

Footwear Policy

1.General Guidelines:

- a. All visitors and participants must wear appropriate footwear while using the facilities at Wensum Sports Centre Charitable Association (WSC).
- b. Proper footwear is essential for safety, hygiene, and to maintain the integrity of the facilities. By contradicting these guidelines, it can place yourself and others at potential risk of harm. By failing to follow this policy, repair and maintenance of the facilities can cost the charity significant time and money, so we ask that you please follow and respect the guidelines set below.

2.Acceptable Footwear:

- a. Athletic shoes designed for the specific activity are strongly recommended. Examples include running/gym shoes in our gym, basketball shoes, court shoes, etc.
- b. Shoes with non-marking soles are required for ALL INDOOR SPORTS to prevent damage to the floors.
- c. Sandals, flip-flops, high heels, open-toed shoes, and barefoot are not permitted during any activities unless exemption has been provided by a WSC staff member.

3.Condition of Footwear:

- a. All footwear must be clean and in good condition.
- b. Shoes with sharp or protruding objects, such as metal spikes or cleats, are not allowed anywhere within the facility.
- c. Worn-out or damaged shoes that may pose a safety hazard, such as shoes with loose soles or exposed nails, should not be worn.

4.Enforcement:

- a. Sports centre staff members are responsible for enforcing the footwear policy.
- b. Staff members may deny access to the sports facilities for any person not wearing appropriate footwear.
- c. Visitors and participants will be advised to acquire suitable footwear or may be directed to areas where specific footwear is available for hire or purchase.
- d. WSC reserves the right to charge any customers who are deemed to have consciously ignored and/or contradicted the footwear policy.

5.Exceptions:

- a. Certain activities or areas may have specific footwear requirements. Participants must adhere to these specific requirements. For example, all footwear is prohibited when using the Martial Art Mats.
- b. Medical or physical conditions that require alternative footwear may be considered for exceptions, provided they do not compromise safety or hygiene standards. In such cases, individuals should obtain prior approval from the sports centre management.

6. Notice and Communication:

- a. The footwear policy will be prominently displayed at the entrance and other relevant locations within the sports centre.
- b. The policy will be communicated to all staff members, participants, and visitors through posters, website, and other appropriate channels.

7. Policy Review:

- a. The footwear policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains relevant and aligned with safety standards and industry practices.
- b. Any necessary updates or modifications to the policy will be communicated to staff members and displayed for public awareness.