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# MY Y. YOUR Y.

## Overview of the Y's Reciprocity Program

The Y's Reciprocity Program allows Y members, whose home YMCA participates in the Y's Reciprocity Program, unlimited visits at other participating New Jersey YMCAs. When members reach 12 visits at the host Y, their home Y will verify if they are visiting their home Y more than the host Y and may limit the number of visits. When assessing usage, the host Y determines if it bases its decision on an individual on the account or the entire unit on the account.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### What is the purpose of the New Jersey YMCAs Membership Reciprocity Program?

The spirit behind the reciprocity program is founded on the belief that the Y is one movement. We want to encourage members to utilize the Y as often as possible to meet their health and wellness goals. Sometimes, it is more convenient for a Y member to utilize a Y in a different location when traveling, near a workplace or in another region. This program allows active, full facility/full privilege members the flexibility to use other Ys which increases the value of their Y membership.

### Who is eligible to participate in the program?

My Y. Your Y. is for active full facility/full privilege adult members or youth/teen members with a family membership when accompanied by an adult to any YMCA facility in New Jersey that participates in the program. Y members must maintain an active full facility/full privilege membership at their home Y and visit their home Y more frequently than the host Y. Members with a short term or limited membership may be eligible depending on the guidelines established by the Y they visit. Members should check for restrictions prior to visiting the host Y.

### When did this new program begin?

April 13, 2015.

### Does this replace the AWAY (Always Welcome at the YMCA) program?

No. The AWAY program still exists for members who belong to a Y outside New Jersey or whose Home YMCA does not participate in the New Jersey reciprocity program. New Jersey Y members may also use the AWAY program when visiting Ys outside of New Jersey.

### Why do some New Jersey Ys not participate in the Reciprocity Program?

All New Jersey YMCAs participate in the reciprocal program with the exception of Greater Morristown YMCA. As each YMCA is operated independently, participation is at the discretion of each organization's leadership.

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**Is there a reciprocity contact person at each YMCA?**

Yes. Please, contact your Membership Services Director at your YMCA.

**What does the reciprocal member need to show when visiting the YMCA?**

Their YMCA membership card and a valid state or government-issued ID to be run through the Raptor system before entering the building.

As all YMCAs are operated independently, each has its own set of policies and regulations.

**Do reciprocal members need to sign anything?**

Yes. The reciprocal member must fill out a Reciprocal Membership Application once per calendar year. This application includes a code of conduct, emergency contact information, policies and procedures and a liability waiver.

**What if a reciprocal member wants to register for a class at the visiting YMCA?**

Reciprocal members are considered non-members or “program/community” members of the YMCA and may register for programs and classes following the same procedure and fee schedule as any other non-member or “program/community” member.

**What areas of the YMCA may a reciprocal member use?**

Reciprocal members may utilize all areas/programs of the facility that are available to and included in a full facility membership. We aim to keep this program as simple as possible by limiting any restrictions for facility usage.

**What if a reciprocal member wants to bring a guest into a Y other than their home Y?**

Reciprocal members are not full-privilege/full facility members of Ys they visit. If a guest comes with a reciprocal member, they will be required to pay the full price guest fee.

**Can members who use a Y through a group membership participate in the Reciprocity Program?**

Special memberships established by any local Y with group homes, social service agencies or other groups/nonprofit organizations are not eligible for the New Jersey Y Reciprocity Program.