rec Sports website, is used to report issues with fellow staff members. Uses include, but are not limited to:

- A staff member is late to their shift or does not show up for their shift
- A staff member is not following set policies outlined in this handbook
- A staff member is not completing required tasks, pulling their weight

Attendance

The following strike system will be used for staff who are late (5 minutes or more) or don't show up for a shift or meeting:

- 1st strike: warning (warning waived if entire shift is missed)
- 2nd strike: meeting with immediate supervisor and written warning
- 3rd strike: meeting with immediate supervisor(s) and Director; final written warning
- 4th strike: meeting with immediate supervisor(s) and Director. HR may be consulted to discuss suspension and/or dismissal

Strikes reset prior to the start of the fall semester. Supervisors may provide leniency based on the level of communication by the staff member and extenuating circumstances.

Reporting

If a staff member is late or absent to a shift, a For the RECOrd Form must be completed by a fellow staff member on shift. Pro Staff will follow up with the late or absent staff member.

Grace Period

No warnings or strikes will be given during grace periods. The first two weeks of each semester are considered the grace period for new staff. The first week of each semester are considered the grace period for returners.

Staff Raises

Returning staff are eligible to receive a merit raise of \$0.25/hour after each year of employment.

The decision on whether a staff member is eligible for receiving a merit raise is left up to each professional staff supervisor and will be discussed at semester performance evaluations. Considerations include, but are not limited to:

- Adherence unit and departmental policies
- Submitting required materials prior to stated deadline (such as forms, class schedules, evaluations, etc.)
- Responding to departmental and supervisor correspondence by the deadline or in a timely manor
- Overall job performance

Feedback for Professional Staff

Your feedback is welcomed and appreciated! Feedback is important information that helps develop us as leaders and staff. We encourage your feedback at any time in person. In addition, student staff have the ability to provide written feedback to their professional staff supervisor at the end of each semester via the Self Evaluation Form.

It is preferred that students provide feedback to their supervisor directly. If that method is too difficult, student staff may complete the [Professional Staff Feedback Form](#) to make an appointment with the Director of Rec Sports. The Director will listen to your feedback, ask follow-up questions and then summarize that feedback and provide it to the professional staff supervisor anonymously. If the feedback is for the Director, an Associate Director will receive the form and hear the feedback.

Serious cases involving University policy violations, sexual harassment/misconduct, abuse, and bullying should be referred directly to [Human Resources](#). In which case, a student can bring an emotional support person with them.

For all issues, student staff may proceed directly to the [Human Resources](#) office if they are so inclined. The Human Resources office is trained to provide [conflict resolution services](#).

Other resources available to staff dealing with workplace concerns include the [Student Life Office](#), [Counseling & Testing](#) and the [Office of Title IX and Compliance](#).

DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

Work Schedules

SubitUp is an electronic scheduling platform that is used in all areas.

Typically, schedules are created for the entire semester prior to or at the beginning of each semester. Special schedules may be used for weekends and break periods.

All staff members are expected to work their scheduled hours. If a problem arises and you are unable to work your shift, you are responsible for finding a replacement. Use SubitUp to post and find a substitute for your shift. Payroll verification is done through SubitUp, so it is imperative that all subs/trades are made accordingly.

In the case you are unable to find a replacement, discuss the situation with your immediate supervisor. Do not assume that since more than one person is working the same shift that you do not have to show up or find a substitute. Several people are scheduled for a reason!

If you become ill and unable to work your shift, attempt to call co-workers. If too ill to make calls, contact the facility you are working to ask staff to assist in finding a replacement. If none of the options create a solution, contact your immediate supervisor.

All staff members will be paid a rate according to position working (i.e. if hired as a Building Manager but working as a Customer Service Representative (CSR), you will get paid a CSR rate). Therefore, it is imperative that you punch in appropriately and according to position working on that day and time.

Staff Meetings

Due to a large staff and lots of information, it will be necessary to meet on a regular basis. All staff members are expected to attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact your professional staff supervisor well in advance. Meeting times will be determined based on class schedules.

Contacting a Custodian

In the REC custodians carry a radio. Call them on the radio if you need assistance. In Mitchell Hall, call a custodian on the cell phone at 608-790-4498.

Radios

Radios are the primary source of communication between employees during an emergency, therefore it is critical that everyone knows how to use them appropriately.

Always make sure you collect your radio (if applicable), your radio is turned on and audible.

Radios have the ability to use several frequencies: (1) Recreational Sports; (3) Weather Radio. Always keep the radio on frequency (1) unless checking the weather (return to 1 after checking). When replacing radio to battery charger, look for light to come on to ensure that it is going to recharge.

Be sure to depress button first, then talk, then release. Many times, the button does not get pushed soon enough or long enough and conversations are cut off.

Make all transmissions as brief and concise as possible. For log conversations, use the phone. Any discussions on the radio should be work-related only. Conversations must be professional in nature and to the point! Unnecessary transmission may delay another radio user from reporting or responding to an emergency incident.

When communicating between Mitchell Hall and the REC, it may be necessary to use the "base station" in Mitchell as the relay. Staff members working in the office may need to repeat information back and forth. It is also helpful for the person calling from the REC to take radio outside on the campus side of the building.

Due to the nature of their jobs (meetings, etc.), professional staff may not be available by radio at all times. You may need to call their office line, or email them to get them a message.

Radio Language: Medical Emergency

- Individual who either sees or is told about the occurrence will radio the Building Manager, professional staff or other available staff member using the radio protocol.
 - " Attention, Attention, Attention: There is a Medical Emergency in (location) and (event details/resources needed)."

- Example: There is Medical Emergency in the MAC. A patron is having a seizure please bring an AED
- Staff will respond and proceed to location with urgency
 - “Copy. This is (person), I am on my way”

Radio Language: Incidents/Assistance

- (Position/person/location) to (position/person/location)
- “This is the (position/person/location), go ahead”.
- Include incident/need, location and event details/resources needed.
 - There is a participant with an ankle injury on Court 4. Please bring the first aid kit and ice.
 - There is a water leak in the Fitness Center. Please bring a mop and bucket.
 - Can you please come to the Climbing Wall for customer assistance?
 - There is a fight on Court 1 between two intramural sports participants.
 - Please come to the Aerobics Room to check in a class?
 - Can you come to the OC to cover me?
- Staff will respond and proceed to location.
 - “Copy. This is (person), I am on my way”

Incident Reports

Incident reports are used to report issues or incidents for all aspects of the program and facility. If something extraordinary occurs, it is important this form is completed so the situation is well documented.

The Incident Report form is used to report issues or incidents, including, but not limited to:

- Fight
- Blood exposure
- ID and/or rules violation
- Lost/damaged sports equipment
- Fire alarm

In the event of an incident, notify a service staff member and have them complete an Incident Report.

Work Orders

Work orders are to be submitted when a piece of equipment or part of the facility needs is not operating properly and/or needs to be repaired. If you notice something, notify a service staff member and have them complete a Work Order.

Lost & Found

The central lost and found location for the Recreational Eagle Center is the Info Counter. If an item is found in the service areas, you may keep it in that location until the end of shift. At the end of shift, bring the item up to the Info Counter for it to be logged and placed in the appropriate storage location.

SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT

Responsibility & Prevention

In order to ensure the safety of all participants, Rec Sports employees need to understand all of the guidelines that are in place for each facility or program in which they work. Although employees may

not work directly in that facility or program, employees have a duty to act, and must work as a team to be proactive in managing risk by knowing and understanding all guidelines and procedures of the departmental Incident Response Plan (IRP). It is imperative Rec Sports employees understand:

- All employees have a duty to act, a legal responsibility to act in an emergency. Failure to do so could result in legal action due to negligence while on the job.
- All employees are expected to meet the minimum standard of care, which is established by our Safety & Risk Management Plan, required certifications, trainings, and in-services.
- All employees must communicate proper information and warnings to help prevent injuries, recognize someone in need of care, attempt to aid those needing assistance and provide emergency care according to your level of training.
- All employees are expected to control or stop any behaviors that could result in harm or injury. Be observant and enforce policies!

Failure to adhere to what is listed above could result in negligence which could place liability on Rec Sports or the University.

Confidentiality

Victims deserve privacy and should not be concerned that a vulnerable moment could be documented without their consent and/or used for personal enjoyment. In addition, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) protects personal information in health/medical records. Please consider the following:

- Information (written & verbal) is confidential and only meant to be shared with those on a need-to-know basis
- NEVER take video of security camera feeds
- DO NOT take any photos or videos of emergency situations.
- DO NOT discuss details of emergency situations with anyone except those who were involved. This helps to prevent the spread of unnecessary rumors and keep our victims' safe.
- DO NOT speak to the media, insurance companies, attorneys, or any curious people. All questions are to be directed to UW-La Crosse Marketing & Communications.

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Incident Response Plan

University of Wisconsin – La Crosse Recreational Sports (Rec Sports) is committed to providing safe facilities and programs for our patrons and participants. This Incident Response Plan (IRP) has been designed to serve as a guide by providing procedures necessary to handle safety and risk related situations. All Rec Sports professional staff and student employees are responsible for the well-being of those using our facility spaces at all times.

Incident Response Plan (IRP) Steps

In the event of an incident, the following six basic steps should be used:

- Step One: Check

- Step Two: Call
- Step Three: Care
- Step Four: Document
- Step Five: Chain of Command
- Step Six: Clean-Up & Next Steps

Steps one and two are the responsibility of all activity staff. Group Fitness Instructors, Personal Trainers & Lifeguards are responsible for all steps of the Incident Response Plan (IRP) and should refer to the full Safety & Risk Management Plan.

Step One: Check

- The primary responder (first person to see an accident or incident or to be notified of such) should assess the scene and victim(s) if applicable.

Step Two: Call

Determine the severity of the incident and call for additional support, if required

- Competitive Sports Supervisor
- Building Manager
- Professional Staff