

## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

**Policy:** This an introductory overview of the Department of Recreational Sports.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to provide new and existing employees a general introduction and overview of our department.

**Scope:** This information applies to all student, part-time, and professional staff.

### Mission, Vision, Values

- I. Mission Statement
  - a. The Department of Recreational Sports in the Division of Student Affairs promotes healthy lifestyle choices by providing development, growth, and education for the University of Georgia through the spirit of recreation.
- II. Vision Statement
  - a. The Department of Recreational Sports fosters the well-being of UGA students and the UGA community through diverse recreation experiences.
- III. Cultural Values
  - a. Ram Fam: Everyone is welcome. Come play!
  - b. Excellence: Be the best, Exceed expectations.
  - c. Customer Service: We want to know who you are. Everyone matters.
  - d. Spirit of Recreation: Providing activities for enjoyment: there is something for everyone

### Facilities Information

- I. Ramsey Student Center
  - a. The Ramsey Student Center is the recreational and athletic facility located on the University of Georgia's East Campus. It was built and named in honor of Bernard and Eugenia Ramsey. The facility opened on September 18, 1995. The Ramsey Student Center is operated by the Department of Recreational Sports, which includes programming, facilities, and membership services. The facility houses the offices of the Department of Recreational Sports, various departments of the College of Education, and the University of Georgia Swimming & Diving and Women's Volleyball teams. UGA students, faculty/staff, retirees, alumni and their respective dependents may purchase memberships and participate in programs.

The facility is 440,000 square feet. It includes four gymnasias, three swimming pools (one Olympic-sized pool, a 17-foot diving well, and a recreational lap pool), seven group fitness studios, climbing and bouldering walls, an indoor challenge course, ten racquetball courts, two international squash courts, two strength and conditioning rooms, four overlook areas with cardiovascular equipment, an 1/8 mile indoor track, outdoor bicycle repair stands, and an outdoor recreation center.

- b. Operating hours for the Ramsey Student Center:  
<https://recsports.uga.edu/facilities/>
  
- II. Pound Hall & Wheeler Gymnasium
  - a. Pound Hall and Wheeler Gymnasium are located on the Health Sciences Campus and offer a variety of cardio and strength training equipment, as well as informal recreational activities.
  
  - b. Operating hours for Pound Hall: <https://recsports.uga.edu/facilities/>
  
- III. Recreational Sports Complex
  - a. The Recreational Sports Complex includes six softball fields, nine football fields, several other recreational fields, and the Redcoat Marching Band practice field. The complex also offers 18 pickleball courts and 9 tennis courts. The Oconee Forest Park includes 1.5 miles of hiking trails. The outdoor challenge course is located in the park as well. Rec Sports manages the use of the Lake Herrick pavilion.
  
- IV. Club Sports Complex
  - a. This lighted, 180,000 sq. ft. complex houses practice and competition fields for the University of Georgia's Club Sports teams. This facility is located at 2435 South Milledge Avenue.