

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE
Lexington, Virginia

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Cocke Hall Gym Complex and Pool Annex Authorized Users Policy

Cadets have priority for use of Cocke Hall, King Hall, and the Swimming Pool (Cocke Hall Complex).

Cadets, Faculty, Staff, VMI and Alumni Agency employees not in an authorized uniform may be required to show a valid VMI ID Card, if requested by VMI or Complex staff or security personnel, before using the Cocke Hall Complex. Cadets in Class Dyke or Gym Dyke will not be required to present ID.

The Complex will be available for use by Cadets, Faculty, Staff, VMI and Alumni Agency employees during hours as periodically published. For security and personal safety, authorized users are to adhere to these hours of operation.

Faculty, Staff, VMI and Alumni Agency employees may request access to the Cocke Hall facilities (NOT to include the Swimming Pool) outside of normal published operating hours on a per-exception basis. Formal individual requests for use outside of normal hours may be made to the Commandant's Office via the Cocke Hall Supervisor for final approval by the Deputy Chief of Staff and Operations.

During hours of high demand, non-cadet users and members of Intercollegiate Teams (in or out of season) may temporarily be denied use. This will allow recreational use by the largest number of cadets.

Alumni visiting Lexington who reside out of the area and official VMI guests may request one-time temporary use of the facilities. Requests may be made to the Cocke Hall Supervisor for approval based upon facility schedules and the anticipated level of usage.

Group events and activities, outside of normal recreational use, must be approved and scheduled through the Commandant's Office and the Institute Calendar Chair, Deputy Chief of Staff, and, if applicable, must include a Facility Use Agreement.

Physical Education Department classes in the Complex should be scheduled after coordination with the Commandant's Office Cocke Hall Supervisor.

Athletic and Club Sports Competition use and access must be scheduled, coordinated and approved by the Commandant's Office (Cocke Hall Supervisor) and the institute Calendar Committee Chair, Deputy Chief of Staff.

ROTC and Cadet use and access for MIL Duty, PTT, RPT, RDC Events, etc. must be scheduled and approved by the Commandant's Office (Cocke Hall Supervisor).

Facility Use Agreements, with associated fees, insurance, and guidelines, shall be coordinated and approved through Physical Plant ([http://www.vmi.edu/Administration/Finance Administration Support/Physical Plant/Facility Use/](http://www.vmi.edu/Administration/Finance_Administration_Support/Physical_Plant/Facility_Use/)). Contact is Tracy Gordon at gordontp@vmi.edu; General Order 72 applies.

Gym floor users shall be aggressive in protecting the surface. Hard or leather soles footwear shall not be worn on this surface. (This includes low quarter black shoes, and especially RDC "taps".)

Lockers for Cadets, Faculty, Staff, VMI and Alumni Agency employees are for one-day use only. Locks are permitted, but must be removed and the locker emptied at the end of each day.

ACCESS

The primary entrance to Cocke Hall, King Hall, and the pool (Cocke Hall Complex) is the front side entrance on the west side of Memorial Garden on the gym (400) level. The center entrance from Memorial Garden shall be used for formal occasions only. Other entrances are available for authorized users during selected hours.

HANDICAP ACCESS

Handicap access to the Cocke Hall Complex is via the regular usage doors from Memorial Garden (400 Level) or from the east entrance on the 300 Level.

GUEST POLICY

Authorized users (Cadets, Faculty, Staff, VMI and Alumni Agency employees) are allowed ONE guest. Cadet guests must be approved by the Cocke Hall Supervisor. Guests, including dependents of Faculty, Staff, VMI and Alumni Agency employees, must be accompanied by the authorized sponsor at all times. The Wellness Coordinator is responsible for preauthorizing part-time instructors and Wellness Program guests.

VIOLATIONS

Individuals who do not adhere to this Order will be asked to vacate the Complex immediately. Repeat violators may have their Cocke Hall Complex privileges revoked.

FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT

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