University of Oregon Intramural Handbook

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Intramural sports program offers more than 40 different individual and team sport activities throughout the academic year with over 8,500 participants annually. The program is also committed to the development of leadership qualities in students. Each year we hire over 100 students to be sports officials and intramural sports supervisors.

We offer sport leagues that are competitive and recreational in nature as well as offering divisions that include men, women, coed, and open. We strive to find the best fit for all participants and their ability level.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & RECREATION

Our Core Purpose

Physical Education and Recreation educates, engages and inspires the campus community to live Active, Balanced Lives.

Our Vision

Being active and seeking balance is a way of life.

Our Core Values

*In addition to the values set forth in our vision and core purpose, we value and are committed to:*

- **Compassion** – We act with empathy, respect, kindness and understanding.
- **Cooperation** – We acknowledge, encourage and support each other within the department, across the division and community.
- **Development** – We challenge and support ourselves and others to learn, grow, and improve personally and professionally.
- **Equity and Inclusion** – We commit to creating a safe and welcoming environment where everyone belongs.
- **Excellence** – Our energy, expertise and investment is evident in the exceptional quality of our services, programs and facilities.
- **Fun** – We infuse playfulness and positive energy into what we do.
- **Integrity** – We are accountable, responsible, transparent and honest. We strive to do the right thing.
- **Stewardship** – We expect ourselves and others to act responsibly with the human experience and all resources.

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Section 1: Eligibility

Article 1: Eligibility
A participant must be a current University of Oregon student taking at least 1 fee-bearing credit or be a current faculty or staff member. The students taking one or more fee-bearing credit hours automatically pay the Recreational Sports student fee and therefore, are eligible to participate in our programs. The following people are also eligible to participate after obtaining a spousal/domestic partnership/dependent card from ASUO. Then individuals must visit the UO Card Office to purchase a Community Card ($10):

- Spouses/partners of current students taking one fee-bearing credit
- Spouses/partners of faculty or staff members

Spouses/partners- After obtaining a Community Card you will also need to request a PE & REC account to access IMLeagues. Please contact Assistant Director for Intramural Sports, Amanda Deml, for access: ademl@uoregon.edu

Article 2: Professional/Olympic Athlete Rule
Professional athletes, current or former, may not participate in their respective or alike sport, activity or event. A professional athlete is defined as a person who has been paid to participate in a sport, under contract with a professional team, included on a professional team roster, practiced with a professional team and/or compensated for trying out for a team.

Article 3: Intercollegiate Athlete Rule
Intercollegiate athletes are not eligible to participate in their respective or alike intramural sport, activity or event until a period of one year has passed following completion of all activities for the Department of Athletics. After the period has passed, former intercollegiate athletes must participate at the highest level of competition offered in their respective sport. Intercollegiate athletes are defined as individuals who are practicing with or competing with a team recognized by the Department of Athletics as a varsity sport. Included in this rule are redshirt athletes. Intercollegiate athletes may participate in intramural sports programs other than their intercollegiate sport.

Article 4: Sport Club Athlete Rule
No more than ONE club athletes may participate for the same team in their respective or alike intramural sport, activity or event. Sport club members must participate at the highest level of competition (Competitive) offered in their respective sport. A sport club member is defined as an individual who has practiced or played in a contest for a registered sport club during the academic year. EXCEPTIION: Softball teams may have TWO club softball or baseball members per team. Club softball/baseball members must play at the Advanced level.

Article 5: Identification Policy
To participate in any intramural sport, event or activity, all participants must show a valid University of Oregon issued photograph identification card. Spouses must show their photo issued Rec Pass/Community Pass card to check in as well. No exceptions.

Misuse of an identification card (borrowing, lending, counterfeiting, altering, etc.) is a violation of The University of Oregon Student Code of Conduct. The identification card will be confiscated and the individual attempting to use the
card will be ineligible to participate. If the card belongs to another student, that student will be suspended from Intramural Participation as well as use of the Student Recreation Center. Students may pick up their card by contacting the Assistant Director for Intramural Sports. This misuse of an identification card will also count as an ejection toward the team, without refund.

**Article 6: Number of Teams**

Men may play on:
- 1 Men’s Team (recreational or competitive) AND
- 1 Coed Team (coed recreational or coed competitive)
*cannot play on 2 men’s teams or 2 Coed teams

Women may play on:
- 1 Women’s Team (recreational or competitive) AND
- 1 Coed Team (coed recreational or coed competitive)
*cannot play on 2 women’s teams or 2 Coed teams

**Article 7: Gender Restriction**

In activities with separate divisions for men’s and women’s competition, no person may participate in a division of the opposite gender. When an activity is not offered to both men and women (in separate divisions) or there is not enough of one gender to form a league, that gender will have the opportunity to compete with the opposite gender.

**Article 8: Gender Identity Inclusion Policy**

The University of Oregon Intramural department holds the equality and inclusion of its participants in the highest regard. Every participant has the right to an unbiased, fair opportunity to play. When an activity makes a gender designation, an individual can participate based on their self-identified gender identity when classification is required. In situations where individuals do not identify with a particular category used for intramural activities or are in the process of transitioning to another gender, the Assistant Director of Intramural Sports will provide direction and options on a case by case basis. In addition, if participants compete in extramural events, cases will be resolved based on applicable National Governing Body Policies.

**Article 9: Illegal Participation**

Teams found to have participants not following the above eligibility policies may be ejected from the league without refund, or have games forfeited to its opponent regardless of the actual outcome. The participants in question may be suspended from that specific team or all intramural activities and Recreational Sports facilities for any length of time deemed appropriate. Participation is defined as the individual’s name appearing on the roster, joining the team on IMLeagues or signing on-site waiver, and/or stepping onto the field of play for any period of time during game play. The intramural sports program reserves the right to investigate the eligibility of any participant at any time. It is not necessary for a team to file a formal protest for a player to be ruled ineligible.

NOTE: Captains believing that the opposing team has ineligible players are highly encouraged to file a formal protest. Refer to Section 10: Protests. Your help in making our intramural sports program as fair as possible is greatly appreciated, and your formal protest assists the intramural sports staff in providing fair and safe opportunities.
Section 2: Captain’s Responsibilities

Article 1: Team Captain
When registering for a team sport, a captain/manager must be designated to the intramural sports staff on IMLeagues. This person will be the main contact between the intramural sports program and the team.

Article 2: Responsibilities
The team captain/manager is a vital link between the individuals participating in a sport and the intramural sports staff. For this reason, any person assuming the role of a team captain/manager has a number of responsibilities he or she is obligated to. The captain/manager is responsible for:

- Attend the mandatory manager’s meeting for all league sports and the playoff meetings if applicable. If the manager/captain cannot attend, they must designate a representative.
- Register team online through IMLeagues.com during appropriate time
- Pay for team entry fees during the appropriate payment window or send a representative.
- Knowing that all team members are eligible to play in an intramural contest. This not only includes whether or not they are an eligible student or faculty/staff member at University of Oregon, but also having full knowledge that each member is playing on a legal number of teams.
- Inviting all teammates to join their team through the intramural sports online registration and management system at IMLeagues.com.
- Ensuring that all teammates are registered on IMLeagues.com before game time on the day of the event
- Informing all players of the game time and location, including checking the playoff schedules the first day of posting and every day following competition.
- Requiring all team members to present a valid University of Oregon ID prior to the start of every game. IDs are required at all intramural events and must be presented each time an individual plans to participate in an event.
- Representing each member of their team and being the only participant to discuss rule interpretations and calls with game officials.
- Filing all protests, submitting default notices, etc., with the intramural sports staff on time.
- Knowing all scheduled meetings, rules, policies, and procedures of the intramural sports program and passing this information along to all team members. Rules can be found on the Intramural Sports website or IMLeagues.
- Assisting the intramural sports staff with implementing the sportsmanship policy to all team members.
- Arriving at the game site at least 15 minutes prior to the start of every contest to be sure all teammates are checked in and that any necessary equipment is checked out.
- Communicating with the intramural sports student and professional staff throughout the season about any problems or concerns that may be occurring at the site. This includes frequently checking and responding to emails sent by the intramural sports staff.
- Cooperating with the intramural sports staff at the game site concerning any protests, incidents or accidents that may occur and with the intramural sports staff the day following such occurrences.

Article 3: Mandatory Captain Quiz
Each captain (and participant) will be required to complete a quiz prior to registering his/her team online at the IMLeagues site. The captain will be prompted to complete the quiz when creating a team. The captain must score 100 percent on the quiz to register the team. All questions will come from the Intramural Sports Handbook and the specific rulebook of the sport.

Article 4: Inclement Weather Situations
Intramural activities are subject to cancelation due to poor weather and/or field conditions. The decision to cancel games will not be relayed from the intramural sports staff until 3 p.m. In the event of inclement weather (rain, snow, lightning, etc.), the intramural sports staff will contact captains by email or phone if games are postponed or cancelled. Intramural sports will not call all participants to inform them that games are canceled due to weather. Captains are responsible for informing their team. After the first game of the night, the on-site intramural staff will decide the status of the cancellations from there on. Any games cancelled due to weather after the midpoint of the game will be considered complete games.

Article 5: Team Evaluation of Officials
Teams are always afforded the chance to evaluate the officiating crew after each contest/event. Captains may find an intramural sports supervisor after their contest/event to fill out the appropriate form. These evaluations will be reviewed by a professional staff member and used as a learning tool for our officials. Please take time to evaluate performance that you consider excellent, poor or anywhere in between. We welcome and appreciate all feedback.

Note: Intramural Officials are all current students at the University of Oregon. Officials are given the most effective and adequate training in the limited amount of training time they that is available. Participants are expected to always treat officials with respect and any harassment and/or abuse in a physical or verbal nature will not be tolerated.

Article 6: Rules and Eligibility Protests
All protests must be filed at the time of the incident in question by the team captain. Sports may have a specific set of rules regarding when a protest may be filed. Please refer to Section 10: Protests.

Section 3: Participant
Responsibilities

Article 1: Responsibilities
The Intramural Sports Staff is proud to offer a variety of activities for the University of Oregon campus community. However, each person participating in an intramural event assumes responsibilities as an individual participant. Participants are responsible for:

• Creating an account for the intramural online registration system, IMLeagues.
• Joining your team roster on IMLeagues.com by the deadline.
• Knowing your team’s game time and location.
• Agreeing to the waiver on IMLeagues or filling one out on-site for events that require on-site registration.
• Arriving at the site at least 15 minutes prior to the start of every contest to make sure that your name is properly documented and that any necessary equipment is checked out.
• Bringing a valid University of Oregon ID Card to all intramural sport competitions. IDs are required at all intramural events, no exceptions, and must be presented each time an individual plans to participate in an event.
• Being familiar with all rules, schedules, policies, and procedures including the sportsmanship and eligibility policies of the intramural sports program.
• Cooperating before, during, and after competition with the intramural sports staff on site.

Article 2: Mandatory Participant Quiz
Each participant will be required to complete a quiz prior to joining a team online on IMLeagues. The participant will be prompted to complete the quiz before joining a team. The participant must score 100 percent on the quiz to join the team. All questions will come from the Intramural Sports Handbook and the specific rulebook of the sport.

Article 3: Participant Safety and Injuries
The possibility of injury exists in all sports. The PE & Recreation Department assumes no responsibility for injuries. However, basic first aid will be available at game sites. All participants acknowledge an assumption of risk by their
voluntary participation in intramural activities. All participants must sign the waiver on IMLeagues, or fill out the on-site waiver if applicable, prior to participating in any intramural activity.

When a participant is bleeding, has an open wound, or has blood on his or her uniform, the player will be directed to leave the game. The injured player may not return to the game until the bleeding has stopped, the open wound covered, and/or the bloody uniform is changed. The game may continue play without the injured player at the discretion of the intramural sports staff.

Non-metal Knee and ankle braces unaltered from the manufacturer’s original design/production shall be permitted and do not require additional padding. Please review sport specific rules for additional equipment restrictions and requirements.

Any participant displaying concussion-like symptoms, as identified by the intramural sports staff, shall be removed from play immediately. Participant will not be allowed to participate until a Concussion Clearance Form has been completed and submitted to the Assistant Director for Intramural Sports during normal business hours, which are Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. Concussion Clearance Forms will not be accepted on-site.

NOTE: Concussion Awareness: The Intramural Sports Staff reserves the right to revoke a participant from participating in further intramural activity if concussion like symptoms are visible or disclosed. Participants removed from play for concussion like symptoms may be suspended from play until cleared by a medical physician.

Article 4: Equipment Check Out

Basic equipment for most intramural activities may be checked out through the Equipment Issue Desk inside the Student Recreation Center. Check sport rules to see which items you are responsible for bringing. Please check the availability of equipment prior to your game. To check out equipment from the Equipment Issue desk you either enter your UO Student ID number or scan your UO ID card.

Article 5: Use of Adaptive Equipment

University of Oregon, an AA/EO institution, is strongly and actively committed to increasing diversity within its community. UO provides individuals with disabilities reasonable accommodations to participate in the activities, programs and services announced in this handbook. Individuals with disabilities requiring an accommodation to participate in a program should call the Assistant Director for Intramural Sports at (541) 346-4009 or contact by email at ademl@uoregon.edu. Adaptive equipment can be implemented as necessary to promote inclusion for all our participants.

Article 6: Personal Health Insurance

The Intramural Sports Program does not require participants to acquire or provide health insurance but strongly encourages all participants to procure insurance which would provide for general medical benefits and health and accident coverage for injury and loss incurred while participating.

Section 4: League Definitions

Article 1: Team Sports

Intramural sports provide competitive and recreational levels of participation. The levels of play vary with each sport. All leagues play regular-season games and teams must qualify for playoffs that include factors such as league record and/or sports code ratings.
The levels commonly offered by the intramural sports program include:

**Competitive Level**
This level is the most competitive level of play and offered in all sports that acquire enough entries to split levels between competitive and recreational. Teams are comprised of often highly skilled, competitive individuals, typically with prior playing experience.

**Recreational Level**
Teams participating at this level are less competitive than the Competitive Level. Player ability is not as important as having fun and socializing. Recreational levels are offered for a range of interests including competitive play, social gathering and/or individuals learning a new sport.

**Men’s Leagues**
This league is designed for men only. There may be a men’s competitive and men’s recreation division offered per sport if available.

**Women’s League**
This league is designed for women only. There may be a women’s competitive and women’s recreation division offered per sport if available.

**Coed Leagues**
This league is designed for teams that consist of both men and women participants. These leagues have a gender ratio requirement of men and women. See sport specific rules for gender ratio requirements. There will be a coed competitive and coed recreation division offered per sport if available.

**Open Leagues**
This league combines both the competitive and recreation teams and is offered for both men and women without gender ratio requirements. This division is typically offered when there are not enough teams to split divisions out to more specific criteria. Example: if two teammates are required to play a game, it can be two men, two women, or 1 male and 1 female participant.

Team captains are responsible for ensuring their team members follow all eligibility requirements. Team captains are also advised to seek clarification on special eligibility requirements, if necessary.

**Section 5: Registration Information**

**Article 1: General Information**
Intramural sports registration will take place throughout the term based on when each sport/event begins. Register by visiting IMLeagues.com or recweb.uoregon.edu. If you begin at IMLeagues.com it will re-direct you to our university portal which is recweb.uoregon.edu. All current students have an account and can sign in accordingly. Sign in with your Duck ID (first part of your Oregon email address) and your password (Oregon email password). Then click the “Intramurals” tab along the top toolbar. You then will be taken to IMLeagues where participants can create an IMLeagues account if they are first-time visitors, and then find complete details on how to register your team and all the information for our sports and special events. Participants are responsible for checking the intramural sports website for complete details, including times and locations.
Article 2: How to Register for Intramural Sports

All participants are required to create an account with IMLeagues.com. Note: IMLeagues offers a live support button on the right side of all pages. Use this button if you encounter any difficulties. You may also contact the Intramural Sports Assistant Director during office hours 8:00am-5:00pm at (541) 346-4009.

1. Go to recweb.uoregon.edu and click ‘sign in’ in the upper right hand corner. This will take you to a Fusion portal log in page, all Oregon students have an account already. Sign in with your Duck ID and your Oregon email password. Then click on “intramurals” along the top toolbar.
2. After clicking “intramurals” it will bring up an orange Imleagues icon in the middle of the page, click on the icon and it will re-direct you to IMLeagues.com
3. If it is your first time on the site, you will be promoted to create an account and fill in demographic information. This will be used for statically reporting participation data and we will only use your phone number if we have to contact you in urgent matters.
4. If you are a faculty/staff member or spouse, you will need to have an account created, contact the Assistant Director for Intramural Sports, at (541) 346-4009 to get access.

Pre-Registration

- Prior to the official registration window for each sport, team captains will be able to pre-register their team to assist with the process and their team will be automatically placed on the waitlist.
- The captain must pass the online captain’s quiz prior to completing the team creation. The quiz will cover responsibilities of the captain, as well as rules for the sport.
- Teams will not be required to pay until the team is moved into a division during registration and are responsible for paying during the designated time which will be discussed at the Manager’s Meeting.
- Pre-registering does not guarantee any team a spot in the intramural sports season; it is designed to speed up the process during registration. When registration officially opens the team captain, if they attended the mandatory Manager’s Meeting, must go onto IMLeagues and move their team into the division of their choosing. Spots fill up on a first come, first serve basis.
- For special events, that do not require a Manager’s Meeting, spots fill up accordingly to whoever comes to the SRC Service Desk with their roster and payment to secure the spot. After the Intramural Staff receive their roster and see payment has been completed, they will confirm your entry and spot online.

To Register

- Log in to your IMleagues.com account at recweb.uoregon.edu
- Click on the University of Oregon icon at the top of the page or the “Home” icon
- The current sports will be displayed below; click on the green sport icon you wish to play
- Read all the registration instructions and review the sport rules
- Click on the league you are interested in playing (men’s, women’s, coed, etc)
- Click the green “create team” button to create a team. Follow instructions from there.
- You will be required to pass the quiz for all league sports to create a team. The Intramural Handbook and specific sport rule book are available to you to assist you with the correct answers.
- Once you create your team, invite members to join by clicking the invite members link on the team page. Any invited member must accept the invitation to be joined to your team.
- Remember to send a representative to attend the mandatory manager’s meeting of your desired sport. Then you will be required to come and pay for your team and secure your spot during the designated payment windows which will be discussed in detail at the manager’s meeting.
To Join a Team
Two options:
• Accept an invitation from a captain.
• Find the team and captain name on division/league page and request to join.

No Team, No Problem (Free Agent Registration)
You can list yourself as a free agent in as many divisions within a league as you want. You will be visible to all members of the site and can request to join teams or post information about yourself so teams can request to add you to their team. The best way to join a team as a free agent is to attend the Manager’s meeting where team captains can meet you or you can meet other free agents and create a team.

NOTE: Check the intramural sports website for registration information for each specific sport. Some sports such as the Golf Tournament, Soccer Golf, 5k Halloween Fun Run, and the Track Meet have different procedures.

Article 3: Unfilled Divisions/Leagues/Events and Refunds
In the event that the division or league you select does not fill and has to be closed, you will be notified by the Intramural Sports staff to review your options of moving or joining another division or league. We will make every attempt to accommodate each registration. If we cannot accommodate your registration, you will be fully refunded your registration fee. If you register your team and then decide to drop voluntarily, you will not receive a refund unless your team can be replaced. If a special event has to be cancelled, you registration fee will be fully refunded.

Section 6: Rosters
Article 1: Creating a Team Roster
All team rosters must be created in the intramural sports online registration system, IMLeagues. The captain must invite eligible individuals to join through the website. All roster additions must be completed by deadline, which for league sports is 8:00am day of game, or for Sunday games, 8:00am Friday. For Special Events, there are specific roster deadlines, see website for details. If a participant is not on the printed roster at the field, they will not be able to participate.

If an individual’s name, ID number, or photograph are indecipherable or faded out on their University of Oregon ID card, that individual will not be eligible to participate.

Article 2: Team Names
A team name that promotes intolerance, degrades a racial, ethnic, gender or religious group, infers an explicit sexual reference or promotes destructive behavior such as that associated with alcohol or drugs is considered disrespectful to University members and the University community at large. The name will be deemed inappropriate by Intramural Sports Staff and be modified accordingly.

Article 3: Playoff Rosters
All rosters are locked after the final regular season game. No additions to rosters may be made during the playoffs.

NOTES: The Intramural Sports Staff will review situations on a case-by-case basis if a team requests to add players after the regular season. Only extremely special circumstances will be taken into account. For example: players sustain season-ending injuries may potentially be replaced if roster is significantly affected. Contact the intramural sports professional staff a minimum of 24 hours prior to the game affected. The intramural sports program reserves the right to
investigate the eligibility of teams and players. These investigations may result in forfeiture, probation, and/or suspension. Teams must follow the eligibility requirements stated in this handbook and reviewed during the captain’s quiz.

**Section 7: Defaults and Forfeits**

**Article 1: Default**
Any team knowing in advance that they will be unable to play a regularly scheduled contest is provided the opportunity to default the contest. This will result in the team receiving a loss and a sports code of “4” for the contest. To receive a default, the captain must email the Intramural Sports Assistant Director (ademl@uoregon.edu) by midnight the night before the game. For teams playing on Sunday, the deadline is midnight, Thursday. The opposing team will then be contacted by the Intramural Sports Office to let them know they do not need to arrive for their scheduled contest and they have been awarded the win, and a sports code of “5”.

A team is allowed one default per sport per season. Any request after the first default will be counted as a forfeit.

If a team has been granted a default and the contest is then canceled due to weather or scheduling issues, the default will be removed and the contest will be played normally if it can be rescheduled.

**Article 2: Forfeit**
A forfeited game will be marked as a forfeit in the team standings and the team will receive a “3” sports code rating for the contest. Three situations will result in a forfeit:
- **Not Enough Players** – Team does not have the required number of players to participate 5 minutes past the scheduled start time.
- **Eligibility** – One or more of the players participating is ineligible and therefore may not participate. Ineligibility may be due to the player misusing an ID, being listed on multiple rosters within the same league, ruled ineligible for sportsmanship-related issues, etc.
- **Sportsmanship** – Game is ended by staff for sportsmanship-related issues.

**Article 3: Forfeit Policy**
There will be a 5-minute grace period for all games. Failure to arrive and check in before 5 minutes past game time will result in the intramural sports supervisor declaring the game forfeited. A late team will automatically be dropped to a “3” sportsmanship rating and removed from the league, without refund. If both teams fail to appear, a double forfeit will be declared. Each sport requires a specific number of participants to begin a game. It is the captain’s responsibility to be at the game site on time with the minimum number of players required to play. A replacement team from the wait-list will be sought by the Intramural Sports Office, if no team can be found, your team may have the option of paying a $15 re-instatement fee at the SRC Service Center Desk to re-admitted into the league and take your spot back. We strongly encourage teams to not forfeit so opponents can get the full experience.

**Article 4: Winning by Default or Forfeit**
If the opposing team has defaulted or forfeited, the winning team will receive a “5” sports code rating and the contest will be marked as a win in the team standings.

NOTE: Refund requests will not be granted for contests not played due to default or forfeit.
Section 8: Sportsmanship

Article 1: Captains
The team captain is responsible for the actions of his or her team and their spectators. Additionally, the captain will ensure that his or her team is familiar with the rules of play and intramural sports policies and procedures contained in this handbook. Sportsmanship is a vital component for success in every intramural sports contest. Participants and spectators are expected to display good sportsmanship toward opponents and the intramural sports staff at all times.

Article 2: Unsportsmanlike Conduct
Participants and spectators shall not commit acts of unsportsmanlike conduct. This includes, but is not limited to, arguments with staff, flagrant fouling, fighting, etc. before, during, or after a contest. No player or team shall:

• use foul or derogatory language, threaten or verbally abuse any other participant or intramural sports employee before, during, or after the game.
• participate in a game for which he or she is ineligible.
• argue or talk back to the intramural sports staff. Only the captain should address an official, and only if done so in a courteous manner.
• intentionally strike, push, trip, or flagrantly foul another participant, spectator or intramural sports employee.
• mistreat the facility, equipment or supplies of the University of Oregon and/or the PE & REC Department.
• attempt to check in using another person’s UO ID card.

Article 3: Individual Sportsmanship - Definitions
Any participant displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be issued either a conduct warning or ejection by the game officials or intramural sport supervisors. These conduct warnings or ejections are classified differently in each sport. The following are examples:

Soccer
• One conduct yellow card – Conduct warning
• Two yellow cards or one red card – Ejection

Basketball
• One conduct technical foul – Conduct Warning
• Two technical fouls or one flagrant foul – Ejection

Flag Football
• One unsportsmanlike conduct penalty – Conduct warning
• Two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties – Ejection

Sports without levels of sportsmanship penalties
• Verbal warning – Conduct warning
• Ejection of participant with/out warning – Ejection resulting in incident report

Article 4: Individual Sportsmanship - Discipline
The intramural sports program reserves the right to apply any suspension deemed appropriate for each incident that occurs. Any participant ejected from a game, may be subjected to meet with a professional staff member. Disciplinary action will be assessed at this time. Severe cases may result in referral to the Office of Student Conduct. If a participant receives multiple conduct warnings across a number of games, a disciplinary meeting may be required and a suspension may be administered.
Article 5: Team Sports Code Rating System

The intramural sports department has developed the Sports Code Rating System with the purpose of making each individual participant responsible for his or her actions while participating in any intramural sport, activity or event. The rating system is based on the following criteria:

Each team’s conduct will be rated by the game officials and supervisors for every contest, including behavior before, during, and after the game. Incidents that occur after the rating has been given will be dealt with separately. All significant misconduct will be reported on an Incident Report form, which will be reviewed by the Intramural Sports Disciplinary Board to determine if further sanctions are necessary. The team captain is responsible for educating and informing all players and spectators affiliated with his/her team about the Sports Code Rating system.

All team members should be aware that they may suffer the consequences of any disciplinary action taken by the Intramural Sports staff against their team for violation of intramural rules and sportsmanship guidelines. Protests or appeals of the sportsmanship ratings will not be recognized. The Intramural Sports administrative staff reserves the right to review and amend a rating at any time for inappropriate conduct, use of an ineligible player, use of a suspended player, and/or inaccuracy in reporting.

Team captains will be required to sign off on the scoresheet after each contest agreeing to the final game result, score, and sports code rating. Ratings will be available on IMLeagues, the weekday following the contest.

The following guidelines for sport conduct will be enforced:

A. No player, coach or team spectator/follower shall:
   1. Participate in a contest for which he/she is ineligible.
   2. Use abrasive language or obscene gestures.
   3. Make threats (verbal and/or non-verbal) or abuse any other player, spectator, intramural employee or representative before, during or after the contest.
   4. Argue or talk back to the game official. Only the captain/manager may courteously address the game official concerning the interpretation of a rule.
   5. Intentionally touch, strike, push or trip another player, official or supervisor.
   6. Use derogatory racial or sexual remarks.
   7. Mistreat the facility, equipment or supplies of the University of Oregon.
   8. Consume alcohol or abuse other drugs on University property.
   9. Exhibit signs of intoxication or drug use.

B. Penalty for unethical sports conduct:
   1. Participant will be ejected from that game and expected to immediately leave the gym or field or a game forfeit will be called.
   2. Intramural Sports Disciplinary Board will review each ejection on a case by case basis to determine if further sanctions are necessary.
   3. Players or teams can be barred from participation indefinitely for extreme behavior.
   4. If inappropriate sports conduct occurs during playoffs, the contest may be suspended and the offending team will lose the contest.
Sports Code Rating (SC) will be based on the following criteria:

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Each individual participating on a team should choose his or her team members carefully, as all team members will suffer the consequences of any disciplinary action taken by the intramural sports program against a team or individual for violation of the rules. The team captain is responsible for actions by an individual member of the team and for spectators directly related to that team. This includes conduct of all players and spectators before, during and after a game. If a team does not maintain a “4” average throughout the regular season, that team will
not be eligible for the playoffs at the end of the season.

**Article 6: Defaults and Forfeits**
- Any team losing by default will receive a “4” sports code rating.
- Any team losing by forfeit will receive a “3” sports code rating.
- Any team winning by default or “no show” forfeit will receive a “5” sports code rating.

**Section 9: Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Policy**

**Article 1: Alcohol and/or Drug Use**
In accordance with the University of Oregon policy, alcohol consumption and drug use prior to or during an intramural sports contest is not only unsafe, but also a violation of university rules, and, if you are underage, it is illegal. The intramural sports staff strictly enforces a zero tolerance policy regarding alcohol and drugs during all intramural sport contests. Consequences for the violation of this rule may include, but are not limited to: being prohibited to continue participating in intramural sports activities, ejection from PE & REC Sports facilities, judicial referral, and, in egregious situations, arrest.

**Article 2: Tobacco**
Use of all tobacco products (cigarettes, chewing tobacco, cigars, etc.) is strictly prohibited on all of the University of Oregon’s property. The Intramural Sports Staff strictly enforces a zero tolerance policy regarding the use of tobacco to allow all participants a pleasant experience during contests and events.

**Section 10: Protests**

**Article 1: Rules Protests**
Questions pertaining to interpretation of rules on the part of game officials must be addressed to the intramural sports supervisor at the time the interpretation occurs and prior to the next live ball or play. The procedure shall be:

1. If a team feels the official has made a misinterpretation of a rule, the captain shall calmly and immediately request a “time out” and inform the official that he or she wishes to protest and have a ruling on the interpretation by official or the intramural sports supervisor in charge.
2. No protest which involves the judgment of the official(s) shall be overturned. The judgment of the official(s) is final. This also includes intramural sports staff when necessary. Example: One foot in-bounds while in possession of the ball constitutes a legal catch in flag football.

Case 1: An official rules a pass incomplete because the “player did not have two feet in bounds.” This is a rule misinterpretation, AND the team captain may protest.

Case 2: An official rules a pass incomplete because the “player’s first foot landed on the sideline.” This is a judgment call, AND the team captain may NOT protest.

3. If corrections are necessary, the intramural sports supervisor shall rule immediately and the team shall not be charged with a time out; however, if the official’s interpretation was correct, the team will be charged with a time out.
4. If the participant still does not agree with the decision at the game site, a business card of professional staff should be obtained from the competitive sports supervisor on site and completed. The contest will continue from this point “under protest.”
Article 2: Eligibility Protests
Protests involving player eligibility must be called to the immediate attention of the intramural sports supervisor prior to the completion of the contest while the protested individual is present. Participants may not make eligibility protests after the completion of the contest. A Protest Form should be obtained from the intramural sports supervisor and completed. The contest will continue from this point “under protest.” The intramural sports office reserves the right to investigate the eligibility of any participant at any time. It is not necessary for a team to file a formal protest in order for a player to be ruled ineligible.

Article 3: Protest Forms
Protests that require a Protest Form to be filled out will be reviewed by the intramural sports professional staff the following business day. The captains of both teams involved will be notified of the decision. Once the professional staff has made a decision, it is final.

Section 11: Postseason Eligibility and Scheduling

Article 1: Postseason Eligibility – Team Points
To be eligible for the playoffs, teams must have an average sports code of 4 from league play. Depending on the league structure, either all teams move into playoffs or for larger sports, only a pre-determined qualifying number of teams from each division will advance. This information is told to team captains during the Manager’s Meetings.

Playoff scheduling will be done at a Playoff Meeting where team representatives come and choose their spot in the bracket, in seed order. So the reward for teams being a high seed, is they get to choose their path (days and times) through the bracket. Teams will be seeded based off their win/loss record percentage, and then sports code.

It is the captain’s responsibility to know when the Playoff Meeting is and attend, or send a representative on their behalf. Teams that do not send a representative to the Playoff Meeting will be placed in any remaining bracket spots at the end of the meeting.

Article 2: Postseason Eligibility – Team Sportsmanship
Teams must also maintain a “4” or better sports code during post-season play or they will not advance.

Article 3: Postseason Rosters
All rosters will be frozen at the conclusion of the regular season. Players may not be added to the team during the postseason. To be eligible to participate in the postseason, an individual must have been on the roster for at least one regular season contest.

Article 4: Postseason Scheduling
Due to the high volume of games that must be played in a short amount of time, captains should check their online schedule after every completed contest to see when the next contest has been scheduled. It is the captain’s responsibility to check their postseason schedule.

NOTE: It is very difficult to re-schedule contests. Captain’s may contact the Assistant Director for Intramural Sports to request a re-schedule if the team would have to forfeit otherwise. If possible, the opponent will be contacted with re-schedule options. If the opponent does not agree to move the game, the game will not be moved. Since teams are awarded the opportunity to choose their spot in the bracket, we will not force teams to move unless there are circumstances beyond our control (weather, facility issues, etc).
Section 12: Postseason Awards

Article 1: Championship T-shirts
Intramural sports champion T-shirts will be given as awards for the champions in every intramural sport, activity and event offered throughout the school year. The T-shirts will be handed out on-site immediately following the championship contest. The number of T-shirts awarded is based on each individual sport and the number of participants who are on the roster of the winning team.

Section 13: Media Policy

Article 1: Permission Policy
Individuals wishing to get approval to take photos or video in the PE and Rec Facilities and Fields must get permission from individual career staff responsible for the specific area photos or video will be taken. Please contact the Assistant Director for Intramural Sports, Amanda Deml, or the Coordinator for Intramural Sports & Youth Camps, Sean Graninger for permission. Requests for approval must be done in advance and listed on the PE and Rec master schedule.

Media photography may be conducted in Quasi-Public Spaces with permission. Quasi-public spaces are defined as a public space with restricted access or membership requirements such as the Student Recreation Center. Public spaces such as playing fields, Gerlinger, or Gerlinger Annex become quasi-public if a scheduled or programmed activity (such as PE class, IM’s, or facility rental) is being conducted at the time.

If permission is granted by career staff, a verbal announcement to all participants is sufficient. No signed model release is necessary. The verbal announcement must inform all participants that photography will be taking place. They must be given the choice not to be included in the still or motion photography and their wishes respected.

Article 2: Intramural Sports Media Use
The University of Oregon PE/Rec staff periodically takes photographs and video during and after games for marketing purposes used on the web, in brochures, on SRC plasma screens, and printed posters. If those photographs or videos contain enrolled students, they may be considered educational records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), and therefore generally cannot be used without the prior written consent of the students in the photographs. By agreeing to the waiver terms on IMLeagues you are giving PE/Rec staff permission to use your photograph and/or video for the purposes of, and in the media, listed above. If you do NOT give permission please notify the Intramural Sports Office (SRC).

Section 14: Student Recreation Center Access

Article 1: Participation during SRC suspension
Participants who are suspended from the Student Recreation Center may not participate in Student Recreation Center programs including Intramural Sports, regardless if the activity is inside or outside the facility. Participants will be ineligible from intramural participation as long as their suspension is active.

Article 2: Animal Guardianship
Animals are not permitted inside the SRC or on the field of play at the turf fields with the exception of service animals.

Article 3: Spectator Policy
Spectators are welcome and encouraged for Intramural leagues and events.

The following policies apply to spectators:

- Spectators attend Intramural leagues and events at their own risk.
• Spectators must follow all PE & Rec general user policies.
• Spectators are limited to the space where the Intramural league or event is being held.
• Spectators should maintain a reasonable distance from the players and officials to ensure they are not impeding in the play.
• Spectators must follow directions of PE and Rec Staff at all times
• Spectators must sign in when entering the SRC at the Welcome Desk and present a picture ID
• Spectators between the age of 18 and 16 may enter the facilities for the league or event with a parent or guardian who is participating.
• Spectators under the age of 16 must be accompanied and actively supervised by a non-participating parent or guardian.
• All spectators who do not possess a SRC membership must sign in and show ID (16+) at the Welcome Desk before entering.

Section 15: Intramural Sports Employment

Article 1: Hiring of Officials
Each term the Intramural Sports Program will conduct official’s clinics to hire students to be officials for the league sports that require officials. Employment is a term by term contract. The Student Recreation Center is commitment to providing equal employment opportunities and comprehensive student development opportunities.

There is a General Official’s Meeting offered the first Tuesday of each term to introduce the available jobs and provide relevant information to the hiring process. Students are eligible to work for the Intramural Sports Program if they are a current University of Oregon/Lane Community College/Northwest Christian University student taking at least 8 credit hours at one of or a combination of the above listed institutions. Students must maintain this student status to be eligible throughout their employment.

Intramural Sports will provide official’s clinics per sport, all clinics are mandatory and any eligible student is allowed to come. Applications will be filled out on-site at the first sports clinic. Students will attend all clinics and receive classroom instruction, on-field/court station work, and then demonstrate their skills by officiating real life participants in practice games. After the clinics conclude, the Intramural Staff will select who will be hired based off of effort, attitude, and performance.

Interested student can find more information on our Student Recreation Center Website or contact the Intramural Sports Coordinator, Sean Graninger at seangran@uoregon.edu or by phone (541) 346-0673.

Article 2: Intramural Supervisors
Intramural sports’ games and events are primarily supervised by student supervisors that possess extensive and comprehensive supervisory training. To be eligible to apply for be an Intramural Sports Supervisor, students must previously serve as an Intramural Official for at least 2 terms.

Omissions

In cases where policies are not outlined in this handbook, the IM Sports staff reserve the right to use common sense and fairness in providing interpretations on the policies and procedures contained within.

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