

RECREATION FEE FACT SHEET

Purpose of the fee:

- *This fee supports recreational and wellness programming, facilities and administrative costs provided by the Department of Recreational Sports. Through this fee, students are granted semester-long membership to access the Ramsey Student Center facility and are eligible to participate in programs such as competitive sports, fitness and wellness, outdoor recreation, aquatics and other informal recreation activities.*

Fee amount and history:

- *Academic Year(s) 2013 – 2024 - \$15 per semester*
- *Academic Year(s) 2010 – 2013 - \$14 per semester*
- *Academic Year 2023 – 2024 Budget - \$1.05 million*

Detail of how the fee revenue is to be used (should provide historical context where appropriate):

- *The recreation fee is used each year to supplement approximately 24% of the total budget for the Department of Recreational Sports, which provides oversight of programmed and informal recreation that occurs within the Ramsey Student Center. These expenses covered by the recreation fee include administrative and personnel costs as well as facility and equipment upkeep.*
- *Other revenue sources must be utilized to supplement the general operating and administrative expenses generated by the department. Registration fees for intramural sports, group fitness, aquatic and outdoor programming, as well as memberships for faculty, staff, retirees and dependents make up approximately 42% of the department's budget. A small portion of the student facility fee, roughly 13% of the total fee proceeds, is allocated to the department to provide support for facility maintenance and renovation projects and equates to 18% of the total budget. The department receives a small portion of State appropriations, which comprise 12% of the department's operating costs and covers the annual salaries of nine full-time, professional staff members. The remaining 4% of the budget are funds that the department is allowed to roll-over from year-to-year as a reserve balance for unexpected maintenance or equipment needs.*

Annual fee review and approval:

- *The fee is reviewed annually by members of the Mandatory Student Fee Committee. This committee consists of 4 UGA administrators and 4 UGA students. The students are appointed on behalf of the Student Government Association and includes undergraduate and graduate representation. The committee reviews the annual fee recommendation and associated budget and makes recommendations to the President of UGA for the fee who ultimately recommends the fee to the Board of Regents.*
- *Once approved by the Board, the fee is implemented for the associated academic year.*

Other information:

- *For additional information, visit the [University of Georgia Mandatory Fee Policy \(https://busfin.uga.edu/bursar/bursar_fees_policy\)](https://busfin.uga.edu/bursar/bursar_fees_policy) to learn more about the hours requirement for assessment of the Recreation Fee.*
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