

YMCA PROGRAMS

YMCA programs are available to members and non-members. YMCA members receive substantial discounts on program fees. Inability to afford fees due to financial hardship should not prevent participation in our programs. Consult front desk staff for special circumstances and exceptions. For more information contact the Executive Director. Fitness classes are for members and non-members 16 years of age and older, unless otherwise specified.

REFUND POLICY

Memberships--There will be NO refunds or credit on membership fees. Memberships are non-transferable.

Programs--The fees will be refunded *if* the YMCA must cancel because of insufficient enrollment. Once the program begins, there will be NO refunds or credit on program fees.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an important part of the YMCA program. Anyone with a special skill or interest should call the Executive Director.

ENJOY YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT THE RIDGWAY YMCA!

PLEASE NOTE: Rules and hours are subject to change. Please feel free to contact the staff with comments, suggestions, or concerns relative to the YMCA and the services it provides.

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Ridgway
YMCA

MEMBERSHIP
HANDBOOK

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a community where all people, especially the young, are encouraged to develop to their fullest potential. This is achieved through programs that put Christian principles into practice that challenge us to build a healthy body, mind, and spirit.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the Ridgway YMCA is to be a leader in the offering of healthy programming for all ages while supporting initiatives designed to enhance our positive position as a family centered organization accessible by all. As a leader in our community our well-trained team is dedicated to providing distinguished service incorporating the YMCA Core Values: Caring, Honesty Respect and Responsibility. The vision can only be realized through the support of the community, our members, and individual donors; allowing the Ridgway YMCA to be the “Charity of Choice.”

WHO WE ARE

The Ridgway Area YMCA is a non-profit charitable organization open to all people regardless of age, sex, religion or income.

HOW WE OPERATE

You and your fellow members are the Ridgway YMCA, and through volunteer participation on the elected Board of Directors and its various committees, necessary policies and practices are established. A full-time professional YMCA Executive Director is employed by the association to supervise required full-time and part-time staff as well as to administer desired programming and services. We hope you will choose to become involved in your Ridgway YMCA. Please contact the Ridgway YMCA executive director, or any board member, if you are interested in board or committee service.

ABOUT RIDGWAY YMCA FACILITIES

The Ridgway YMCA is a facility that includes a swimming pool, a gymnasium, a fitness center, one racquetball court, a free weight room, male and female locker rooms, Abbi’s Clubhouse (an indoor play area for kids 8yrs and younger), a preschool, a youth/teen gathering space and a state-licensed child care center (found off campus).

FOUL LANGUAGE

No violation of rules including, but not limited to, smoking, spitting, fighting, foul language, drinking of alcoholic beverages, vaping, chewing tobacco and use of drugs will be permitted anywhere within the Ridgway YMCA or on the surrounding property.

FIREARMS, KNIVES, ETC.

Firearms, knives, etc. of any kind are *NOT* permitted anywhere on Ridgway YMCA property.

FOOD AND DRINK

Food and drinks will not be permitted in any locker room, the gym, or pool. Drinks will be permitted in other areas so long as members cooperate and are able to keep these areas litter free. Take-out food is permitted to be delivered or eaten at the YMCA in the designated balcony area only.

EMERGENCY CALLS

The YMCA does not have an intercom system. We will however, to the best of our ability, seek out members who are needed on the phone due to an emergency situation.

PARKING

YMCA parking is available to its members across the street in front of the building. Please do not drop any individual off in front of the building while on route 219. This creates a safety problem. On the side of the building there is a Handicap Accessible parking space, and a ramp; please drop off and pick up in this area. Please do not park at the Fire Department or in Elk County Food’s parking lot.

LOST AND FOUND

All articles found in lockers, locker rooms, pool, gym, etc. will be removed and placed in our lost and found area on the balcony closest to the desk. Members should make every effort to claim their articles as soon as they discover they are missing. The YMCA is not responsible for lost and found articles. All unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill every 30 days.

POOL RULES TO ABIDE BY:

- ❖ NO RUNNING
- ❖ NO DIVING (FRONT OR BACK)
- ❖ NO EXCESSIVE HORSEPLAY
- ❖ NO FLIPS FROM THE SIDE
- ❖ NO PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES PERMITTED ON UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN

PLEASE REFER TO POOL SCHEDULE FOR DESIGNATED ADULT AND OPEN SWIM TIMES.

FACILITY RULES TO ABIDE BY:

- No food or drink permitted outside the lobby or teen/youth designated area
- No swearing
- No tobacco of any kind permitted in the facility
- No running outside the gym area
- No rough housing anywhere in the facility
- No loitering in locker rooms, fire escapes or in stairways
- Respect other members space
- Respect all YMCA staff
- Respect ALL property of the YMCA
 1. disinfect all equipment used
 2. return all weights, bars, mats to designated area
 3. leave all areas they way you found them.

RULE VIOLATION

Any member or guest not following the established rules will be reprimanded in the following manner:

- A. Verbal warning. (documented)
- B. Written Warning. (documented)
- C. On site meeting with staff involved and Executive Director. (documented)
- D. Consultation with the YMCA Executive Director with possible termination of YMCA membership to follow.

VANDALISM & THEFT

Anyone caught stealing or vandalizing any property of the YMCA facility will have their membership revoked immediately without refund. There is NO tolerance for this type of behavior.

RENTALS

Facility rentals may be reserved by calling the YMCA front desk no less than two (2) weeks in advance.

Pool/Birthday parties will be held on Fridays and Saturdays. Call the YMCA for details. All parties must be paid for 2 weeks prior with NO refunds available.

Room rentals for meetings, extracurricular school activity sign ups and other gatherings are available upon approval of the Executive Director.

MEMBERSHIP DESCRIPTION

YMCA membership includes the following to all member classifications:

- A. Use of all areas of the facility when not scheduled for programming activities or when available on an open basis.
- B. Reservation priority for racquetball court time.
- C. Reduced fees on certain programs.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION

- A. Family Membership: Open to all families to include husband, wife, and all dependent children 18 years and under or a full-time college student up to age 24.
- B. Adult Membership: Open to all men and women 18 years and older.
- C. Youth Membership: Open to all children 3 to 17 years of age.
- D. College Membership: Open to full time college students up to age 24. Proof of full-time status required in form of current college schedule.
- E. Grants and Assistance Membership: Open to anyone who qualifies based on their income. No one will be denied access to the YMCA because of financial difficulty. All inquiries are to be made to the YMCA Director and Finance Committee.

REINSTATEMENT FEE

A \$35.00 reinstatement fee will be charged for draft memberships that have been cancelled and then reinstated within 12 months.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Building Hours:

Monday thru Friday 5:30am – 8:30pm
Saturday 8:00am - 12:00pm
Sunday closed

(Hours are subject to change.)

HOLIDAYS

The Ridgway Area YMCA will be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Easter	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Christmas Eve
Fourth of July	Christmas Day
	New Year's Eve

**Additional days may be added depending on calendar.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards are not provided. ALL members are issued a member ID number and entered into the YMCA nationwide system. All YMCA members visiting other Y's, out of the area, will be looked up in the nationwide system to make sure you are a current member.

OUT OF TOWN YMCA MEMBERS

Out of town guests are permitted to use the facility, at no-charge, upon approval through the nationwide system. If you are not a member of another YMCA guest passes are available.

YOUTH POLICY

Youth 7 and under must be SUPERVISED by an adult at all times.

Youth 8 – 17 may enter the building UNACCOMPANIED by an adult. All rules are to be followed pertaining to age restricted designated areas.

Youth 8 and under can enjoy Abbi's Clubhouse under adult supervision.

Youth not using the facility for its scheduled or intended purpose must leave the building. Loitering in the lobby, halls, locker rooms, gymnasium or pool deck area is prohibited.

RACQUETBALL RESERVATIONS

Members may reserve the racquetball court by calling the YMCA. Reservations are on a first-come first-serve basis.

FITNESS ROOM USAGE

All members 15 years of age and older are permitted to use the fitness room.

YOUTH (AGES 13,14)

1. Must bring in a waiver with a physician's signature permitting you to work out in our facility, along with a parent permission slip.
2. After documents have been received, you may utilize the fitness area unaccompanied by a parent or guardian.

YOUTH (AGES 10-12)

1. Must bring in a waiver with a physician's signature permitting you to work out in our facility, along with a parent permission slip.
2. After documents have been received, you may utilize the fitness area ONLY if accompanied and supervised by their parent.

YOUTH (under the age of 10)

1. All children under the age of 10 ARE NOT permitted in the fitness room.

FREE WEIGHT ROOM POLICY -- AGE RESTRICTION

All members 17 years of age and older are permitted to use the fitness room.

YOUTH (AGES 16)

1. All children ages 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

YOUTH (under the age of 16)

1. Children under the age 16 are NOT permitted in the free weight room. NO exceptions!

LOCKER ROOMS

Male and Female Family Locker Rooms: Lockers will be available to all general members. Members may use non-rented lockers to store items while working out with in the facility. Items and locks MUST be removed at the end of the work out period. The YMCA staff will remove any lock left on a locker overnight; that is not properly rented through the front desk.

Locker Rentals: Lockers are available to rent by paid in full or bank draft members ONLY. Yearly members can rent a locker for \$24.00 a year. Draft members may also rent a locker. There are two options for this type of rental:

1. Add \$2.00 a month per locker rental (up to 2 per family...father & mother)
2. Pay for locker in full at time draft is started.)

****Lockers are NOT available to anyone under the age of 18****

****THERE ARE NO REFUNDS ON LOCKERS****

Physical contact of any kind is NOT permitted in the YMCA locker rooms. The lockers are a very private area and our members' privacy will not be violated.