



MEMBERSHIP RECIPROCITY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Membership Reciprocity?

Membership Reciprocity is our program to invite full-facility members to use other Iowa YMCAs and experience the extraordinary flexibility and convenience of their YMCA membership.

What is the benefit of reciprocity?

With reciprocity, you can explore all of the YMCAs in Iowa, by being a member of one YMCA. There is no cost — it's just an added member benefit! This will be a great value when you are traveling for work, want to take a fun day trip or if you have a temporary relocation. There are 29 YMCA associations in Iowa — and now you're a member of them all!

When does this take effect?

Membership Reciprocity will begin in Iowa Ys on September 1, with a one-month implementation period.

How will this work when I attend other Iowa YMCAs?

Your visits to other Iowa YMCAs should be very smooth. You will simply present your photo ID to the Iowa Y front desk and they will check you in our shared database. Other Ys may request you to fill out a waiver, etc., but at the Mason City YMCA we will simply check visitors in. If you are not found in the database, we will follow-up with your home Y to verify.

What about YMCAs outside the state of Iowa?

You are welcome to visit YMCAs outside of Iowa through the AWAY (Always Welcome at the Y) program. Each YMCA in the nation can decide if they would like to participate and if they would like to limit restrictions. For example, visiting members from outside Iowa may visit the Mason City Family YMCA 5 times/month. Please call the Y you plan to visit and ask them about their AWAY program and any restrictions.

Can I enroll in programs when I am visiting the Mason City YMCA?

If you would like to enroll in a program, we will charge you the "program member" rate for that program. Programs may include group exercise classes, swimming lessons, etc.

If you would like to drop-in on a program while you are visiting, you may do so at the discretion of the instructor.

Do the programs and services I purchase at the Mason City YMCA apply to other YMCAs?

No. The best way to think about it is, "I receive the benefits of membership at the Y I am visiting". So, when you're at the Mason City Y, you receive free group exercise classes, but you pay for child care. At another Iowa Y, it may be the exact opposite. Therefore, you receive the membership benefits of the Y where you are visiting.

My experience was different when I visited another Y. Why did that happen?

Each YMCA across the country is unique and has the freedom to represent the community it serves. Therefore, each YMCA can choose the programs, services and experience it offers to each member. When you are visiting, please keep this in mind and enjoy "the benefits of membership at the Y I am visiting" while you are there.

Glossary

Membership Reciprocity: membership to all Iowa Ys, effective September 1

"Home Y": the Y where you have purchased your membership and visit the most often

Visiting Member: the Y you are visiting for the day, not the Y you attend the most often

Program Member: the rate charged to enroll in a program at the Mason City Family YMCA

DAXKO: the database YMCAs use for Membership Reciprocity

