

## **WISCONSIN UNION POLICY FM1-11**

### **Rules for the Use of Wisconsin Union Facilities including the Memorial Union, Union South, the Pyle Center and Fluno Center**

#### **Rationale/Purpose:**

The Wisconsin Union is an integral part of the educational experience provided by the University, complementing the classroom experience with out-of-classroom learning opportunities. To provide a safe, respectful environment for its members, their guests and the University community, the following expectations have been established.

#### **Definitions:**

Wisconsin Union - specifically Memorial Union and Union South, is a membership organization. Its buildings, facilities, and programs are open to members of the UW-Madison community (faculty, staff, students), invited university guests and Union members. Memorial Union and Union South, including the Memorial Union Terrace and Union South Plaza, are not open to the public except for those events specifically identified as such per UWS 18.06(20).

Pyle and Fluno Centers – are part of the Wisconsin Union but do not have a Membership requirement for use. These conference centers serve the continuing education and professional development needs of the community. The centers do not receive Segregated Student Fee Support and are responsible for generating their own revenue through continuing education programming.

#### **Rules for Patrons:**

- Abide by the University of Wisconsin – Madison Conduct on University Lands, Chapter UWS 18 ([www.wisc.edu/legal/legalservices/uws018.pdf](http://www.wisc.edu/legal/legalservices/uws018.pdf)) as well as obey all laws of the local, state and federal government.
- Comply with Union and UW policies & procedures.
- Present identification to staff when requested (e.g. State Issued ID, UW ID, etc.) including eligibility to use Union facilities when requested (e.g. Membership card, Theater ticket, conference badge, Union Day Pass).
- Use email or Internet resources within Guidelines for Appropriate Use Information Technology Resources, University of Wisconsin System.
- Adhere to good health and safety practices and comply with all environmental health and safety laws and regulations.

- Limit use to authorized areas only.
- Respond to emergency alarms and other situations (including vacating the buildings and outdoor spaces) as instructed by Union staff or as posted.
- Be respectful of staff.

**Prohibited Conduct:**

- Violent, threatening, abusive or otherwise disorderly conduct or intimidating or harassing behavior which tends to provoke a disturbance or incite violence. Threats include statements, actions, and behaviors that could reasonably be foreseen as having a purpose to inflict physical harm, even if the person making the threat doesn't have the ability to carry out the threat. Disorderly conduct does not require that a disruption occur.
- Obstructing or impairing Union or university activities or interfering with or impeding the ability of another patron to participate in such activities.
- Conduct that creates a public health nuisance or constitutes a health risk to oneself or others.
- Refusing to comply with requests of building staff members.
- Posting materials, petitioning, vending, peddling, chalking or soliciting in unauthorized areas.
- Misusing, misappropriating, damaging, stealing, or tampering with building equipment, furniture, facilities, grounds, or resources, including reserving tables or furniture by any means.
- Using restroom facilities for purposes other than which they are intended.
- Allowing others to use their identification.
- Fishing on the Lakeshore Path in front of the Terrace or from the piers in front of the Memorial Union and Alumni Park, including the Outdoor UW, Hooper, swimming, and Goodspeed Family piers.
- Removing items from building trash receptacles or eating/drinking food left on tables or food from events in which they were not invited or eligible to participate.
- Leaving items such as backpacks or bags unattended
- Unauthorized public events, performances, speeches, or demonstrations.

**Prohibited Items:**

- Weapons including but not limited to sticks, guns, knives and nooses.
- Use of tobacco and cannabis products including hookahs, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, cartridges, or other electronic smoking devices.
- Animals including Therapy and Emotional Support Animals. Exception: Service Animals.
- Balloons, flags or signs that are not approved as part of a room reservation.
- Bicycles/unicycles (except in racks), roller blades, skateboards, electric scooters, Segways, or hoverboards.
- Thrown objects such as ball or discs.
- Carry-in food and alcohol (personal meal is allowed) and coolers of any size.
- Amplified music or impromptu performances including speeches outside of designated or reserved spaces.
- Commercial photography (pre-approval is required).
- Use of drones including takeoff/landing (campus approval required).
- Other items that may contribute to an unsafe or hazardous environment.

Any patron who does not comply with expected standards of conduct or engages in or attempts to engage in prohibited conduct may be subject to sanctions including loss of membership status, removal from the premises, disciplinary action under applicable university student and employee disciplinary processes, and/or referral to UW-Madison Police Department.

Wisconsin Union Policy WU3-8 details the Union Membership Disciplinary Process.

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**Additional background:**

**Related materials and support documents:**

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***For interpretations, resolution of problems and special situations contact:***

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