

## **University of West Florida Regulation**

### **UWF/REG 5.003 Skateboards and Similar Devices**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

The intent is to regulate the use of skateboards and similar devices on property owned or controlled by the University of West Florida in order to minimize disruption, injury to persons and damage to property.

#### **II. DEFINITIONS**

- A. Skateboard: A device propelled by human power with wheels and a floorboard designed to be stood upon when riding.
- B. Transportation Use: For the purposes of this regulation, transportation use is defined as a means of conveyance while traveling from point-to-point on or through University property.
- C. Recreational Use: For the purposes of this regulation, recreational use is defined as use of described devices for entertainment. Entertainment uses might include practicing tricks or stunts.
- D. Motorized: Motorized, as defined for this regulation, is as any transportation device that is powered by a gas or electric engine.
- E. Sidewalks: Those portions of a street between the curb line or the lateral line of a roadway and the adjacent property lines or the walkway between buildings, intended for use by pedestrians.

#### **III. ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK**

All persons who participate in skateboarding on property owned or controlled by the University of West Florida assume the known and unknown inherent risks in this activity, irrespective of age, and is legally responsible for all damages, injury, or death to himself, herself, other persons or property which result from their participation in such activities.

#### **IV. GUIDELINES FOR USERS OF SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES**

- A. The use of skateboards is prohibited on any University owned or controlled property except in a manner consistent with the following:
  - (1) Skateboarding is only permitted on the UWF main campus for transportation use, not on other property owned or controlled by the University of West Florida. Skateboarding for recreational use is prohibited on all property owned or controlled by the University of West Florida.
  - (2) Skateboarding is only permitted on the UWF main campus by current UWF students, faculty, and staff.
  - (3) Skateboarders must yield to pedestrians and vehicular traffic.
  - (4) Skateboarding is only permitted on sidewalks and crosswalks of the UWF main campus, unless otherwise provided by signage or regulation. Under no circumstances will skateboarding be allowed on ramps, curbs, benches, steps, stairs, or other such structures.
  - (5) Skateboarding is prohibited in all other areas of the campus, including, but not limited to:
    - i. Parking lots and roads;
    - ii. Within 10 feet of all building entrances;
    - iii. All sidewalks between building 910 (Village East) and the UWF East Entrance;
    - iv. All sidewalks directly leading to and from building 76 and building 79.

- (6) Skateboarding is only permitted at reasonable, safe and prudent speeds based upon conditions, and all wheels must maintain contact with the sidewalk or paved surfaces at all times. Wearing headphones or ear-buds while operating such devices is prohibited.
  - (7) Skateboarders must maintain control of themselves and of their skateboards.
  - (8) Skateboarders must refrain from acting in any manner which may contribute to injury to themselves or other persons or damage to any property.
  - (9) Skateboarding is not permitted inside any building. Skateboards may be carried (but not ridden) into campus buildings and classrooms as long as they do not create an obstruction, trip hazards or damage to University property.
  - (10) The use of motorized skateboards, scooters, hoverboards, and other similar devices are prohibited on the UWF main campus.
- B. Students under 17 years of age may not engage in skateboarding on the UWF campus without written consent from the students' parents or legal guardian. Written consent may only be obtained through submission of the completed the form found at:

<http://uwf.edu/media/university-of-west-florida/offices/general-counsel/pdf/Skateboarding-Consent-Form.pdf>

The completed form must be submitted to [envhs@uwf.edu](mailto:envhs@uwf.edu) prior to participation.

## V. VIOLATIONS

- A. Anyone causing property damage may be required to render restitution as appropriate.
- B. Employees of the University who violate this regulation may be subject to disciplinary actions.
- C. Students of the University who violate this regulation may be subject to student disciplinary proceedings.
- D. Persons not affiliated with the University may be subject to a ban from University property by the University Police.
- E. Skateboards used for recreational use on property owned or controlled by the University of West Florida, or otherwise in violation of this regulation may be subject to confiscation by the University Police.
- F. Individuals violating State law are subject to arrest.

*Authority §316.0085, Florida Statutes; BOG Regulations 1.001(3)(j); 1.001(3)(l); 1001(7)(g).  
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