

Frequently Asked Questions

We have compiled a list of the most frequently asked questions about the Cowboy Joe Club membership below. If you do not find the answer to your particular questions, please feel free to call the Cowboy Joe Club office at 307-766-6242 or visit our website at www.wyomingathletics.com.

Q. How do I join the Cowboy Joe Club?

A. You can join the Cowboy Joe Club several ways:

- Go online to www.wyomingathletics.com and make a gift/pledge via credit card or electronic check
- Call the Cowboy Joe Club office and make a gift via credit card over the phone
- Send in attached pledge form with contribution

When making a gift, please don't forget to make your parking selection!

Q. How is my Cowboy Joe Club contribution used?

A. Your tax-deductible contribution to the Cowboy Joe Club is used primarily to defray the costs of student-athlete scholarships. Another small portion of monies raised is used for special projects, as deemed necessary by the Director of Athletics. Some of these projects in the past include a supplement to the Women's Basketball team trip to Australia, new weight room equipment, and salary enhancements for conference coach of the year awards and championship programs.

Q. What are the deadlines for renewing/joining the Cowboy Joe Club?

A. To be eligible for Cowboy Joe Club benefits, including parking and seating, all renewing members or new members must contribute by June 30th. Any gift received after June 30th will still count towards membership – but those gifts may receive limited benefits.

Q. Do I have to pay the entire amount of my pledge by June 30th?

A. We prefer that members pay their pledge in full by the June 30th deadline, but members are able to elect for monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual payments by setting up an automatic pre-authorized payment schedule. If a member's pledge is on the payment automatic schedule, which requires pre-authorized deduction of a credit card or checking account, they will be eligible for benefits.

Q. What if I give a physical steer in October, how will I get benefits?

A. Steer-A-Year members who would like to give a physical steer can do so, but they must pledge their steer by June 30th. They will receive membership credit for \$611 and

will receive benefits accordingly. After their physical steer is weighed, then they will be given the exact value amount as their membership.

Q. If I bought season tickets in a priority seating section, will I be required to make a donation on an annual basis, in addition to purchasing season tickets, or is it a one-time charge?

A. In order to receive seating in a priority seating section, you will be required to make the minimum per seat annual charitable contribution by June 30th in addition to the cost of the season tickets. However, if you “owned” the same season tickets before the new priority seating plans were implemented (prior to 2007) then you are granted “loyalty status” or grandfathered for as long as you continue to renew the seats.

Q. How does the new Poke Priority Point program work?

A. The Cowboy Joe Club ranks its members by their total lifetime giving, season ticket purchases and consecutive years as a member. Priority parking and priority seating are determined by your total points within the club levels.

Q. Can I designate gifts to go toward particular sports, programs or other more specific purposes?

A. Only non-restricted gifts to the Cowboy Joe Club or Steer-A-Year program count towards membership and its benefits, but you may designate your gift to anyone of the fifteen athletic programs, capital campaign projects or endowment funds and those gifts will count towards your lifetime giving total.

Q. I used to give a \$1,000 and was given a parking permit for the BB lot, is that not the case any longer?

A. Due to an increase in donors and a greater effort to treat our donors in a fair, equitable and consistent manner, we have gone to an allocation process based on priority points and giving level. This means that donors who have given over a long period of time, or have accumulated many priority points will receive preferential treatment when receiving a parking pass. Basically, we will allocate each parking lot by the donor’s selection until that lot is full. After that lot is full, the donor will receive their next best selection and so on and so forth. Parking is never guaranteed and with the addition of three great parking lots – we believe that it is only fair to allow you to select your parking as you would like it and for members to receive it based on their involvement.

Q. What happened to the \$50 giving level, is that no longer available?

A. In the summer of 2007, the Cowboy Joe Club Board of Directors elected to eliminate the \$50-\$99 Pistol Pete membership level. With the rising costs of education and the cost of giving benefits to this membership level, they believed that it was not cost effective.

Members of that level are encouraged to increase to the \$100 Century Club level or higher and continue their support of UW student-athletes.