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Dear Members,

As we head into the upcoming school breaks and eventually camp season, we want to share an important update regarding youth supervision at the Clark Sports Center.

While we're proud to be a welcoming space for families and youth, we've seen an increase in younger children being dropped off without adult supervision, especially on days when school is closed due to holidays or weather, and during camp season when sports camps only run for half the day. To ensure a safe and well-managed environment for everyone, we are updating our policy on unaccompanied youth.

Effective immediately, youth must be at least 12 years old to be at the Sports Center without a parent or responsible adult. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times while in the facility.

Please note that this change does not affect our structured and supervised after-school programming, which will continue as usual. Additionally, we want to clarify that a 12-year-old sibling does not qualify as a responsible adult for younger children.

We appreciate your support as we prioritize the safety and experience of all our members.

For your reference, details of the update are included with this memo.

Thanks,

Dave

David Fontaine
Director, Clark Sports Center



Facility Supervision Policy

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Purpose

Our facility is committed to providing a welcoming, inclusive environment where children and families feel safe, supported, and engaged. We value the trust our community places in us and strive to maintain a space that reflects those values.

Structured Programming

This policy does not apply to our structured offerings, such as after-school programming. These programs are staffed appropriately, well-monitored, and continue to operate effectively in alignment with their intended purpose.

Unstructured Facility Use

Concerns have arisen regarding the presence of minors during unstructured hours, specifically when children are dropped off without participating in scheduled programming and without adequate supervision. This also includes children under the age of 12 who attend half-day camps and remain in the facility beyond their scheduled program time without a supervising adult.

While we are pleased that families and children find our space enjoyable, we must also ensure that their time here is safe and appropriately supported. Unstructured time in the facility requires clear expectations around supervision to maintain a secure and respectful environment for all.

Supervision Requirements

To help ensure the safety and well-being of all visitors, the following requirements apply:

- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult, defined as someone 18 years of age or older, who is capable of assuming accountability for the child's safety and behavior.
- For clarity, while we understand that older siblings may be helpful and familiar caretakers at home, a 12-year-old is not considered a responsible adult in this setting. Therefore, they cannot be tasked with supervising younger siblings while on-site.
- While it is strongly recommended that the supervising adult remain in close proximity to the child, the minimum requirement is that the adult always be physically present in the building and readily accessible.
- Staff are not responsible for monitoring children during unstructured hours. Supervision remains the responsibility of the accompanying adult unless the child is actively enrolled in a scheduled program.

We appreciate your assistance and understanding in keeping our facility a safe, welcoming place for everyone.