

Testimonials

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Mr. Wilkening:

As a frequent user of the RWC I was very disappointed to hear that the dress code policies have changed (are just now being enforced). I have been an avid user of this facility for the past 4 years and have never run into any problems with the clothing I wear here. I was naturally upset to hear that my usual tank tops have been suddenly deemed inappropriate and unsanitary. Considering UCF is a public university, I find this dress code enforcement out of place. The enforcement of this policy has been handled in a very unprofessional manner. I have been given a myriad of conflicting reasons behind it, with each staff member claiming something different. The inconsistency in this policy's implementation and differing criteria has led me to write this formal letter in hopes that I can cover all of the bases once and for all.

First, I would like to explain why exactly this is a deeper issue to the students here than the staff had most likely anticipated. The first time I was able to confidently wear a stringer tank top was a very real milestone in my personal fitness journey. I was proud to finally see the results for which I had worked so hard. This symbolic representation of my dedication was more than a reward, but an incentive to continue to push myself harder. I found comfort in wearing the iconic tank. Having that taken away from me is a psychological discouragement with which I'm sure many other students can identify. Ever since I became seriously dedicated to a healthy lifestyle, I have been wearing the same type of clothing to the gym. I have never had a problem at LA Fitness, Lifestyles, Get Fit, Snap Fitness, or other various mom and pop gyms. I find it hard to imagine that after four years, I am suddenly being told that my clothing is inappropriate at the UCF gym. College is a time where we are told to express ourselves as individuals, but UCF's restricting policy seems to promote just the opposite.

In addition to my personal reasons for wearing this clothing, the tank tops serve a practical purpose

for which they were manufactured. They are less restricting on range of motion, have no sleeves that rub and cause a rash, and they do not pull due to the specialized cut of the tank. Over the past couple of weeks, I have been forced to workout in clothing not aptly suited for my comfort at the gym, which has adversely impacted my workout routine.

Inclusivity was mentioned in the interview with Knight News. College is a time to explore and express who you are, which an overreaching dress code certainly discourages. Our campus is a multitude of different styles and personalities, but this gym dress code forces us all to look the same. I've worn these tanks walking around campus and even to my classes without any problems whatsoever. If I can wear my stringer tank around campus then why can't I wear it in the place it was created for: the gym?

Aside from watching the interviews on KnightNews, I took it upon myself to find out more information before I dismissed the validity of this policy. I spoke to the Associate Director of Facilities, who claimed that among other things, this was a sanitary issue. I then read in the Orlando Sentinel, "...tank tops are allowed, but they can't expose more skin than usual because of the sweat that would get on the machines." Short of wearing scrubs and latex gloves, sweating as well as skin contact with the equipment is going to occur. Hands, arms, legs, and shoulders will all come in to contact with equipment regardless of whether the upper back and 2 inches of ribs are showing or not. Sweaty thighs touch the benches on a daily basis but I see no policy on the length of shorts. Sweaty armpits inevitably touch machines such as the preacher curl and triceps extension, yet shirts with no sleeves are okay as long as they cover the back. An RWC employee even confirmed that females are allowed to wear racer-back shirts which expose the entire upper back exactly as a stringer tank does, which opened an entirely new facet to this issue, bordering on sexism. Are female shorts not typically shorter than males and expose more skin? A more practical way to ensure sanitary equipment is to enforce a policy that requires users to wipe down the machines after use. If you wear something that exposes slightly more skin than usual, require students to bring a sweat towel with them and lay it on the equipment before use. I believe this not only nullifies the sanitary argument but proposes a much more logical alternative if this is, in fact, the reason for the policy.

The intimidation argument seems equally unjust. A person's own body image will permeate through a change in clothing, and that is not the responsibility of the RWC. Would there ever be a reciprocal rule to remove an overweight person because they are making other gym-goers uncomfortable? Of course not, because that, much like this tank top ban, would be a discriminatory policy. Ultimately, it is not the RWC's responsibility to filter out a group of people who make another group uncomfortable. That is an issue an individual holds, and UCF can never eliminate all possibilities of a college student's insecurity. However, if the main gym is perceived as an intimidating environment, UCF offers a smaller, more private gym by Knights Towers where new gym-goers can go to acclimate themselves.

Of all the reasons provided to me for this new policy, the only one for which I could find any salt-pinch worth of substantial evidence, was the safety issue. Self altered "cut offs", if cut improperly, pose a safety hazard in which they can get caught on the equipment. If we can reach no common ground after this letter, I would ask that you consider to propose a ban on self-altered shirts that are baggy and cut off below the elbow. Every stringer tank I own has been crafted this way from the manufacturer and fits snugly around

the torso, leaving no loose strings to get caught on the equipment.

I'm still unsure of the real reasoning behind this policy, as multiple RWC employees, as well as higher ups, have given me various and conflicting reasons. However, I believe that I have covered every possible avenue within this letter, and I know that I am not the only individual who finds this policy upsetting. With the current social media coverage, I have seen a petition to revoke this policy that now holds just short of 700 signatures, multiple student interviews on KnightNews claiming they are being oppressed, and even mentions of a Title IX lawsuit. I would hope that a university with its students' best interest at heart would be unable to ignore this kind of feedback.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will consider a reevaluation of your policy. I'd love to hear back from you via e-mail or telephone and have left my contact information below.

Sincerely,

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UCF Student and RWC Patron

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Brandon Odom

Hi Mo, If you're still talking to different people at UCF about the new dress code at they gym I wanted to let someone who may know more about the people to speak to that I was talking to a supervisor, Joel at the rwc today because yesterday (7/17) Kyra, an rwc supervisor approached me mid workout and told me I needed to change or leave because my shirt was showing my back and violating the new policy, meanwhile multiple female students working out in tank tops with their backs exposed were allowed to workout with nothing said to them. Today Joel told me that enforcement is subjective and up to whoever is working at the time which I think undermines any legitimacy of the policy since there are no set standards on what is and isn't appropriate, additionally I was told that girls weren't being told to change because the policy is, as Joel put it "harder to enforce on girls" this to me is blatantly sexist to say that it's fine for girls to wear tank tops with their back exposed but if a male student has their back exposed their sweat is unsanitary but a female students is not. Just wanted to add my experience with the rwc staff to someone who is already in contact with higher ups at UCF, if you have contact information for any gym directors I would gladly talk to or email them my experience to provide more feedback for them. Thanks

Toria Rose For everyone saying that this rule is not gender biased in the way it has been enforced, here is a picture of the tank top I just completed a 2 hour workout in with no trouble from RWC staff. The only difference between this

tank and a stringer is the built in sports-bra. This picture will also be sent to Maria Beckman in order to help her investigation.

Kasey Gamble Their rule should technically apply to girls who wear racerback shirts, which is extremely ridiculous. It's basically all I wear and if you go to sports authority, there's hundreds of them to choose from. I mean it's Florida, it's hot, and racerback/tanks should be completely fine. They make them for little kids! Lol. It's not okay to force ucf students to pay for the gym but not let us wear what we want. And this is "under investigation" because there's tons of girls who haven't been turned away for wearing racerbacks but pretty much all guys get turned away. So, whether this is a big issue or small issue, it's not fair to everybody, so I'm glad somebody is actually doing something about it. It's not just about "bros"

Mike Puhlovich People can say what they want, but UCF rec and wellness is clearly breaking the law here. Sorry it's against a demographic you are obsessed with portraying in an extremely stereotypical and judgmental light. I know plenty of those "bros" and they are good dudes. I personally hate working certain muscles in a full T-shirt. Sorry you are so insecure and closed minded to put them all in a box.

UCF likes to portray openness and culture but only selectively as to how they see fit. This is about drawing a line. You either agree with complete diversity, or you don't. There's no in between.

Kasey Gamble Actually if you read the RWC rules, it says your back must be fully covered. Thus, applying to racerbacks. But the argument is that women are not being asked to leave but men are. And if you watch the video, his shirt is fully covering his chest and nothing on the front is exposed. So, he was asked to leave solely for his back being exposed. And there's a female with an even more revealing shirt on in the video. Which is exactly his point.

James Vanaselja Technically they are violating the law.

Cassandra Lynn Markham I'm embarrassed people are still making rules about tank top decency in 2015. If a discrimination case is what it takes for them to get rid of such a garbage rule, fine. It's a gym, not a monastery. And there's a pool inside, ffs.

Justin Catania Haha!! That's why USF is that much better!! LoL
Beside the Academic stand point bc that's no brainer!!

Kiana Ledman Wasn't even aware there was a clothing ban, but it's ridiculous.. With Florida's weather, I find the only thing comfortable to wear is a tank top and if girls are wearing them (and I see an abundance of girls wearing them, including myself) then guys should be able to wear sleeveless/cut t-shirts too.. I don't understand who it's hurting/offending if we wear what we want? I fully support the petition to revoke the tank top ban.

Chloé Paoli This is the definition of feminism. It's about equal rights for both men and women and not just about women's rights.

Aron Michael Walasek Instead of enforcing this terrible rule why doesn't the gym focus on making people wipe down the machines when they are done. Or they can be a little more harsher on people slamming their weights.

Revoke UCF RWC stringer ban Petition

• Toria Gargano ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

This rule has NO direct benefits to the sanitation of UCF gym. The term "stringer tanks" has been misused due to management not understanding that many STORE BOUGHT stringer tanks have full coverage of the sides and lower back. In my own conversation with UCF RWC management, I was told that "scapula's are okay" to show, however the floor attendants seem to have been told otherwise. Removing stringer tanks from the gym will NOT result in reduced sweat on the machines, because sweat can (and will) also soak through t-shirts. Those who are afraid of "sweat germs" should NOT be using a public gym. If you find this kind of clothing to be offensive or intimidating, I recommend that you go to a private school or gym.

• Tyler Achotegui OVIEDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I am signing because I believe the reason for the rules are illogical. The UCFRWC has made the following two claims: Shirts that display the top rib or lower are deemed unsafe, and shirts that display the back are unsanitary. These are not logical reasons for cutoff shirts and string tanks to be revoked.

1. If having ones back visible while wearing a cutoff tank is unsanitary, then all gym goers must not be allowed to use the preacher curl machine as well as any other machine with bare skin contact. With a regular-compliance-tank, full armpit contact is made while using the bicep preacher curl machine as well as the majority of the machines at the UCFRWC. 2. If wearing an altered shirt is deemed unsafe according to the UCFRWC, then all baggy shirts must be deemed unsafe. I was handed an XXL shirt when entering the gym today because "I was wearing a cutoff that displayed 1" of my upper ribs." Wearing a shirt three times the size of a shirt that fits is absolutely more unsafe than wearing a cutoff tank. In conclusion, the arguments of the UCFRWC are invalid and should be revoked. If they are not to be revoked, then every student should be given the choice to ask for the part of their tuition back that goes toward gym membership.

• shelby miller ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 4

Unrealistic to tell someone they can't wear a tank top to the gym, focus should be on improving the facilities equipment and reaching out to students ideas of making the gym a better experience. This is just turning people away. If they can wear the tank top in public and not get arrested for indecent exposure they should be able to work out at a gym supported by a school they pay thousands of dollars a semester to attend.

• **Steve Brundage** WASHINGTON, NJ

○ 5 days ago

○ Liked **1**

I find it ridiculous that an article of clothing that is allowed at any other gym is banned at one of the biggest Universities in the country

• **Farzon Danesh** BOCA RATON, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked **1**

This hinders the ability of freedoms. They are dealing with adults, a dress code should not be implemented.

• **Rachel Nainstein** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked **1**

This rule is extremely stupid. If the gym can't understand why this rule is so stupid, students shouldn't automatically be charged for the gym's membership fee. Students should be given the option to put their money towards another gym with not so strict and ridiculous dress code restrictions.

• **Melissa Spaeth** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 1

I am signing this petition because wearing a string tank top at the gym has nothing to do with contributing to sanitation or safety issues. As college students and adults we have a freedom of expression and do not need to be given a dress code like we are in grade school again. A thing as simple as a tank top is not going to cause less cleanliness at the gym where people sweat or expose others to bacteria or fungus. There are sanitary wipes all around the gym for use for a reason. And go take a shower people.

• [patricia ross](#) MIRAMAR, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 1

i would be happy if i guy with a body like that wore no shirt much less a tank top.....we are ADULTS

• [Juan Perez](#) ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 1

This violates self-expression, it has nothing to do with sanitation because there are girls and less-fit people wearing more revealing clothes and not getting harassed, today there was a voluptuous girl with extremely short-shorts and she left all of her butt sweat on the machine I was about to use. I didn't care, I wiped it with the handy wipes the RWC provides, but it just goes to show that it is not about being unsanitary. This isn't planet fitness, this is UCF, keep it that way

• [John Graves](#) ORLANDO, FL

○ about 10 hours ago

○ Liked 0

the reason provided are very poor, and on top of that banning this rule goes against the quality and fun values that the RWC claims to uphold

• **Melyssa Johnston** AUSTRALIA

○ 1 day ago

○ Liked 0

I believe in Austin Medlins argument and do not believe that banning an item of clothing can only be applied to one sex. It is discriminatory to allow women to wear this style of singlet but to ban a male from doing so when if anything, it is more revealing for a woman.

I am a female and when I go to gym I am not offended by men wearing these singlets and don't understand why anybody would be or claim it is unhygienic when woman are doing the same.

• **Ryan owe** ABERCYNON, UNITED KINGDOM

○ 2 days ago

○ Liked 0

Gym is the last place anyone should be made to feel conscious about their body and clothing.

• **Jason Boney** SHALIMAR, FL

○ 2 days ago

○ Liked 0

This is ridiculous when it is perfectly acceptable and ignored when females workout in the same establishment wearing shorts that are too tight, sports bras with no cover up, or skin tight leggings.

• **James Lett** FISHERS, IN

○ 2 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm signing this because it is ludicrous to ban clothing at a gym.

• **Jimmy Owens** ORLANDO, FL

○ 3 days ago

○ Liked 0

UCF wellness center is a gym. Stringers are a specific type of work out clothing used to make the arms and back visible to check perfect contractions and definition. To not let people wear them is ridiculous and absurd. They aren't a fad, they are functional and universally accepted and used in the body building community. Banning people for wearing them is like banning a swim suit at a pool and or a tank top on a basketball court.

• **Sarah Bates** ORLANDO, FL

○ 3 days ago

○ Liked 0

the guys should wear whatever they want cause that's what us girls do

• **Trey Sarver** METAIRIE, LA

○ 3 days ago

○ Liked 0

Discrimination is discrimination. This allusion that men can't be discriminated against isn't only ridiculous, it's irresponsible.

• **Megan Rotunno** PALM COAST, FL

○ 3 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm a UCF student and believe this rule is unnecessary. Restricting clothing for adults in the first place is ridiculous, and forcing people to leave and revoking their access to the RWC will only make them suffer more.

• **Erica Oliphant** ORLANDO, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

the rule in general is dumb and ignorant, I am against sexism 100%

• **Zachary Snell** ST PETERSBURG, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

Ucf gym is only enforcing rule with guys

• **Angel Anaya** ORLANDO, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm signing because I too believe this is an unfair policy and it is sexually discriminating and improperly enforced.

• **Jonathan Wachob** WINTER PARK, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

Not enforcing this rule on ladies is clearly sexual discrimination

- **Shanna Wight** ORLANDO, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm a female and I wear stringers, males should be allowed to do the same. #Equality #FreeTheBack & #FreeTheNipple

- **Chris Benkoski** ORLANDO, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

UCF is unfairly discriminating, it is your RIGHT to wear what you please.

- **Taylor Williams** ORLANDO, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

UCF gym employees need to stop harassing students while working out and take down the ridiculously absurd ban on tanks

- **Christopher Huber** OVIEDO, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

The RWC has always acted irrationally in handling many situation that I have been apart of or witnessed. Just like banning a style of clothing with no apart reason.

- **Maria Aguirre** BRADENTON, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

The school has not right to banish clothing that is specifically for the gym. Both girls AND guys have the right to wear what they please as long as it's sanitary and fits properly.

- **TJ Devine** DES MOINES, IA

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

I wear these shirts and disagree that they're too revealing

- **Lauren Eddy** NAPLES, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm singing this because the ban is so ridiculous. It's a gym!!! And the students at UCF are college students, they are adults. I'm sure everyone has seen a male upper body before. If you get offended by a tank top maybe you should stay locked up in your house because girls and guys alike wear them all the time.

- **makaylie shear** ORLANDO, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

you shouldn't be told what you can and can't wear.....

- **Elizabeth Plazewski** SAN ANTONIO, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

Dress codes such as these are stupid. I've got banned from wearing a crop top and high waisted shorts that showed *maybe* and inch of midriff. As long as both men and women are wearing some type of bottoms and top, they should be allowed to work out.

- **Katherine Contorakes** ORLANDO, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

Ucf's policy is sexist and I hope it changes.

- **Janmichael Serrano** ORLANDO, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

Because I would like to wear gym clothes to the gym

- **James Bailey** NEW PORT RICHEY, FL

○ 4 days ago

○ Liked 0

Not about losing my rights on government property that I pay to use, then for it to be biased and sexist.

• **Jack Brink** OVIEDO, FL

○ 5 days ago

○ Liked 0

FREE THE NIPPLE

• **Taylor Dunne** NAPLES, FL

○ 5 days ago

○ Liked 0

As a UCF alum, this is the most ridiculous and absurd rule. Gym membership is included in tuition and all students should have the right to wear what they want, especially since this rule has been aimed directly at guys, while girls are allowed to wear exactly what the rule has described is not allowed.

• **Iosie Bell** MIAMI BEACH, FL

○ 5 days ago

○ Liked 0

I am a prospective UCF student and even I think this is absurd. This is not a rule I would like to see enforced (or semi-enforced, considering girls are not targeted) when I d attend this school.

• **Brysson Phan** ORLANDO, FL

○ 5 days ago

○ Liked 0

I believe in personal freedom even though I have never wore a tank in the gym.

- **Vittoria Renda** ORLANDO, FL

○ 5 days ago

○ Liked 0

I believe they are treating males unfair . If they are worried about sanitary issues

- **Cory Gordon** ORLANDO, FL

○ 5 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm signing this because this rule is ridiculous. Either way, sweat is going to get on the equipment. Why stop people from wearing what they want. Honestly, this could be a health hazard because some people can achieve higher body temperatures than others. A raise in body temperature could lead to lightheadedness and cause people faint. Fainting in a gym is a hazard because if someones in the middle of a rep or falls by the weights and hits there head, they can die. And UCF would be liable.

- **Aleece Betts** ORLANDO, FL

○ 5 days ago

○ Liked 0

This violates freedom of speech, and the type of clothes people wear is still a form of expression even if words aren't being said. Hence, wearing a tank top in a gym to let everyone know just how damn sexy and ripped you are should still be legal.

- **Drew Meldrum** ORLANDO, FL

○ 5 days ago

○ Liked 0

I think this rule is ridiculous. If they are going to make guys stop wearing these shirts girls need to stop as well.

- **Kevin Broadway** FLORENCE, AL

○ 5 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm signing because I believe UCF's new policy is unfair and reprimanding us from our own freedom of wear.

- **John Benavides** ORLANDO, FL

○ 5 days ago

○ Liked 0

how is wherein a tank top dangerous unsafe and improper for use at the gym? especially when girls where more revealing clothes while at the gym. This is unfair

- **Mackenzie Drigo** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

Free the nipple

- **Charles Thompson** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I would prefer the ability to wear what makes me comfortable at the UCF recreational center.

- **Hannah Simon** CINCINNATI, OH

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I like to wear those kind of tanks when I work out and run because I don't feel constrained when I am working out like I would with a t shirt

• **Jason Smith** ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

The rule is stupid. You want to keep it more sanitized and clean by not wearing those shirts? But why not just make everyone wipe down their machine after use. That would be harder to monitor than anything considering the traffic we have through the gym especially in the fall and spring. I just want the gym back to the way it was and should be

• **noel alfonso** WESLEY CHAPEL, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

It's unfair that a male was targeted for revealing too much when female gym members receive no reprimanding for exposing on average more skin.

• **Michele Voskressensky** BOYNTON BEACH, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I find those shirts comfortable and nice to workout in

• **Cassidy Singer** CORAL SPRINGS, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

this is SCREWED UP. Girls are allowed to wear strings to support their tops but guys can't?! What happened to EQUALITY

• Michelle Beckman PALM CITY, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm signing because I am a former UCF student/current gym rat and realize how some rules at Ucf are just unnecessary.

• Matthew Parker ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

Pro natural bodybuilder worked out at UCF threw my contest prep... Inspired other to improve their physiques in positive light ... I believe people have the right to see the development of their muscles at work while in the gym ...

• Colton Hasenfratz JUPITER, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

The rule is unreasonable for the aforementioned reasons and many of the staff even disagree with it.

• Maellyne Yarleque ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

This is unfair, regardless if it's directed to females or males. We are in USA the land of freedom, UCF doesn't have to tell us how to dress.

• **Ryan sovia** PALM COAST, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

double standards are not okay and he has full rights to video tape any sort of official at work

• **Amanda Duff** WINTER SPRINGS, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I do not believe stringers are offensive or unsanitary. For the athletes sake, lighter clothes are much more refreshing and easier to exercise in.

• **Leanne Perry** WINTER SPRINGS, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

People should work out in what makes them comfortable. I personally only like to workout in tank tops because I get hot easily when I workout. I don't really understand what this rule is even trying to accomplish. It doesn't prevent people from sweating onto the equipment and as long as private parts aren't being flaunted around, I don't see what the problem is.

• **ryan huang** ASHTABULA, OH

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

Our gym is well maintained by employees and many students using the equipment. Everything is well cleaned on an hourly basis. Nearly every gym in Florida that isn't a university rec center does not enforce this rule. Rules in the rwc are strict even without the tank top rule. On top of having an over packed gym with not enough equipment or parking to compensate the amount of students, we now are limited to what we can wear inside the gym.

• **Haley McLaughlin** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

Because I love seeing the guys in stringers. I also wear stringers just with a sports bra under neath. I still have almost the same amount of skin showing ..

• **Chad Pitton** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

There is ZERO evidence supporting the RWC's reasoning behind this ban.

• **nicolai atkinson** LUTZ, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I believe in freedom of expression now more than ever. The students at UCF are the americas future and I see zero reason to string tanks as it is a freedom of expression for a growing number of people, both male and female and based on the fact that they are proud of the dedication and hard work they have put forth into their ever changing lifestyles they choose to wear more appealing clothing than the average person and have their own individuality? I say good job and keep rocking the y-backs!

• **Abigail Hirn** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I believe this infringes my rights as a student

• Terrance Singleton ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm signing because this rule has no place in our recreation center. It does not help anyone in any way, and has no legit reason behind it.

• caitlyn shield CORAL SPRINGS, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm signing because everyone is entitled to a comfortable workout

• Nathalie Yacoub ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

Im signing because I am a female who also wears stringy, loose tank tops when I workout.

• Kyle Gheen TITUSVILLE, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I sweat just as much with or without sleeves. Enforce sanitation, not restrictions.

• **Natalie Reid** SARASOTA, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm signing because there is absolutely no reason to have this ban, and because in the Florida heat students pursuing an active lifestyle should be able to be comfortable while doing so.

• **Mario Navarro** HIALEAH, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I agree with your petition, in a community that promotes equality it's rather dumb to have this ban. Either we're all equal or we're not, that's all there is too it. And yeah I would like to hope everyone is for equality.

• **Christina Williams** AUBURNDALE, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

Rules should apy to both male & female. If males can't wear tank top nor should females

• **Sarah Rabanal** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

Im signing this because last I checked UCF is a college not a middle school! You can't tell adults what they can and cant wear.

- **Zachary Whicker** LUTZ, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

These rules are ridiculous. Girls are free to wear what they want. There are sanitary wipe for a reason if thats a problem for a person.

- **John Vest** OVIEDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

This is silly... let people workout in what they want to workout in... you have sanitation wipes for a reason...

- **Alec Feigenbaum** BOCA RATON, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I am fat and people wearing tank tops motivate me

- **Kayla Praskievicz** BRADENTON, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

Most women's sports tops have a cutout in the back including brands like Under Armour, Nike, Adidas, etc.

- **Kait Groselle** COOPER CITY, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

It's absolutely ridiculous that these tanks cannot be worn. They are worn for reasons such as view of the muscles that men are targeting during a workout. It's not a fashion statement. It's a useful way to concentrate on certain muscles

- **Yusniel perez** HIALEAH, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

i'm signing this petition because I think UCF,s string tank top policy is absolutely unnecessary and fundamentally undermines our freedom of expression.

- **Evan Bauta** OVIEDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

Because I should be able to wear clothes that I choose to express myself without being discriminated.

- **Richarson Louis** GAINESVILLE, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I Dont believe tank tops should be banned, sometimes this is my choice of top to work out so this rule is affecting me also. Females wear stringy sports bra all the time and they dont have a problem with it so why should it be a problem for men to wear tank tops? I disagree completely.

• **Savanna Gault** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I would not like to be kicked out of the gym for wearing a tank top.

• **Thomas Alper** OVIEDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

im signing because the ban on stringers is an absolutely horrendous mockery of our first amendment rights. And because I lift

• **Justin Drotleff** TAMPA, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm signing this because this is absolutely ridiculous. Girls wear more revealing clothing than this. Also you can go to the beach with no shirt. A body is a body.

• **Gabriel Nakano** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I dont agree with the rules and regulation that UCF and the Wellness Center together have placed on "appropriate" gym attire.

• **Thomas Stallone** BOCA RATON, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

The rule is complete nonsense. Find something else to do and leave gym goers alone unless they're actually disrupting other people's workouts.

• **Dyllen Morris** DELRAY BEACH, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm signing because I completely agree. There is no obscene nudity wearing this apparel and should not offend any person. People should be proud to wear this type of clothing to work out, feeling less restricted and show everyone hard work pays off.

• **Vincent Stona** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

As an alum, I do not stand for such over-exclaimed political correctness. Clearly someone who isn't well built and can't fill in a tank created this so nobody can enjoy the fruits of their labor. I don't even go to the school anymore and I think this ban is absolutely ridiculous.

• **Mo Barhamje** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

The rule is sexist and if I'm forced to pay for the gym through my tuition then I should be able to wear what I would like so long as it doesn't violate any state laws. If this rule continues to be in effect then make gym membership optional

• Daniel Walker ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

These tanks are not a safety issue. It's simply people getting offended by other's clothing. It's a gym, you are there to work on yourself, it's nice to be able to show off your hard work. Since when did UCF start restricting clothing, we might as well have to wear a uniform like some private higschool. This shouldn't have become an issue in the first place.

• Kaitlin Dineen ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

I'm singing this because this rule is incredibly stupid and causes students to rethink going to the gym. Instead of causes excuses for people not to go to the gym they should be trying to find ways to get more students to the gym.

• Chandler Walp ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

Stringer Tanks are not unsanitary because it shows a little bit more skin than a regular tank. They also provide more mobility when working out

• JOSEPH FERNANDEZ ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

UCF is suppressing my right to free speech and expression. There was also no vote.

- **Cheyenne Fahy** POMPANO BEACH, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

It is ridiculous and unnecessary to ban string tank tops. Females are allowed to show the same exposure (If not more), and it is diminishes freedom of expression.

- **Timothy Henderson** ORLANDO, FL

○ 6 days ago

○ Liked 0

Whether I wear a stringer, a tank top or even a normal shirt i still sweat. It makes no difference what type of clothing you wear, you will still sweat on the machine.