

Intramural Sports



Policy Handbook 2005-2006

Overview

The Intramural Sports Program is a division of the Department of Campus Recreation Services under the office of Student Affairs. The purpose of our program is to enhance the quality of life through excellent

recreational opportunities and experiences. Our objectives are:

- To offer a variety of programs in order to fit the needs of the University community.
- To offer both recreational and competitive opportunities with emphasis on sportsmanship.
- To provide quality programs in regards to facilities, equipment and personnel.
- To be open to the expressed needs of the community we serve.

The Intramural Sports Program offers competition in sports for women, men, and co-rec (men and women combined on one team). Competition is provided in the form of leagues, tournaments and special events programmed on a semester basis. Team, dual and individual sport experiences are provided.

Team Captain Responsibilities

The Team Captain is the official contact person between the team and the Intramural Sports Office. The team's success in Intramural Sports Competition is directly related to the efficiency and dedication of the team captain. This person should possess the following qualities:

1. Tact
2. Perseverance
3. Knowledge of the sport
4. Free time to carry out the duties

Team Captains must:

- Attend all scheduled meetings.
- Know the rules, policies and regulations of the program and their individual sport.
- Be responsible for their team members knowing the rules and policies.
- Be responsible for properly registering their team before the deadline.
- Be responsible for making sure the rosters are completed and signed.
- Be responsible for informing team members of schedules and schedule changes.
- Be responsible for their team members on the field or court.
- Be responsible for encouraging true sportsmanship.
- Make every effort to prevent forfeits.
- Be responsible for informing the office (581-3797) if their team is unable to attend a game.
- Be responsible for making sure their team members are eligible to play.
- Inform team members to bring appropriate identification to all games.
- Keep players, bench, and spectators under control at all times.
- Team Captains represent their team in protests, postponements, and coin flips.

Eligibility

- **All participants must present the appropriate identification at each game to play (current U of U Id card, Alumni card, spouse card, AOCE card).**
- **Do not ask the official or supervisor to make exceptions.**
- **A participant may not play on more than one team in the same league or division.**
- **A participant may play in an open/men's league or division AND play in a co-rec league or division.**
- **All participant must play at least two games during the regular season to be eligible to compete in the playoffs.**

The following individuals are eligible to play with the appropriate identification:

- **Students.** All credit-receiving students enrolled during the current semester are automatically eligible to participate in all Campus Recreation Services activities. Campus Recreation Services fees are covered in tuition and fees.
- **Non-Credit Students** (i.e. AOCE non-credit classes). These students may purchase a Campus Recreation Services membership and participate in all Campus Recreation Services activities.
- **Non-Registered Students.** If a student has attended classes the previous semester they may purchase a Campus Recreation Services membership and participate in all Campus Recreation Services activities.
- **Faculty and Staff.** All faculty and staff personnel are eligible to purchase a Campus Recreation Services membership and participate in all Campus Recreation Services Activities.
- **Alumni.** Alumni that belong to the Alumni Association are eligible to purchase a monthly Campus Recreation Services membership and participate in specified Campus Recreation Services activities. In Intramural team activities, the majority of the team must be comprised of students or faculty/staff. No all-alumni teams will be allowed. Alumni are eligible to participate in singles or doubles events.
- **Spouses.** Spouses of eligible students and faculty/staff are eligible to purchase a Campus Recreation Services membership and participate in all Campus Recreation Services activities.
- **Children.** Children of eligible families who are over the age of 18 are eligible to purchase a Campus Recreation Services membership and participate in all Campus Recreation Services activities.
- **VA Hospital, Research Park & Fort Douglas.** Employees from each of these organizations are eligible to purchase a Campus Recreation Services membership and participate in all Campus Recreation Services activities. Their spouses may also purchase a membership and participate.
- **Varsity Athletes.** Athletic team members who participate (in games or practice) with the intercollegiate team, during or after the first scheduled game of the athletic season, are ineligible for participation in that Intramural sport or any related sport for that academic year.
- **Professional Athletes.** Professional athletes may participate in all Intramural Sports not related to their professional sport.

ID Policy

- Each individual must present their valid University of Utah ID to the attendant the first time that individual plays for a team.
- After an individual's ID card has been validated, that individual may present any form of PICTURE ID.
- During the first week of league play, the IDs will be scanned by the IM Staff.
- All individuals should be checked in and ready to play by forfeit time (10 minutes after scheduled time).
- There will be a designated area on each field for ID checks. Please arrive early enough to check-in.

Field/Court Layouts

Intramural Sports Activities occur primarily in or around the HPER Complex. Other activities may be held throughout the University of Utah Campus depending on the type of activity (i.e. golf events at the U of U Golf Course, racquetball, table tennis, and squash at the Field House, etc.)

- Ballif Field (Football)
 - 2 fields

- 1 on the south end running east and west
 - check-in and first aid table along the north sideline
 - 1 on the north end running diagonally north and south
 - check-in and first aid table along the east sideline
- Baliff Field (Softball)
 - 2 fields
 - check-in and first aid tables behind backstops
- Fort Douglas Field
 - 2 fields
 - both running north and south
 - check-in and first aid tables between the two fields
- West Field
 - 1 field
 - check-in and first aid table on east side of field
- HPER E 101
 - Number of courts depends on activity
 - Check-in and first aid tables on ends closest to the walls
- HPER E 109
 - Number of courts depends on activity
 - Check-in and first aid tables on ends closest to the walls
- HPER N 101
 - Number of courts depends on activity
 - Check-in and first aid tables on ends closest to the walls
- HPER W 116
 - Number of courts depends on activity
 - Check-in and first aid tables on ends closest to the walls
- FIELD HOUSE SPORT COURT
 - One sport court for indoor soccer and basketball use

Dress Code

- All participants should make an effort to wear appropriate athletic wear to all competitions.
- No jeans or jean shorts are allowed in competition.
- No pockets, belt loops, or belts are allowed in competition.
- All participants must wear a shirt under the provided jersey.
- No jewelry with the exception of religious items or medical alert/identification items will be allowed.
- If the item falls under the exception rule, it should be secured to avoid injury to all participants including the individual.
- No metal cleats are allowed during competition.
- Protective gear such as a mouth piece or shin guards are strongly encouraged due to the nature of the activities.

Equipment Policy

- All equipment will be provided by the Intramural Sports office.
- Every effort will be made to ensure high quality equipment.
- No game will be played with independent equipment, unless it is absolutely necessary.

Medical Coverage

- All participants in the Intramural Sports Programs are responsible for their own medical insurance coverage.
- The University of Utah offers inexpensive insurance that students may purchase at the time of registration.
- The University of Utah provides no medical coverage for participants in Campus Recreation Services Activities.
- **EVERYONE PARTICIPATES IN INTRAMURAL SPORTS ACTIVITIES AT THEIR OWN RISK.**

First Aid/Bleeding Policy

- Any player requiring medical attention should report to the clearly marked first aid station
- The first aid station is usually found in the middle of the playing location between two playing fields.
- If a player is bleeding, has an open wound or an excessive amount of blood on their clothing will be removed to receive medical attention.
- Any participant wishing to return to the competition must have the bleeding stopped, wound covered or clothing changed.
- First Aid policies are for the protection of all participants.

Scheduling

- **Individual Activities.** Some individual activities are self-scheduled (Racquetball, Tennis, Table Tennis). After the entry deadline, each participant must obtain a schedule and a participant phone list (web based, hard copy from office, etc.). It will be up to each individual to schedule his/her own matches by the time period specified.
- **Team Activities.** All efforts will be made to account for particular scheduling problems but it is impossible to fulfill everyone's requests. Please contact the Intramural Sports Coordinator if there is a problem.
- Schedules will be posted outside HPER E-214 on the board that reads "SCHEDULES"
- Schedules are posted on the web (www.utah.edu/campusrec).
- Schedules will be emailed to every individual who has an email address listed on the roster.
- Schedule changes will be emailed to all participants who provided an email.
- The team captain is responsible for the organization of the team and is responsible for making sure each player has a schedule. **DO NOT HAVE PLAYERS CALL TO CHECK SCHEDULES.**
- If the forms are filled out correctly, every member of a team should have an email address listed. This will help the captain tremendously as we will create email lists for the purpose of schedules, schedule changes, and cancellations.

Forfeits

- If a team or individual fails to appear and be ready to play at 10 minutes after their scheduled game time the game will be considered a forfeit and that team will lose their forfeit deposit.
- If both teams fail to appear and be ready to play at 10 minutes after their scheduled game time, both teams are assessed a forfeit and lose their forfeit deposit.
- If a team uses an ineligible player, that team will be assessed a forfeit and lose their forfeit refund.
- The Intramural Sport program reserves the right to declare a forfeit in any competition due to violation of rules or policies or where poor sportsmanship occurs.
- If a team accrues two or more forfeits during the regular season that team will not advance to the tournament.
- If a team forfeits ONCE in the playoffs, that team will be disqualified from further tournament play.
- If a team finds it necessary to forfeit a game, that team must contact the IM Sports office (HPER E 214) by 5:00 pm the day before to be eligible for a refund. This may occur only once during regular or tournament play.

League Play

- League play is usually round robin or pool play where the teams play each other to obtain the best win/loss record. At the end of the league play, the teams will be seeded according to win/loss record into a single or double elimination tournament.
- League schedules are usually created with software that ensures efficiency and fairness.
- In cases where schedules need to be created manually, every effort will be made ensure randomness and fairness.
- The Intramural Sports Office does not prescribe which league a team must participate in. Frequently, it is a matter of time and day that best suits the team.

This is a breakdown of the various leagues offered by the Intramural Sports Program:

Open Competitive (Division I)	Generally for above average ability participants who desire a higher level of competition. (Any combination of male/female)
Open Recreational (Division II)	Generally for participants wanting a fun, well-rounded athletic experience. (Any combination of male/female)
Co-rec	Coed leagues requiring a specific amount of males and females playing at all times.

- If a team is misplaced in a competitive or recreational league the team may make a request to the Intramural Sports Coordinator to place them in the appropriate league when elimination tournaments are due to be scheduled.
- **The Intramural Sports Supervisors and the Intramural Sports Coordinator reserve the right to determine into which tournament each team will be placed.**
- Some elimination tournaments will include all the teams in a league (unless a team has more than two forfeits), some will include only the top teams, and others will combine different leagues. Combining different leagues will mean that the tournament will not play on the same days as the individual leagues.
- **Participants must play at least two league games to be eligible to play in the tournament.**

Tournament Play

- Tournament play may or may not fall on the same day/time as the regular season league. Please be aware of this at the beginning of the season and plan ahead of time. Tournaments take place over a shorter amount of time and must be scheduled accordingly.
- Two or more forfeits during the regular season will make a team ineligible for the tournament.
- Participants must play at least two league games to be eligible to play in the tournament.
- Tournament brackets are based on win/loss records, point differentials, and sportsmanship ratings.
- Brackets are arranged into Competitive and Recreational divisions.
- Types of tournaments will be based on number of teams, time frame, and scheduling availability.
- Seeding for tournament brackets is accomplished with the use of software that analyzes all pertinent information.
- Where software cannot be used, the following point system is used to determine rankings:
 - 3 points awarded for a win
 - 2 points awarded for a tie
 - 1 point awarded for a loss
 - -1 point assessed for a forfeit

Rainouts/Postponements

- Every effort will be made to play all scheduled games.
- In case of a rainout during the regular season, an effort will be made to reschedule but it is not likely.
- In case of a rainout during the playoffs, the games will be rescheduled.
- Games may be cancelled or postponed due to rain or snow.
- Games may be cancelled or postponed due to field conditions.
- Games may be cancelled or postponed due to lighting.
- Games may be cancelled or postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Information regarding cancellations or postponements may be obtained at www.utah.edu/campusrec or my emailing intramurals@campnet.utah.edu.

Supervision

- An Intramural Sports Supervisor will be present at the field or facility during every competition. The supervisor has the final word on all decisions made at the game site.
- All discrepancies and protests occurring during play will be settled by the supervisor unless they are beyond his/her jurisdiction. (i.e. eligibility protests, etc.).
- **Appeals may be addressed with the Intramural Sports Coordinator (HPER E-214) within 24 hours.**

Protest Procedures

Two types of protests will be allowed:

- A protest of the eligibility of an opposing player or the legality of a team's roster. This protest must be submitted to the Intramural Sports Coordinator within 24 hours of the contest. It must be in writing and presented by the team captain and any members of the team having been involved. **NO PROTEST WILL BE ACCEPTED OR HEARD BEYOND THE 24 HOUR DEADLINE.**
- **If the protest is upheld, the game is forfeited by the offending team. If the protest is declined, the game score will stand.**
- Rule interpretations by an official on the field. This protest will be heard immediately by the on-site supervisor and will be decided at that time. An official's time-out will be called and the supervisor will be summoned to make a decision.
- **If the protest is upheld, the decision will be changed and the game will continue. If the protest is denied, the game will continue and the time-out will be charged to the protesting team. If they have no time-outs available, they will be penalized accordingly.**
- **NO PROTEST ON JUDGEMENT CALLS BY THE OFFICIALS WILL BE ALLOWED. The call will stand unalterably as the official sees it. Overly aggressive response to a judgement call may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and the appropriate penalties will be enforced.**

Sportsmanship

In order to maintain the quality of competition which is reinforced by positive sportsmanship the following policies will be strictly enforced.

- **EACH TEAM SHALL HAVE A TEAM CAPTAIN**
- If no captain is formally named at each game, the game official shall choose whom he/she perceives as the team leader.
- The **TEAM CAPTAIN** is the only member of the team who can discuss the game situations with the official. **Any other team member who attempts to discuss the game situations with the official shall be warned once. If they continue, the yellow/red card penalties shall be enforced.**

The IM Sports program uses a Yellow/Red Card system to monitor and ensure good sportsmanship. This applies to players, captains, bench personnel, and spectators for your specific team. This includes but is not limited to unsportsmanlike conduct, rough play, and improper behavior (persistent infringement of any rules of the game). **TEAM CAPTAINS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS.**

Penalties for rough play are sport specific and will be enforced in addition to unsportsmanlike penalties.

Yellow Card	Red Card
Arguing with official	Flagrant abuse to official or player
Rough Contact (unintentional)	Rough contact (intentional)
Directional Profanity	Fighting (offensive or defensive)

One Yellow Card	Two Yellow Cards/One Red Card
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Player sits out two minutes - No one can replace for two minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Player is ejected from game and must leave the gym - If the ejection causes the team to drop below the minimum number of players, the game is forfeited. - Ejected player may not be replaced. - Player is suspended from the next game and must consult with the Intramural Sports Coordinator before obtaining a release to play in future games.

- Two red cards in the same semester will result in the player being suspended for one academic year and must consult with the Intramural Sports Coordinator before obtaining a release to participate in future activities.
- If there is flagrant misconduct, any offending person will be removed from the game and if necessary from the facility. Refusal to comply will result in the game being declared a forfeit in favor of the non-offending team.
- If the game becomes uncontrollable, as perceived by the game officials or on-site supervisor, the game is forfeited by the offending team. This situation may develop due to the actions of players or spectators. If both teams are perceived to be causative, then a double forfeit shall occur.

Penalty Recap

- A player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall leave the facility or field immediately. If he/she refuses, the game shall be ruled a forfeit in favor of the opposing team.
- Any team that has two instances of ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct will not be allowed to

participate in the final elimination tournament. If the second ejection occurs during the elimination tournament, their remaining games shall be considered forfeits.

- Any player ejected during the final elimination tournament for unsportsmanlike conduct will not be allowed to participate in any of the remaining games.
- Any threats to an official or to other players will be turned over to the Campus Police and formal charges may be brought against the offender(s).
- Any player who **physically abuses** another player or Intramural Sports employee will be banned from all Intramural Sports Activities for the period of one calendar year. At that time they can only join a team after the team captain and the player meet (by appointment) with the Intramural Sports Coordinator.

Appeals

- All appeals shall be heard by the Intramural Sports Coordinator who may call such witnesses as deemed necessary to provide an overall view of the situation. Other Campus Recreation Services Personnel may be called upon to provide additional judgment.
- **The Intramural Sports Coordinator reserves the right to rule on anything not specifically covered in these rules or any other rules or policies given during this program.**

Greek/RHA Point System

The Intramural Sports Greek Point System was initiated several years ago for recognized social fraternities and sororities on the University of Utah Campus. This system is designed to have a positive effect on participation, competition, and socialization of the Greek Organizations.

The point system has been extended to include floors and halls from all on-campus housing. The two organizations DO NOT compete against the other, they are simply governed by the same set of rules with one exception (the RHA system points are calculated for Fall and Spring semester of the same academic year, with summer not counting)

Awarding Points

- The number of points awarded is dependent upon the sport and its classification. The following classifications will be used for the program:

Class I Sports	All team sports with more than four competitors participating at one time. This would also include sports where individuals compete but contribute to an overall team score.
Class II Sports	All team sports with four or less team members including doubles sports as in golf or tennis.
Class III Sports	All individual Intramural Sports competitions.

Points System

Class I Sports	Competitive (Division I)	Recreational (Division II)
1 st Place	50	30
2 nd Place	40	20

3 rd Place	30	15
4 th Place	20	10
Participation	10	10

Class II Sports	Competitive (Division I)	Recreation (Division II)
1 st Place	20	15
2 nd Place	16	10
3 rd Place	12	7
4 th Place	8	5
Participation	10	10

Class III Sports	Competitive (Division I)	Recreation (Division II)
1 st Place	10	7
2 nd Place	8	5
3 rd Place	6	3
4 th Place	4	2
Participation	5	5

Guidelines

- An organization may enter as many teams as they wish as long as no individual plays for more than one team.
- Each team the organization enters will be awarded participation points providing they do not forfeit a single game. If a game is forfeited **or there is not representative at the captain's meeting** (when applicable), no participation points can be accumulated.
- If a team forfeits two or more games or forfeits in any elimination tournament, participation points will be subtracted from that organization. Forfeits can be avoided by calling the Intramural Sports Office during business hours at least 24 hours prior to the competition and request a game cancellation. Each team is allowed one cancellation.
- In activities where there are not enough Greek teams competing to comprise full tournament brackets, points will be awarded based on performance in the overall tournament.
- When no classification or division is used, maximum points will be awarded for the class of that activity.

Awards

- Awards are offered for 1st place teams in each league tournament, not each league day.
- Awards are offered for the best sportsmanship in each league.

Employment Opportunities

- The Intramural Sports Program is provided for the students by the students. It could never exist without energetic, athletically minded students.
- Part-time sports officials are needed each semester for various sports and special events. We offer flexible schedules and experience in sports management, tournament scheduling, officiating, and field preparation. This experience is very valuable for ESS and Sports Marketing Majors.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

- If you have questions, comments, or concerns regarding any aspect of Intramural Sports that a sport supervisor has not adequately answered, please contact the Intramural Sports Office at 581-3797.
- Email may be sent to jgomez@campnet.utah.edu
- Information may also be found on our website: www.utah.edu/campusrec