



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Columbus Family YMCA Membership Policies

I. The Y Mission

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

II. The Y Cause

The Y is a powerful association of men, women and children of all ages and from all walks of life joined together by a shared passion: to strengthen the foundations of community.

III. Areas of Focus

Youth Development: Nurturing the potential of every child and teen

We believe that all kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. That's why, through the Y, millions of youth today are cultivating the values, skills and relationships that lead to positive behaviors, better health and educational achievement.

Healthy Living: Improving the nation's health and well-being

In communities across the nation, the Y is a leading voice on health and well-being. With a mission centered on balance, the Y brings families closer together, encourages good health and fosters connections through fitness, sports, fun and shared interests. As a result, millions of youth, adults and families are receiving the support, guidance and resources needed to achieve greater health and wellbeing for their spirit, mind and body.

Social Responsibility: Giving back and providing support to our neighbors

The Y has been listening and responding to our communities' most critical social needs for 160 years. Whether developing skills or emotional well-being through education and training, welcoming and connecting diverse demographic populations through global services, or preventing chronic disease and building healthier communities through collaborations with policymakers, the Y fosters the care and respect all people need and deserve. Through the Y, 500,000 volunteers and thousands of donors, leaders and partners across the country are empowering millions of people in the U.S. and around the world to be healthy, confident, connected and secure.



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IV. The Y Values

Our core values unite us as a movement with a common cause. They are the shared beliefs and essential principles that guide our behavior, interactions with each other and decision-making.

The four values of the Y:

Caring: Show a sincere concern for others

Honesty: Be truthful in what you say and do

Respect: Follow the golden rule

Responsibility: Be accountable for your promises and actions

V. Policy of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the YMCA to make membership available to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or financial circumstances without discrimination.

VI. Membership Privileges and Conditions

YMCA policy outlined within this document applies to all memberships. Other privileges and limitations of YMCA membership may be established but cannot conflict with policies herein.

1. Definition of membership: Every person who enrolls or participates in a YMCA activity is a member.

2. Age categories: For the purpose of uniform reporting, and for the use of particular privileges, members shall be classified by ages as indicated in the table below:

- Youth 0-High School
- Young Adult – Out of High School-26 years
- Adult 27-64
- Senior 65 + years

3. Continuity of membership Members shall be encouraged to regard membership in the YMCA as a continuing relationship to be terminated only by resignation of the member or the action of the governing body.

4. Membership Categories

- Annual Membership Dues: This is paid annually and the joiner fee does not apply to those who chose to pay their dues annually.
- Monthly Membership Dues: Membership is paid monthly through an EFT draft or a Credit Card draft. The draft will be on the 10th of each month. A joiner fee does apply.

5. Member Privacy Policy: Our members have the right to decline to be photographed or videotaped by other members. Please do not take pictures or videos at the YMCA.

VIII. Membership Dues

1. Setting membership dues: The YMCA Board of Directors has the responsibility for setting, as part of the annual budget rates for membership dues. The volunteer board shall approve the budget plan. The pricing of memberships shall also conform to the membership pricing procedures established by the YMCA.

2. All monthly membership categories are subject to a \$45 Joiner Fee, with the exception of Young Adult Memberships and Youth Memberships.

3. Refunds or extensions The YMCA may grant a refund of membership dues, or an extension of membership renewal date, when requested by a member due to:

- Serious illness, substantiated by a doctors statement and at the beginning of the illness.



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- In other cases approved by the branch executive director.

4. Financial assistance: It is policy of the YMCA to serve all people regardless of financial situation. Financial assistance shall be provided to qualifying individuals subject to available resources.

IX. Conditions of Membership

1. Membership cards: The membership card is proof of membership in the YMCA and shall be presented upon entry into a YMCA facility. If a card is lost the branch may charge a fee to issue a new card.

2. Conditions of Annual Membership: If I am an Annual Member this will be a 12 month term.

3. Conditions of Monthly Membership: I understand as a Monthly member that if my membership is cancelled and not reactivated within 30 days I will be required to repay the joiner fee at reactivation. I understand as a Monthly member that I am required to put my membership on an EFT or Credit Card draft. I understand that in order to cancel I am required to fill out a cancellation form 2 days prior to the monthly draft day (10th) or I will be required to pay for the next month.

4. Re-admission: When a member renews membership within one month of the date due, they may be re-admitted as a continuing member and the membership dated back to the day when the dues were payable. However, if more than 30 days have elapsed a person is subject to joiner fees.

5. Suspension or revocation of membership: Membership privileges may be suspended or revoked by the executive director.

- The length of suspension or a refund of membership dues or fees will be determined by the same authority.

6. Sexual Offender Background Check Policy: We consider it of great importance to provide a safe and threat-free environment. For this reason the YMCA monitors the sexual offender registry. Persons on the list will not be eligible for YMCA membership, program participation, volunteer or employment opportunities with this YMCA.

7. Services for People With Disabilities: The YMCA serves people of all abilities. We provide reasonable accommodations to enable all people to participate in our programs and classes.

8. Physical Readiness: Before starting any exercise program, members will be encouraged to check with their primary care physician.

X. Transfers

1. Transfer between individuals Membership and the use of particular privileges shall not be transferred from one person to another.

3. Transfers to another association Members who move to another geographic area outside of the YMCA and wish to participate in a YMCA there will need to contact that YMCA for its specific policy on membership transfers.

4. A.W.A.Y. Program The YMCA participates in the A.W.A.Y. (Always Welcome at YMCAs) Program and honors visiting members as an A.W.A.Y. member guests. The time period during which an A.W.A.Y. membership is honored may be limited.

XI. Guest Passes

Day fees are able to be purchased at the Welcome Desk on a daily basis and are good for the day purchased. The YMCA requires a valid ID to be presented at the time of a Guest pass purchase. The YMCA reserves the right to refuse to sell Guest Passes.



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- Youth (High School and younger) \$5.00
- Adults \$10.00
- Senior Citizen \$7.00
- Family \$25.00

XII. Member Input

We value suggestions for improving the YMCA. A mechanism for member comments is in place and email and phone contact information is made available to members for suggestions or concerns. The YMCA requires the measurement of member satisfaction and reports findings to the volunteer board.