

University Recreation and Wellness Dress Code

University Recreation and Wellness requires all users of its recreation facilities and participants in its activities to dress in a manner suitable for recreational activity. The purposes for doing so are to contribute to the safety of participants, reduce facility and equipment maintenance costs, and create a welcoming and inclusive environment for the University's diverse population.

URW staff members have the authority to remove anyone from URW facilities or activities for failing to comply with this dress code or for wearing apparel that URW deems unsafe or unsuitable for recreational activity.

General requirements for dress in URW facilities and activities include:

- Athletic-style shoes with non-marking soles, closed toes, and closed heels.
- Athletic-style pants or shorts. Shorts must be of sufficient length to cover the gluteal fold.
- Shirts that reach the top of the pants or shorts and fully cover the torso (chest, stomach, back, and sides.)
- All clothing must be free of profanity, offensive language, and offensive graphics.

Exceptions to the above general requirements include:

- Water activities in URW pools, for which appropriate swimwear is required. Undergarments, compression shorts, boxers, sports bras, and similar apparel are prohibited. Swim diapers are required for all participants who are not toilet trained and must be worn under appropriate swimwear.
- Activities for which training barefoot is a commonly accepted practice, such as Yoga, martial arts, and aquatics. However, wearing appropriate footwear to and from such activities is required.
- Pickup basketball in URW gyms, where playing "shirts and skins" is historically common practice. Women on "skins" team may remove shirts and play in sports bras.

Requirements for specific areas within URW facilities include:

- In climbing areas, all rings and loose jewelry must be removed before climbing.
- In handball, racquetball, and squash courts, the wearing of eye guards is recommended due to the potential of serious eye-related injury. Safety glasses are not approved eyewear.

This dress code is supported by the University Recreation and Wellness Advisory Board. The Board is a cross-section of students, faculty, and staff from across the University community, some of whom are members and regular participants of URW, and others who have lesser involvement with the department, its programs, or facilities.