

Club Sports – COVID-19 Response Plan – University of Arkansas Ballroom Dance

Screening

This fall the ballroom club practices will be in HPER 220. The UREC staff will be conducting the following protocols for entry to the facility.

- Participants must agree to the attestation clause before entering HPER for practices (attest that individuals don't present symptoms of coughing during the last 2 days, travel, body temperature, difficulty breathing, or loss of taste and smell).
- We will also conduct screening of those participating in practice for the above symptoms prior to entering the practice room. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be given prior to practice and before leaving practice as well as anytime someone leaves and returns early for any reason. Face masks will always be required.

Club Activities

Practice will be conducted with social distancing of 6-12 feet between each dance couple. We will not be rotating couples during practice. Whoever someone dances with when they start the lesson is who they will be finishing the lesson with. When learning individual steps separately, every person will be socially distanced by 6-12 feet. No one will be allowed to spectate the lessons. Because membership is paid for every semester, we do not have any members that will be remote. Members from last year who are remote can miss paying dues till they feel safe to return to campus and reinstate their membership to our organization. Our club will not be travelling to any competitions this semester. We will not require transportation for this semester. To track attendance, we have an officer of the club recording who is at each lesson.

Recruitment and Retention

In-person recruiting will not be conducted. This fall it is important that we safely grow our organization in a way that brings new people into the world of dance. Since ballroom dance is a partner activity, it is vital we remain in couples while learning, but in a safe manner. For this reason, we are following the requirements that the Arkansas Department of Health has given to other local ballroom dance businesses. Communication for our organization takes place through the Group-Me app and email. The changes to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 will be announced to all prior members and new members through the GroupMe app, email, and at the first lessons. Anyone who does not adhere to the guidelines will be asked to leave till the next practice. If it is ongoing they will be asked to not return. Our organization does not have by-laws or requirements for members other than officers.