



## TEAM USA ATHLETES' COMMISSION

### Athlete Lounge Policy

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Team USA Athletes' Commission (Team USA AC) is committed to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for all athletes and individuals using the Athlete Lounge (Lounge). Everyone utilizing the Lounge must adhere to the disclosure requirements as set forth in the [United States Olympic and Paralympic Training Center \(OPTC\) Code of Conduct](#).

Access to the Athlete Lounge (Lounge) is a privilege, not a right. By using the Lounge, all individuals agree to follow the guidelines and protocols outlined below.

- **Hours for the Lounge:** 8:00 am – 10:00 pm
- **Access Protocols:**
  - Access to the Lounge is limited to athletes over the age of 18 who are residents of the OPTC, national team athletes training at the OPTC, and athletes attending a National Governing Body (NGB) sponsored Camp or Events. To create a safe and positive environment for minors, Team USA AC has implemented the following safeguards. For purposes of this section, a minor is considered any individual who has not reached the age of 18. Personal Care Assistants (PCAs) may access the Lounge when accompanying the athlete(s) they are supporting.
  - The athlete lounge is housed in a space with other offices and USOPC Security and Mental Health Services. Please be respectful of this access and do NOT enter any other space (other than the restrooms) in the building unless accompanied by USOPC or Team USA AC staff.
  - At times, issues may arise concerning who should have access to the Lounge. In this regard, Team USA AC endeavors to:
    - provide a safe environment for athletes and other individuals who reside, train or compete at OPTCs;
    - protect persons at risk, including minors and disabled persons;

- honor an athlete or other individual's opportunity to participate in various athletic residency, training, and competition activities;
  - protect Team USA AC property; and
  - maintain public confidence in Team US AAC and its activities.
- Team USA AC may refuse access at any time to an individual in accordance with the Training Center Access Protocol (Protocol)
- Users must keep their ID card on them at all times. Scanning an ID card by an unauthorized person(s) for any reason is prohibited. This includes passing cards to access the Lounge to those who do not have access. Each person entering the building and the lounge must scan their ID card. For example, if a group of people comes in, each person in the group must scan their ID, one person CANNOT scan and hold the door open for all people.
- Any physical damage to a facility or loss of items from the Lounge will be charged to the individual who is responsible for the damage or loss.
- Be familiar with and adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport's SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy, the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies, the Supporting Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment Policy, collectively referred to as "Athlete Safety Policies," available at <https://www.usopc.org/safe-sport>.
- Any unauthorized use of the Lounge could result in loss of privileges.
- Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated, including but not limited to, the following: Any act of violation of offenses, as listed in the USOPC OPTC Code of Conduct, this policy or adjudicated of federal, state, or local laws.
- **Food and Beverages:**
  - Individuals may bring their own food and beverages into the lounge but must dispose of all trash in the appropriate bins and clean up any spills or messes. Failure to do so may result in the loss of lounge access.
  - Any food and beverages provided by Team USA AC must be consumed within the lounge.
- **Restrooms:** While using the Athlete Lounge, you are permitted to utilize the restrooms located in the building.