Coastal Carolina University
Intramural Sports Participant Handbook
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This manual outlines the policies and procedures that will guide the success of the Intramural Sports program and its participants. The Recreational Sports Office reserves the right to amend, alter, or dissolve any of these guidelines or rules to benefit the program.

**Mission**

CCU University Recreation’s mission is to encourage student engagement and success through participation in recreation to support the development of healthy and responsible individuals.

**Risk**

Participation in the Intramural Sports program at CCU is a purely voluntary activity, and individuals participate at their own risk. Participants should be aware of the possibilities for bodily, mental, and emotional injury and should understand that they are responsible for any and all costs arising out of injury or property damage sustained through participation. The use of alcohol and/or drugs by participants during any recreational activity is prohibited. Additionally, food, beverages, and tobacco products (dip, chew, cigarettes, vaping, etc.) are not allowed at any Intramural Sports activity site.

**Eligibility**

The Recreational Sports staff assumes responsibility for the investigation of eligibility for all participants upon request. A valid CINO ID will be required during all intramural activities. Any individual the Recreational Sports staff deems to be ineligible will not be allowed to participate.

**Students**

All graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in academic courses are eligible to participate in Intramural Sport activities.

**Faculty & Staff**

All full-time and part-time faculty and staff members at CCU are eligible to participate in Intramural Sport activities.

**Varsity Student Athletes, Coaches & Staff**

Any person whose name appears on a collegiate varsity, junior varsity, or freshman roster as a player or a coach will be ineligible in that specific intramural sport after August 1st in the year, they have quit the team, or their eligibility has expired. This includes all players who are “red shirted” in any sport, anyone who practices with a team regularly, but does not participate in intercollegiate competition, and coaches, staff, or other individuals listed on the team roster.

Former collegiate varsity athletes may participate in their related sport once eligible; however, they must participate in the Pro League (if offered, regardless of how long they have been removed from a varsity roster) and a limit of one (1) player is allowed per team roster in all sports.
Club Sport Members
Club sport members are defined as individuals who meet any one of the following criteria:

- Name appears on a club sport team roster during the academic year;
- Signed a consent form and is actively participating in club functions; or
- Actively participating with the club during their season

Current club sport members may participate in their related sport either in the Pro or Rookie league, but must adhere to the following restrictions:

- 2 – 4 player teams = 2 club members
- 5 – 8 player teams = 3 club members
- 9+ player teams = 4 club members

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Gender
All players may participate in the gender-specific league that identifies with their personal gender identity. A participant’s gender identity will be applied when there is gender-specific rules or a player ratio requirement within a sport league.

Multiple Teams
An individual may participate on one (1) single-gender and one co-recreational or open (no gender restrictions) team within each sport. Players are not permitted to play on multiple teams in the same league.

If a participant’s name is discovered on more than one single-gender, open, or co-recreational roster within a sport, his/her eligibility will remain with the team for which he/she participated first.

**EXCEPTION**

An individual may participate in both Singles and Doubles single-gender, open, or co-recreational leagues.

Participation
Participation is defined as an individual signing in at the game site, regardless of actual playing time. All participants must show a Recreational Sports staff member a valid CINO ID prior to participation.

If a Recreational Sports staff member determines that an individual is attempting to check-in with false identification for any Intramural Sport activities, the CINO ID will not be accepted and that participant will not be eligible to play.
If either the name or picture is not legible by the staff member, a second form of identification will then be required. If neither the name nor the picture is legible, the CINO ID will not be accepted and that participant will not be eligible to play.

Misuse of identification (transferring, lending, borrowing, or altering university-issued identification) is a violation of the Student Standards of Conduct and will result in ejection from the game and a report filed by a Recreational Sports staff member via confiscation form which will be reviewed by the Student Conduct Office for further review.

**NOTE**

No digital representation of identification will be accepted on-site.

**Rosters**
Participants may be added to the team roster and approved by the team captain on IMLeagues. This requires each participant to log into IMLeagues via www.imleagues.com/coastal or by going to recreation.coastal.edu and selecting Intramurals.

If a participant is not on the score sheet at the scheduled game time, he/she may be added to the team roster at the activity site prior to or during any regular season contest. In this circumstance, each participant is required to log into IMLeagues and accept the invitation sent by the team captain.

Teams may add players to their roster through the regular season and up until 12:00pm of Championship Day for the respective sport, given that those players have not played for another team in the same sport.

Each team must have at least the minimum player requirement for its sport on its roster by 11:59pm of the final day of games in the first week of the regular season. Any team whose roster has not met the minimum player requirement by this deadline will be moved to the league’s Waitlist and replaced by a team from the Waitlist.

**NOTE**

The addition of any participant to the roster at the game site must be confirmed by the Recreational Sport staff on-site for that participant to play in that contest.

**Registration**

**IM Semester Pass**
For an individual to be eligible to participate in Intramural Sport activities, one must first purchase the IM Semester Pass. The IM Semester Pass can be purchased on www.imleagues.com/coastal for $15 per semester.

In order to register a team, captains/participants will need to complete the following steps:

- Go to IMLeagues – www.imleagues.com/coastal;
- Log into IMLeagues using your CCU ID and password;
Select a league (Men’s/Women’s Pro, Men’s/Women’s Rookie, CoRec, Open, etc.) and a division (indicated by day and time of games) within a sport in which you are interested in participating;
• Click the green *Create Team* button;
• Complete the quiz;
• Fill out each field for which you are prompted on the registration form (either as a team or as a player)
• Click *Submit*, and make sure your team name is displayed within the division. If your team name does not display on the division page, your team is not registered.

**COVID-19 Implication**
Participants may register for Intramural Sport offerings in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 without purchasing an IM Semester Pass

**Offerings**

Recreational Sports offers a wide variety of leagues based on the experience participants would like to have, their skill level, and their affinity group. These leagues vary in duration and may include a playoff option depending on the league structure. Due to inclement weather or other circumstances some games may be cancelled; however, the Recreational Sports staff will try to ensure all teams play half of their allotted games. The following leagues may be available depending on the sport:

**Major Sports**
Each team will compete in a four-week league for the major sports; both competitive (Pro) and recreational (Rookie) leagues will be included under the major sports.

**Pro Leagues**
Designed for the sport enthusiasts who wish to apply skills in a competitive environment at a high level in a pursuit of a championship. Participants seeking this competitive sport setting will be scheduled in a four-game regular season followed by a single-elimination playoff for qualifying teams.

**Rookie Leagues**
Designed for players who are seeking a purely recreational experience. Participants will experience a more leisure setting where social and fitness benefits are desired over competition in this league. Participants seeking this recreational experience will be scheduled a four-week regular season and single-elimination playoffs.
Minor Sports
Each team will compete in a three-week league with one (1) playoff game guaranteed. Minor sport leagues will only be structured as a competitive league, as all teams will make playoffs.

Roles

Captain’s Responsibilities
Team captain’s are responsible for completing the following actions:

- Complete the quiz on IMLeagues upon registering your team;
- Invite players to sign up and complete proper registration requirements;
- Select team name, division, day, and time the team wants/best available to play;
  - The Recreational Sports staff reserves the right to make any changes to team names if it incorporates the following: alcohol/drug reference, illegal activity, offensive to any group of people (religion, race, gender, sexuality, etc.), sexual innuendos, dangerous behavior, unfair, or unsporting acts.
- Reserve your team’s spot in the league by paying your individual fee payment via IM Semester Pass
  - Purchasing of the IM Semester Pass has been waived for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 due to COVID-19.
- Ensure all members of the team are eligible to play in intramural contests and meet the requirements outlined in the eligibility section of this document;
- Ensure that the team roster has met the minimum player requirement for that sport before the deadline stated in the roster section of this document;
- Become familiar with respective sport rules, policies, and procedures, the Sportsmanship Rating System, and any additional information covered in the Captain’s/Participant’s Quiz;
- Familiarize team members with respective sport rules, policies, and procedures, the Sportsmanship Rating System, and any additional information covered in the Captain’s/Participant’s Quiz;
- Notify all team members of their weekly schedule and playoff schedule (playoff game times will vary from regular season game times based on results of the Playoff Draw);
• Ensure that your rosters are finalized for your game and all team members have purchased the IM Semester Pass;
  o Purchasing of the IM Semester Pass has been waived for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 due to COVID-19.
• Encourage team members to be at the game site 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game with their CINO ID;
• Make sure that all members of their team present a valid CINO ID prior to the start of every game;
  o ID’s are required at all intramural events and should be presented each time an individual participates in an event.
• Serve as a liaison between team fans and the Recreational Sports staff. Ensure your team and spectators comply with all rules, policies, and procedures during participation;
• Communicate with the Recreational Sports staff throughout the season about any problems or concerns that may be occurring at the competition site. Respectfully speak with the Recreational Sports staff in reference to any team-related issues; and
• Verify the score and sportsmanship rating on IMLeagues is correct following the day of the contest/match. Notify the Recreational Sports staff (imsports@coastal.edu) if there is an error.

**Free Agents**
Individuals desiring to play in a team sport, but are not affiliated with a full team, may register as a free agent online through IMLeagues. Team captains who need players will be encouraged to draft players from the free agent list.

If there are enough free agents for a particular sport, the Recreational Sports staff may put together teams of free agents to compete in the leagues.

**NOTE**
Signing up as a free agent does not guarantee placement on a team; additionally, you must register as a free agent for each division that you would be willing to join.

**Forfeits & Defaults**

**Default Policy**
Any team knowing in advance that they will be unable to play a regularly scheduled contest is provided the opportunity to default that contest. For the contest to be considered a “default,” a team member who is on the official team roster must contact the Recreational Sports staff via email or phone before 12:00pm on the day of the contest.

A default is declared at the game site when a team fails to have one (1) less than the minimum number of participants required to start that sport.
Forfeit Policy
A forfeit will be classified based on the following:

- **No-show**
  - Team does not meet the minimum player requirement at the scheduled game time.

- **Eligibility**
  - Game is declared a forfeit due to the ineligibility of one or more players according to the eligibility requirements outlined in the eligibility section of this document.

- **Sportsmanship**
  - Game is ended by the Recreational Sports staff for sportsmanship-related reasons. This includes, but is not limited to maximum amount of player ejections and/or unsportsmanlike conduct penalties.

If neither team is ready to play at the scheduled start time, the game will be classified as a double forfeit. If a full team is present, it must sign in the minimum number of required participants. These participants must be ready for play in order for the contest to be considered a win by forfeit. If a team leaves before a forfeit is declared by the Recreational Sports staff, the game will be declared a double forfeit. Make sure all new players at the game sign in to ensure that they are on the roster, making them eligible for the postseason. This needs to be done prior to leaving the fields.

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<th>Default</th>
<th>Forfeit</th>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>My team simply does not show up for a scheduled game and the officials and the other team is waiting to play. My team will receive a…</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>If my team does not have one less than the minimum player requirement to play, including gender ratio requirements for CoRec contests, at the time the game is scheduled to start, my team will receive a…</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>My team will receive a sportsmanship rating of 2.0 for a game if we…</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>My team will receive a sportsmanship rating of 3.0 for a game if we…</td>
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If a forfeit has been declared, the teams involved may still use their allotted game time and site to practice or scrimmage. During this time, the Recreational Sports staff is not permitted to officiate or keep score, and participants will be playing at their own risk.

Consequences of forfeits include:

- Teams will receive a sportsmanship rating of 1 and a score relative to the respective sport;
- Teams with two (2) defaults, two (2) forfeits, or one (1) default and one (1) default, will be removed from the league and are ineligible for the playoffs; no matter what their record is.
Safety & Risk Management

The Recreational Sports staff reserves the right to implement and enforce emergency and risk management rules relative to the program to ensure the safety of each contest.

Concussion Management Policy
Athletes with a suspected concussion will be evaluated and managed as per the Concussion Management Protocol outlined in the Emergency Action Plan.

Weather
Intramural Sport activities are subject to cancellation due to unsafe facility conditions. This may include inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances which may occur in both indoor and outdoor facilities that create unsafe playing conditions. The Recreational Sports staff will make all decisions regarding playability and safety of facilities.

In the event of cancellations, the Recreational Sports staff will send an email to all participants via IMLeagues. If a decision is made to play, then it will be the discretion of the on-site supervisor to cancel the remaining games at the playing facility.

Lightning Policy
If inclement weather arises during play, the lightning policy will be followed. The Recreational Sports staff is equipped with equipment to detect lightning within six (6) miles of the facility. If notified of a lightning strike, the Recreational Sports staff will suspend activity for thirty (30) minutes. During this time, all participants must leave the playing area and seek shelter, no exceptions. If the Recreational Sports staff receives an “all clear” after the first thirty (30) minutes, play will resume. If the Recreational Sports staff does not receive an “all clear” after the first thirty (30) minutes, the game will end. Results of a game ending due to inclement weather will follow the rules for the specific sport.

Grace Period
Teams shall be ready on the playing area with at least one (1) less than the minimum number of players required and have all player’s CINO ID’s checked with names present on the roster at the specified start time of their contest. If a team is unprepared to start the game, a five (5) minute grace period and the game clock shall begin. Game and sportsmanship penalties are enforced on late teams.

A forfeit will be recorded if a team does not show for a scheduled game. The final score will reflect the sport-specific grace period penalty. Please view the sport specific rules for the sport-specific score. If both teams are late to the contest then game penalties will be foregone, but sportsmanship penalties will be enforced on both teams.

The steps followed for the grace period are:
- From 0 – 4:59 minutes, a team or player is not ready to play will be penalized a starting score and cannot receive more than a sportsmanship rating of 3.0;
- Recreational Sports staff will call a forfeit at the five-minute mark and the forfeited team or player(s) will receive a sportsmanship rating of 1.0.
Mercy Rule

Recreational Sports aims to create an environment that is enjoyable and safe for all participants. Mercy rules will be explained in detail in the sport-specific rules.

Protest

Protests may be made based on player eligibility or when misinterpretation of the rules affects the outcome of the game. Officials’ judgement cannot be protested.

Rule Related Protests

Questions pertaining to interpretation and/or application of rules on the part of sport officials must be posed by participants and resolved by the Recreational Sports staff on-site supervisor in charge of that field/court at the time the play occurs and prior to the next live ball. The procedure shall be:

1. If a team/participant feels the official has made a misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule, the team captain shall calmly and immediately request a time-out and inform the official that he/she wishes to have a ruling on the interpretation or application by the Recreational Sports staff on-site supervisor overseeing the game site;
2. No protest which involves the judgement of the sport officials shall be honored. The judgment of the officials is final. This also includes Recreational Sports staff when necessary.

**EXAMPLE**

One foot in-bounds while in possession of the ball constitutes a legal catch in Flag Football.

1. An official makes the ruling of an incomplete pass because the “player did not have two feet in bounds.” This is a rule misinterpretation, which can be legally protested.
2. An official makes the ruling of an incomplete pass because the “player’s first foot landed on the sideline.” This is a judgement call, which cannot be legally protested.

Eligibility Protests

If a team feels that a member or members of the opposing team is or are participating illegally according to the eligibility requirements outlined in Section 2 of this handbook, that team should inform the Recreational Sports staff that they would like to file a protest regarding an illegal participant. This protest should be filed with a Recreational Sports staff member before the end of the game in which the participant-in-question is playing. That participant will be permitted to play in that game, and the Recreational Sports professional staff and graduate assistants will review the protest the following day. If the participant-in-question is found to be participating illegally, the offending team will be credited with a forfeit for that contest and the offended team will be credited with a win regardless of the final score.
Equipment

At most Intramural Sport activities, game equipment is available for checkout; however, teams are encouraged to bring their own equipment for warming up. Recreational Sports will supply a game ball for every contest, unless both captains agree on a different ball.

All team members must wear athletic apparel appropriate for the sport being played. Team members are encouraged to wear the same color. All players must wear athletic shoes. Hard sole shoes or sandals of any kind are not permitted. Leather, rubber, nylon, or plastic cleats are legal for outdoor sports.

Jewelry is not permitted in Intramural Sport activities due to risk of injury. Hard and unyielding items (guards, casts, braces, etc.) on the hand, wrist, forearm, elbow, upper arm, or shoulder must be padded with a closed-cell, slow recovery foam padding no less than ½-inch thick. The padding must be seen and approved by the Recreational Sports office prior to playing if requiring a medical exemption (i.e. medical device, medical alert, etc.). The Recreational Sports office can be reached by emailing recreation@coastal.edu.

For more information on sport-specific uniform and equipment guidelines, please refer to the sport-specific rules.

Sportsmanship

Concluding each contest, Recreational Sports staff will assign each team a sportsmanship rating using a 5-point scale. The rating for each game will be recorded and tracked throughout the entirety of the season and affects both season and playoff eligibility. To remain eligible for playoffs, the team must have an average rating of 3.0 or above at the end of the regular season. If a team drops below a 3.0 at any time during the regular season or playoffs, they may be subject to consequences and potentially removed from the league. The words and actions of all team members, coaches and spectators, both before, during, and after the contest, affect the rating.

5.0 – Superior Sportsmanship
- Team displays absolute respect for the game, opponents, officials, and staff;
- Team cooperates with and respects all decisions made by Recreational Sports staff;
- All actions by players and spectators are acceptable and appropriate;
- Questions directed toward the officials are respectful and genuine;
- Participants make positive comments toward teammates and opponents; and
- Team receives no warnings, ejections, yellow cards, unsportsmanlike conduct penalties or technical fouls

4.0 – Good Sportsmanship
- Team cooperates with all decisions made by Recreational Sports staff;
- All actions by players and spectators are acceptable and appropriate;
- Questions directed toward the officials are respectful and genuine;
• Team receives no warnings, ejections, yellow cards, unsportsmanlike conduct penalties or technical fouls; and
• Game was defaulted (cancelled prior to 12:00pm on the day of the scheduled game) by the opposing team

3.0 – Average Sportsmanship
• Team cooperates with all decisions made by the Recreational Sports staff;
• Players ask questions and make statements regarding the game;
• All actions by players and spectators are acceptable and appropriate;
• A team that utilizes the grace period cannot receive a better rating than 3.0;
• Team receives and adheres to verbal warnings, but receives no ejections, yellow cards, unsportsmanlike conduct penalties or technical fouls;
• Team shows up to the game with one (1) less than the minimum requirement needed to play;
• The defaulting team will receive this sportsmanship rating

2.0 – Poor Sportsmanship
• Players ask questions and make statements regarding the game;
• The team captain shows little control over the actions of themselves, teammates, and spectators;
• Team does not display respect for opponents, officials, and staff;
• Players and/or spectators make negative statements regarding the game;
• Team receives a yellow card, unsportsmanlike conduct penalty or technical foul, but receives no ejections;
• Team forfeits by not having the necessary player requirement

1.0 – Unacceptable Sportsmanship
• Participants are uncooperative and/or disrespectful toward opponents, officials, and staff;
• Players constantly make negative statements regarding the game;
• Team receives an ejection; and
• Game declared a forfeit due to unacceptable conduct:
  o Team receives two (2) ejections; or
  o Team receives three (3) yellow cards, unsportsmanlike conduct penalties or technical fouls

The Recreational Sports staff reserves the right to remove any individual, team, or spectator who interrupts the flow of a game in any manner. Players do not have to accumulate the required number of infractions to be ejected.

Players may be ejected before, during, or after any contest and ejections can be made by an official of the contest, or any Recreational Sports staff.

The jurisdiction of the Recreational Sports staff begins when the participant/spectator enters the visual confines of the field/court and ends when the involved persons leave the facility in which
the contest is being held and the visual confines of the playing area. Any ejected player(s) must leave the player area and Recreational Sports facility immediately.

If a player refuses to leave within a reasonable time, the game will be defaulted. Captains must assist Recreational Sports staff with retrieving the ejected participant’s identification.

Ejected players are ineligible to participate in all Intramural Sport activities until they meet with the Recreational Sports administrative staff and serve any subsequent suspension.

**Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

Listed below are examples of behavior and actions which constitute unsportsmanlike conduct:

- Using foul or derogatory language, threaten or verbally abuse any other participant or Recreational Sports employee before, during, or after the game;
- Participate in a game for which he/she is ineligible;
- Argue or talk back to the Recreational 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 Recreational Sports employee;
- Mistreat the facility, equipment, or supplies of Coastal Carolina University and/or University Recreation;
- Attempt to sign in using another person’s CINO ID;
- Any other act that violates the Student Code of Conduct;
- Any participant displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be issued either a conduct warning or ejection by the game officials or Recreational Sports staff. These conduct warnings or ejections are classified differently in each sport, please refer to the sport-specific rules for the classifications

**Individual Sportsmanship – Discipline**

The Recreational Sports program reserves the right to apply any suspension deemed appropriate for each incident that occurs. All participants ejected from a game will be automatically suspended indefinitely from ALL Intramural Sport activities until he/she meets with Recreational Sports administrative staff to discuss disciplinary action. Severe cases involving students may result in referral to the Office of Student Conduct.

Any member who violates Recreational Sports policies and procedures may be subject to having their IM Semester Pass suspended or rescinded. In this case, no refund will be given.

If a participant receives multiple conduct warnings across a number of games, a disciplinary meeting may be required, and a suspension may be administered.

The chart below serves as a guideline and reference for consequences of participant/spectator behavior. The Recreational Sports administrative staff will use these guidelines when determining appropriate suspension lengths for an ejected student.
**NOTE**

The Recreational Sports Office reserves the right to alter any disciplinary measures under our discretion and will vary depending on the severity of the offense and the remorse and reflection the student exhibits regarding their behavior before, during, and after their reinstatement meeting.

**Discipline Procedures**

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<td>Administrative</td>
<td>Tied flag belts, administrative red card, 2 administrative technical fouls or yellow cards, etc.</td>
<td>Ejected for the remainder of the game</td>
<td>Will handle on a case by case basis</td>
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<td>Conduct</td>
<td>Any ejection that was caused by the player’s inappropriate conduct, including but not limited to trash talk, disrespectful conduct towards staff and opponents, etc.</td>
<td>1 week of play</td>
<td>Will handle on a case by case basis</td>
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<td>Sexual Harassment, Racial Harassment, Discrimination</td>
<td>Comments about clothing, personal behavior, or one’s body; racial or race-based comments. Derogatory gestures or facial expressions of a racial nature; following or stalking an individual; inappropriate touching of one’s body or clothing. Posters, drawings, or pictures of a racial nature</td>
<td>Year to life ban from Intramural Sport activities and referral to Office of Student Conduct</td>
<td>Will handle on a case by case basis</td>
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<td>Actions which could potentially cause equipment damage or facility damage</td>
<td>Dunking during Intramural basketball, hanging on soccer/futsal goals, hitting rackets on the ground, kicking basketballs, etc.</td>
<td>1 week of play, meet with Recreational Sports administrative staff</td>
<td>Will handle on a case by case basis</td>
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<td>Contact</td>
<td>Any ejection that was caused by the player’s physical contact with another player, including but not limited to flagrant fouls, tackling, slide tackling, etc.</td>
<td>2 weeks of play</td>
<td>Will handle on a case by case basis</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fighting</td>
<td>Any ejection caused by aggressive physical contact with players or any statements threatening physical contact. During a confrontation, if an individual attempts to strike another individual, contact is irrelevant</td>
<td>Semester</td>
<td>Will handle on a case by case basis</td>
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**Reinstatement**

Any participant ejected from an Intramural Sport activity must email the Recreational Sports office and schedule an appointment to seek reinstatement. The participant will not be permitted to play in an Intramural Sport activity until this meeting takes place. Suspension from Intramural Sport activity must be served in a succession of dates.
To regain eligibility, the ejected person must complete each of the following:

- Prepare a written statement detailing the events surrounding the incident. Include an outline of events surrounding ejection, actions that led to the ejection, assurance that the behavior will not occur again, suggestion for appropriate disciplinary action, and how the behavior will be avoided in the future. The statement should be submitted to the Recreational Sports administrative staff via email;
- Schedule an appointment to meet with the Recreational Sports administrative staff to discuss the intent;
- Attend the scheduled meeting with the Recreational Sports administrative staff; and
- Serve any subsequent suspension from Intramural Sport activity

**Playoffs**

**NOTE**

Teams entering the playoffs must be able to play on days/times other than the days/times that they registered for during the regular season.

Eligible teams wishing to participate in playoffs in their sport must meet all of the following criteria based on the league’s structure:

- Earn and maintain at least a 3.0 sportsmanship rating average over the course of the regular season;
- Earn and maintain at least a 3.0 sportsmanship rating average throughout the duration of playoffs. If the winning team of a playoff game falls below a 3.0 sportsmanship rating average, no team will advance from that contest; and
- Teams must play at least one (1) game during the regular season. Any team that records two (2) forfeits, two (2) defaults, or a combination of the two will not be eligible for playoffs

Eligible players wishing to participate in playoffs in their sport must meet all of the following criteria based on the league’s structure:

- Have his/her name and CINO ID number on the team’s roster; and
- Playoff rosters lock at the end of the last day before Championship Day, and no participants can be added to any rosters after that deadline.

**Seeding**

A seeding strategy is used to place teams into the brackets. The two main goals when bracketing teams are to place teams within the bracket according to regular season record and to avoid matchups that cause two teams from the same regular season division to play each other in the first round. Eligible teams will be seeded prior to the online playoff draw (if applicable) based on the following criteria:

- Number of losses;
- Sportsmanship rating average;
- Head-to-head competition; and
- Point differential
Playoff Brackets
The online playoff draw will occur on IMLeagues after the conclusion of the regular season. Information regarding teams’ bracket selectin periods will be communicated to team captains via email following the conclusion of the regular season.

**NOTE**
Not all leagues will have an online playoff draw. Whether or not a league has an online playoff draw is contingent upon the number of teams eligible for the playoffs in that sport. Brackets for leagues that do not have an online playoff draw will be filled based on the standard seeding structure stated in the seeding section of this document.

If a team does not select its spot in the playoff bracket during its designated time, that team will be placed in an open spot in the bracket after all remaining selections have occurred.

Awards
In recognition of obtaining champion status in Intramural Sport activities, Intramural Champion t-shirts are awarded to the winners of said contests. To receive an award, a participant must have been on the championship team and have participated in one (1) event throughout the season. The maximum number of shirts that can be received is 1.5x the number of players that play on the field/court for that respective sport. The team captain will be responsible for selecting which of the team members receive awards if the number of players on the roster exceeds the number of championship awards that the team will receive.

Extramural Tournaments
Participation in Recreational Sports at Coastal Carolina University allows students to connect with each other and develop friendships within the campus community. Some sports provide an opportunity for students at CCU to connect with others at different universities while competing at a higher level and representing CCU. These extramural tournaments take place at the state, regional, and national levels for flag football, basketball, and soccer.

Teams that are interested in participating in these tournaments will need to acquire information regarding qualifying tournaments that are held on-campus and dates for state tournaments. If you or your team is interested in competing at the next level, please contact the Recreational Sports staff at any time for information and updates.

Officials

Employment Opportunities
The Recreational Sports administration hires and trains student officials every year. Officials are needed for all team sports. Previous experience is not required, and all individuals are encouraged to apply. Officials in each sport go through an extensive training program before becoming certified and scheduled to officiate contests. A typical training series includes classroom sessions, scrimmage games, and on-site clinics.