



DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

**RECREATIONAL SPORTS**

# **Intramural Sports Participant Handbook**

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## **Mission & Vision**

### **Mission**

We connect, inform, and inspire people to lead active, healthy lifestyles.

### **Vision**

We strive to be the most comprehensive, inclusive, and progressive recreational sports program in the country.

We accomplish this through:

- Diverse sport and fitness opportunities
- Advancing a culture of wellness
- Offering student development opportunities
- Distinctive facilities and equipment
- An enhanced sense of community
- Leadership to the profession

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## **Philosophy**

Intramural Sports at Indiana University – Bloomington offers a variety of sports and recreational activities in an effort to cater to the entire student and university population, regardless of skill level or sport preference. Our goal is to provide a structured sporting environment that maintains good-natured competition, participant safety, and fun in a social atmosphere while promoting sportsmanlike behavior among participants and spectators.

“A **sportsman** is a person who can take loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating, and who treats his opponents with fairness, generosity, courtesy.”

-Webster's Dictionary

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## **Eligibility**

### **Eligible Intramural Sports Participants**

- Any currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate student who has paid the student activity fee and has a current, valid Recreational Sports membership.
  - Students enrolled last semester or the upcoming semester may purchase a pass for the current semester at the continuing student rate.
  - Daily & Weekly passes do not count as a current, valid Recreational Sports membership.
- Ivy Tech students living in an IUB residence hall and have purchased a current, valid Recreational Sports membership.
- University faculty and staff that have purchased a current, valid Recreational Sports membership.
  - University faculty is defined as those individuals with professional rank (examples: lecturer or above).
  - University staff is defined as any person who is working consistently ten (10) hours per week and receives monetary assistance for services rendered.
- Club members (anyone listed on the active club roster) and NCAA practice squad members (including team managers) are limited to two members per intramural team in any corresponding sport for major sport competitive leagues, minor sports, and tournament formats. Club members should reference the [chart below](#) to determine team restrictions for Individual and Dual Sports.
  - In recreational leagues where there is an A and B skill option, club sport members shall register for the “A” skill option.
- Individuals are permitted to participate in Intramural Sports events in accordance with their gender identity. This policy is inclusive of transgender and non-binary individuals who can equally select from all league structures. Individuals will create an IMLeagues account in accordance with their gender identity. See [Registration Process](#) for more information on IMLeagues.
- An individual can play on up to two teams per sport regardless of league division:
  - Once a player has checked in and played for a team, they can no longer play for a team in the same league.
  - Examples: 1 Men’s Fraternity Competitive, 1 Co Recreational, 1 Women’s Recreational and 1 Co Competitive, or 1 Co Recreational, 1 Open

**Note:** Individuals must present a valid Indiana University – Bloomington Crimson Card at each Intramural Sports contest in order to be eligible to participate. If this Crimson Card is not present, a participant may present a valid government issued photo identification card or

Crimson Card from another campus. Participants using any form of photo identification other than one obtained from the Indiana University – Bloomington campus must sign into their IMLeagues account in front of an Intramural Sports staff member to verify membership. An individual will not be permitted to participate until an Intramural Sports staff member has checked their Indiana University identification card and signed them into the contest.

**Note:** Participants are permitted to present their virtual Bloomington Crimson Card at Intramural Sports contests as a valid form of ID. It may not be a picture or screenshot of a Crimson Card.

### **Non-Eligible Intramural Sports Participants**

- Anyone who has competed professionally in a corresponding sport or has been on the roster in a corresponding intercollegiate sport at any university within the past three (3) years.
- Current varsity athletes and walk-ons may not play in the sport for which they represent the University or a related intramural sport (see chart below).
  - “Current” is defined as being on the roster during the current academic year.
  - Intercollegiate athletes can play the Intramural Sports in which they do not participate at the varsity level (i.e. varsity basketball players can play kickball but not basketball).

<b>VARSITY/CLUB SPORT</b>	<b>RELATED INTRAMURAL SPORT</b>	<b>MAXIMUM CLUB/PRACTICE SQUAD MEMBERS PER TEAM</b>
Baseball	Softball, Wiffleball	2
Basketball	Basketball	2
Golf	Golf	May play singles, doubles-1 per pair
Football	Flag Football	2
Soccer	Soccer, Futsal	2
Softball	Softball, Wiffleball	2
Tennis	Tennis	May play singles, doubles-1 per pair
Ultimate Frisbee	Ultimate Frisbee	2
Volleyball	Volleyball	2
Spikeball	Spikeball	1 per pair

**Note:** This list is subject to change if new clubs are admitted to the Club Sports Federation.

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## **Intramural Sport Offerings**

### **Leagues**

Intramural Sports offers a wide variety of leagues based on the experience participants would like to have with Intramural Sports, their skill level, and their affinity group. These leagues vary in duration and may include a playoff option depending on the league structure. The following leagues may be available depending on the sport:

### **Major Sports**

- **Competitive** – Designed for the sport enthusiasts who wish to apply skills in a competitive environment at a high level in pursuit of a championship. Participants seeking this competitive sport setting will be scheduled a three game regular season followed by a single elimination playoff for qualifying teams.
- **Recreational** – 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 five game regular season without playoffs. A and B leagues may be offered if team numbers permit.
  - **A Recreational Leagues** – Designed for the advanced sport participants that have had more experiences within a sport and are looking to test skill set against other teams.
  - **B Recreational Leagues** – Designed for the beginner sport participants that are new to a particular sport and are looking to learn and develop skills.
- Sports include: Flag Football, Futsal, Volleyball, 4v4 Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Ultimate Frisbee, 4v4 Flag Football and Tennis

<b>Competitive vs Recreational Leagues</b>		
	Comp.	Rec.
How many regular season games will my team be scheduled?	3	5
How much will my team have to pay to register?	\$50/\$70	\$50/\$70
Will there be a single elimination playoff at the culmination of the season?	Yes	No
Will there be an A and B League for different skill levels?	No	Yes*
Will I have the opportunity to win an Intramural Sports Championship T-Shirt?	Yes	No
Will my team potentially play the same teams more than once in a regular season?	No	Yes
Can my team be removed for having a sportsmanship rating under a 2.0?	Yes	Yes

**Note:** Registration numbers will determine if A and B leagues are offered.

## Minor Sports

- There will be no separation between competitive and recreational leagues for men, women, co, or open. A and B leagues may be offered if team numbers permit.
- Teams will be scheduled two regular season games in consecutive weeks followed by a single elimination playoff for all eligible teams.
  - **A Leagues** – Designed for the advanced sport participants that have had more experiences within a sport and are looking to test skill set against other teams. Teams in this tournament will have the opportunity to win an Intramural Championship T-Shirt.
  - **B Leagues** – Designed for the beginner sport participants that are new to a particular sport and are looking to learn and develop skills. Teams in this tournament will have the opportunity to win a prize.
- Sports include: Freshman Basketball, Women's Basketball, Team Handball, Wallyball, Dodgeball, Racquetball, Kickball, and Table Tennis

## Tournaments

One or two (consecutive if possible) day competitive events that include round robin play followed by a single elimination bracket. Individuals/teams will qualify for the single elimination bracket with an average sportsmanship rating of at least 3.0 and no forfeited games.

- Sports include: Bags, Battleship, Pre-Season Softball, Spikeball, Pre-Season Flag Football, and Pre-Season Basketball.

## Special Events

Unique one day or weekend events that do not consist of round robin or elimination tournament play. These events are recreational in nature and are used to reach unique participants and create fun, conducive environments.

## Affinity Group

Affinity groups are leagues within a sport that are classified based on a common characteristic of the participants. Affinity group availability is dependent on registration numbers.

- Men's
- Women's
- Co – Specific ratio for Men and Women
- Open Recreational – Open to all with no gender requirements
- Fraternity/Sorority – For participants who are representing a specific Greek organization
  - Teams registered within this affinity group must use their organization's name or Greek letters.
  - **Note:** If your organization is currently on disciplinary status (Suspension, C&D, etc.) please contact the IM office prior to registering.
- Residence Hall – For participants who live in a residence hall

- Faculty/Staff
  - Faculty/staff must participate in the faculty/staff tournament when available.
  - Each faculty/staff member must purchase a Recreational Sports membership to participate in Intramural Sports (A “Day Pass” does not qualify as an RS Membership).
  - Students may not comprise more than 50% of the team’s roster in a faculty/staff tournament.

### **Divisions**

Divisions refer to the grouping of teams that will play each other, each week for the regular season. Divisions are designated by a day and time slot.

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## **Registration Process**

Registering for Intramural Sports is easy and online with [IMLeagues](#).

### **Timeline**

Registration periods are two weeks in length. Registration comes on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be proactive in the registration process.

**Note:** Teams must pay before selecting a division.

### **All Participants**

1. [Create Profile](#)
  - This step will not need to be repeated once completed the first time.

### **Team Registration**

1. [Create team](#)
2. [Players](#): Invite and confirm teammates to meet roster minimum
3. [Pay](#): ONLINE with a **credit card**, PayPal account, or [RHA promo code](#)
4. [Pick](#): Select the day and time offering that best suits your schedule needs

**Note:** Selecting division preferences may not automatically move your team into a division if it is already full. Team registration is not complete until your team has left pre-join. Your team captain may have to manually move your team into a division if your preferred divisions are full.

### **Free Agent Registration**

1. [Join a Sport as a Free Agent](#)



- This allows individuals the opportunity to communicate preferred day/time of play when seeking a team to join.

**Note:** Tutorials for use of IMLeagues can be found on the Intramural Sports - [How to Register](#) page of the RS Website.

### **Additional Registration Information**

- It is advantageous to register early as availability is first come, first served.
- The Intramural Sports Staff reserves the right to make changes/updates to the schedule as the situation warrants.
- The Intramural Sports Staff will send out a Preseason Email before the season begins. The Preseason Email will highlight important information about the upcoming season and other Indiana University Intramural Sports information.
- An optional Preseason/New Participants meetings will be provided by the Intramural Sports Staff. All participants are highly recommended to attend the meeting.
- All participants must be on the roster before being permitted to play.
- The Intramural Sports Staff reserves the right to make any changes to team names that are deemed inappropriate in any fashion. Please refer to [Team Names](#) in the Sportsmanship Policy section.

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## **Opportunities to Play as a Free Agent**

Participants seeking a team may register as a Free Agent for any of our team sport offerings. Individuals can join with others looking for a similar experience. A tutorial on how to "[Join a Sport as a Free Agent](#)" is available for those needing assistance.

### **Other Tips for Getting Involved**

- One way to connect with a team if you do not have one of your own is to actually go to the game site on a day and time that you are available to play and ask teams if they could use an extra player (it helps if individuals are willing to pay toward team fees).
- Contact teams that play on the day and time that you would like to play by looking at the [Intramural Sports Schedule](#).
- If you live in a residence hall, you can put a sign on your door or the bathroom mirror, talk to people on your floor, or ask your RA to help you put a team together.
- You can use Facebook or Twitter (or other social media outlets) to help you put a team together.

- Talk to people in your classes to see if they would like to join your team.
- Create a team with friends who play pick up with you.

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## **Refund Policies**

### **Teams Unable to Select a Division**

All teams on the waitlist that have paid at the end of registration will automatically receive a full refund after schedules have been published on IMLeagues.com. Please allow three business days for refunds to process.

### **Teams Completing Registration**

Any team that is no longer available for their selected division must contact the Intramural Sports staff prior to the season start date in order to request a full refund.

### **Cancelled Games**

Games may be cancelled for a variety of reasons (weather, facility issues, campus closings, etc.).

**Note:** Teams that have forfeited will not be eligible for a refund under any circumstance.

### **Major Sports**

- Competitive – Teams that do not have all scheduled regular season games held due to cancellation will be presented with the option of getting a refund or entering the playoffs by Intramural Sports Staff.
  - 0 – 2 games played: Full Refund
  - OR
  - Enter Playoffs: No Refund

**Note:** Teams that are not eligible for playoffs based on sportsmanship will not have the option and will receive a refund. Additionally, if a team chooses to enter the playoffs and then does not attend the Playoff Meeting (or inform the IM office by the deadline) they will not be eligible to participate in playoffs or receive a refund.

**Note:** If a team with less than a 3.0 sportsmanship average is entering the final week of the season and their game is canceled, they may choose to advance to the playoffs under probation. Attendance at the playoff meeting is still required in order to participate and any game with a sportsmanship rating of less than 3 will result in their removal from the playoff bracket. This option is not available to teams who have forfeited a regular season game.

- Recreational – Teams that do not have all scheduled regular season games held due to cancellation will be refunded based on the following scale. Teams will be contacted by the Intramural Sports staff.
  - 0 – 1 games played: Full Refund
  - 2 – 3 games played: 50% Refund
  - 4 – 5 games played: No Refund

### Minor Sports

- Teams that do not have all scheduled regular season games held due to cancellation will be presented with the option of getting a refund or entering the playoffs by Intramural Sports Staff.
  - 0 – 2 games played: Full Refund

OR

  - Enters Playoff Tournament: No Refund

**Note:** Teams that are not eligible for playoffs based on sportsmanship will automatically receive a refund and cannot enter the playoffs. Additionally, if a team choose to enter the playoffs and then does not attend the Playoff Meeting (or inform the IM office by the deadline) then they will not be eligible to participate in playoffs or receive a refund.

**Note:** If a team with less than a 3.0 sportsmanship average is entering the final week of the season and their game is canceled, they may chooses to advance to the playoffs under probation. Attendance at the playoff meeting is still required in order to participate and any game with a sportsmanship rating of less than 3 will result in their removal from the playoff bracket. This option is not available to teams who have forfeited a regular season game.

### Tournaments

- In the event of a tournament cancellation, the Intramural Sports staff will do its best to reschedule the tournament. Teams who cannot attend the rescheduled tournament date(s) will be presented with a full refund by Intramural Sports Staff.

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## **Defaults/Forfeits**

### **Defaults**

- Teams who are unable to attend a scheduled game or match can inform the Intramural Sports office at **812-856-5765** or [imsport@indiana.edu](mailto:imsport@indiana.edu) by 3:00pm of the day of the scheduled game to declare a default. Please contact the office by noon (12:00pm) for games scheduled on Friday and 3:00pm the Friday before for games scheduled on Saturday or Sunday.
- A loss and sportsmanship rating of “3” will be recorded for the reporting team.
- Defaults that are not communicated through the Intramural Sports Office will be counted as forfeits for any team not in attendance for their regularly scheduled game.
- Defaulting a game allows for other teams to have the opportunity to play an extra game in your place.
  - Extra Game Opportunities allow for your opponent to still play their scheduled game. Following a default, an email is sent out to other captains within the league notifying them of the EGO. The first team to confirm their attendance will replace your team on the schedule.
  - Extra Games do not count towards either teams’ records, nor will the sportsmanship scores be taken into season totals.
    - Conduct related issues will be reviewed by the IM office, and will be subject to disciplinary process.

### **Forfeits**

- Teams in major sport competitive leagues, minor sports, and tournaments that forfeit will not be eligible for playoffs.
- A team that forfeits a game will be given a sportsmanship rating of “0” for that contest.
  - A team that wins by forfeit and does not use the grace period will receive a “4” in sportsmanship.
- The team that is present at a forfeit must have the correct number of players needed to start a game for that sport or both teams will be given a forfeit.
- If a team in attendance leaves before the forfeit is duly noted by an official or supervisor, both teams will be given a forfeit.
- Games that end due to sportsmanship issues or a team no longer having the minimum number of players as defined by the sport rules will be deemed a forfeit.
- Recreational league teams will be contacted by the Intramural Sports staff upon their first forfeit and removed from the league after a second occurrence. Teams removed from leagues will not be eligible for refunds.
- Teams that forfeit a regular season game will not be eligible for a refund or the option to advance to the playoffs regardless of any weather cancelations.

## **Grace Period**

Teams must have the minimum number of players checked in and ready to participate at game time. If a team is unprepared to start the game, a ten (10) 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 have the minimum number of players required to participate by the end of the grace period. 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.**

### **Grace Period Steps**

**Step 1** - 0 – 9:59 minutes: a team or player is not ready to play will be penalized a starting score and cannot receive more than a 3 sportsmanship rating.

**Step 2** – Head Supervisor/Assistant Supervisor will call forfeit at the 10-minute mark and the forfeited team or player(s) will receive a 0 sportsmanship rating.

Below is an example of the penalty for a team and an individual sport. Please visit the [sport rules](#) of a particular sport if you would like to see the sport-specific penalty.

#### **Basketball**

<b>Minutes Late</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Sportsmanship</b>
0-9:59 minutes	Starting score 10-0	Max 3
10 minutes	Forfeit	Max 0

#### **Tennis**

<b>Minutes Late</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Sportsmanship</b>
0-9:59 minutes	Lose first game of set	Max 3
10 minutes	Forfeit	Max 0

## **Playoffs – Major Sport Competitive Leagues and Minor Sports**

### **Individual Eligibility for Playoffs**

- In order to be eligible for playoff games, a player must be listed on the IM Leagues roster during the regular season. Roster additions are closed at the end of a league's regular season. It is recommended to build up the official roster during the regular season to ensure that teams will have enough players available during playoff games.
- Each person participating in Intramural Sports is responsible for his/her own eligibility. Any question concerning eligibility should be referred to the Intramural Staff and a ruling obtained prior to participation. Eligibility rulings will be made based on information presented to and obtained by the Intramural Sports Staff. Any team using a player who does not meet the eligibility rules will forfeit all contests in which the player participated.

### **Team Eligibility for Playoffs**

- Maintain a 3.0 team sportsmanship rating average over the course of the regular season.
- Avoid forfeiting any games.

### **Advancing to Playoffs – Major Sports Only**

Only the top ½ of registered teams in each division will qualify. If there is an odd number of teams in the division, we will round up to the next whole team. For example, we will take the top 2 teams in a division containing 3 teams. To determine the top ½ within a division, we will use the following criteria:

1. Regular season winning percentage
2. Regular season team sportsmanship rating average
3. Head to head competition
4. Points allowed

### **Participating in Playoffs**

In order for a team to participate in the playoffs, a team representative must attend the Playoff Meeting. The Playoff Meeting will be held at the conclusion of the regular season. If a team is unable to attend the meeting, they must notify the Intramural Sports office by 12:00pm the day of the meeting. If a team does not attend the Playoff Meeting and does not notify the Intramural Sports office by the deadline, then they will not be allowed to participate in the playoffs.

## Bracket Selection Process

Prior to the Playoff Meeting, the playoff bracket will be posted on IM Leagues. Teams that attend or are excused from the Playoff Meeting will be eligible to select their spot on the playoff bracket. Spots in the bracket will be chosen the day after the playoff meeting through IMLeagues. The bracket will open at 9:00 AM and close at 5:00 PM on the day that it opens. Teams will be assigned a time to pick their spot based on the league standings. If a team does not pick their spot at their assigned time, they will be able to pick at any point after until 5:00 PM. If a team has not picked a spot by 5:00 PM, the team will be automatically placed in the bracket.

The picking order for bracket placement will utilize the following tiebreaker hierarchy:

1. Regular season winning percentage
2. Regular season team sportsmanship rating average
3. Head to head competition
4. Points allowed
5. Random draw conducted on site

**Note: TEAMS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE PLAYOFFS BUT DO NOT ATTEND THE PLAYOFF MEETING (OR NOTIFY THE IM OFFICE) WILL NOT BE PLACED ON THE BRACKET**

## Rescheduling

**Note:** Only Playoff games will be considered for rescheduling. Due to limited programming space, and staffing, we are unable to reschedule regular season games. If regular season games are cancelled, see [Cancelled Games](#).

The playoff brackets will be created based on the number of teams who qualify for the tournament and facility availability. **Teams will not necessarily be playing at the same time as their regular season games.** Participants should check the playoff brackets once posted on IMLeagues in order to find the playoff schedules and notify teammates. If a team has a conflict with a particular game time, reschedule game times are available on a very limited basis. Reschedules will be handled electronically through the IMLeagues software. Follow the process below in IMLeagues, for additional help please see the tutorial [How to Request a Reschedule](#).

**Note:** Reschedule request must be submitted by a team captain.

Submitting a reschedule request does not guarantee a rescheduled game time. If there are no open reschedule times remaining (green), all of the reschedule times are full (grey). All requests

must be submitted, approved by the opposing captain, and approved by the Intramural Sports Office by **noon** (12:00pm) the day of the originally scheduled game. For games played on Saturday or Sunday, the request must be finalized by **noon** (12:00pm) on the Friday before the match/contest.

- If teams cannot agree on a reschedule time that works for both parties, the game will be played at the originally scheduled day and time.
- If team captains do not receive an email confirming the reschedule time, the game will be played at the originally scheduled day and time.

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## **Equipment/Uniform**

At most Intramural Sports events, 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 will not be permitted. Leather, rubber, nylon, or plastic cleats are legal for outdoor sports.

Jewelry is not permitted in any Intramural Sport due to risk of injury. Jewelry includes, but is not limited to earrings, necklaces, smartwatches, and wristbands. 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 an Assistant Director for Intramural Sports. Players will be given a note that they must present to appropriate Intramural staff prior to each game. Participants must schedule an appointment with an Assistant Director of Intramural Sports prior to playing if requiring a medical exemption (i.e., medical device, medical alert). Assistant Directors can be reached by emailing [imsport@indiana.edu](mailto:imsport@indiana.edu).

For more information on sport specific uniform and equipment guidelines, please refer to the [sport rules](#).

**Note:** All equipment decisions made on site by the Intramural Staff on duty shall be final.

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## **Sportsmanship Policy**

Sportsmanship ratings are given based on a team's behavior and conduct before, during, and after an Intramural Sports event. A sportsmanship rating system is used to encourage sportsmanlike conduct from players, captains, and fans. A player receiving an ejection from the game may not be allowed to compete in the next regularly scheduled contest. Recreational Sports may also enforce additional penalties against such persons based on the ejected player's actions. Team captains are responsible for the conduct of their players, sidelines, and spectators. If a player is ejected and refuses to provide their name, the captain may also be ejected if they will not reveal the name.

**Note:** Any team that holds an average Sportsmanship Rating of a 2.0 or lower may be removed from competition by the Intramural Sports Staff.

### **Team Names**

- Any team name and/or team visual representation that incorporates the following will be removed:
  - Alcohol/Drug Reference
  - Illegal activity
  - Offensive to any group of people (Religion, Race, Gender, Sexuality, etc.)
  - Sexual Innuendos
- Any team name that incorporates play on words that elude to indecency, obscenity, or profanity that could be deemed as grossly offensive to members of the general public who actually hear/read it will be removed. Context is paramount in determining whether any particular word or phrase will be considered indecent, obscene, or profane. If any team name and/or team visual representation is found too offensive or egregious, team members may be referred to the Dean of Students and/or the Office of Student Ethics.

## **Sportsmanship Ratings**

### **4 = Excellent Conduct and Sportsmanship**

Players and fans cooperate fully with the officials and other participants. The captain is the only person conversing with officials about rule interpretations and calls in a respectful manner. The captain also has full control of his/her teammates as well as the team's fans. Teams that win by forfeit or default will receive a "4".

### **3 = Good Conduct and Sportsmanship**

The captain is not the only team member talking to officials. Teams that are awarded a non-conduct related penalty (yellow card, technical foul, unsportsmanlike penalty) will receive no higher than a "3" rating. Teams that utilize the grace period will be eligible to receive a maximum of "3". Teams that lose by default will receive a "3".

Examples of non-conduct related penalties include:

- Jewelry, slapping the backboard, sliding, high kick, shorts with pockets (FB only), metal cleats, etc.

### **2 = Average Conduct and Sportsmanship**

Team and fans show verbal persistent dissent towards officials and/or the opposing team, which may or may not merit sport specific, conduct-related penalties such as a yellow card (futsal, soccer, volleyball, team handball), unsportsmanlike penalty (flag football), or technical foul (basketball).

### **1 = Below Average Conduct and Sportsmanship**

Team and fans consistently show dissent towards the officials and/or the opposing team from the field and/or sidelines. The team captain exhibits little or no control over teammates or fans. Teams, including fans, receiving multiple yellow cards, red cards, unsportsmanlike penalties, technical fouls, or a conduct related ejection will receive no higher than a "1" rating. A team that receives a "1" rating must have the captain meet with the Assistant Director of Intramural Sports and/or the Graduate Assistant the following day to be eligible to play in the next contest.

### **0 = Poor Conduct and Sportsmanship**

Team and team's fans are completely uncooperative with Intramural Sports staff. Any teams or fans that cause a game to be forfeited or receives multiple ejections will receive a "0" rating. A team that receives a "0" rating must have the captain meet with the Assistant Director of Intramural Sports and/or the Graduate Assistant the following day to be eligible to play in the next contest.

**Note:** A team must have a 3.0 sportsmanship average or better to be eligible to participate in playoffs (major sport competitive leagues, minor sports, and tournaments).

### **Sportsmanship Ratings during the Playoffs**

Teams receiving a "0" rating will be eliminated from the playoffs. The captain of a team receiving a "1" or "2" sportsmanship rating must meet with the Assistant Director of Intramural Sports and/or the Graduate Assistant the next business day. A decision will be made as to whether the team will be eligible to continue to participation in the playoffs. Teams permitted to continue participation in the playoffs must receive a "3" or "4" rating for all remaining playoff games. An individual receiving an ejection will be disqualified from all remaining playoff games. Teams that enter the playoffs on probation will be removed from the bracket if they do not receive a sportsmanship rating of at least a 3 in each game.

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### **Incidents (Policy Infractions)**

Incidents are characterized by policy infractions, and the term is broad in nature. Incidents that might occur within Intramural Sports could include but are not limited to fighting, player ejections, dunking, alcohol/drug use, and theft. The Intramural Sports Head Supervisor or Assistant Supervisor on duty will complete an incident report when an incident occurs. We appreciate participant cooperation when completing these forms. An Assistant Director of Intramural Sports will follow up on an incident the next business day. Generally, incidents that occur in Intramural Sports require a meeting between the involved participants and an Assistant Director before the players may be reinstated. Incidents may carry Intramural Sports suspensions and/or restricted access to Recreational Sports programs and facilities. Intramural Sports suspensions are added to IMLeagues and prevent the individual from participating during the suspension.

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## **Penalties for Disciplinary Action**

Any participant who commits, provokes, or aids others in committing any of the following acts of misconduct shall be subject to the following disciplinary guidelines:

<b>Description of Act</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>Suspension</b>
ID violation	Presenting an Intramural Sports staff member with another individual's student ID	1 game suspension, confiscation of invalid ID (rightful owner will be notified to claim ID at Member Services)
Action(s) which could potentially cause equipment or facility damage	Dunking during intramural basketball, hanging on soccer/futsal goals, hitting rackets on the ground	1 game suspension, meet with AD, compliance with RS policies and procedures
Personal misconduct	Playing for more than one team illegally. Failure by teammates/captain to cooperate with Recreational Sports staff (i.e., giving name, completing forms, etc.) after ejection, repeatedly receives conduct-related penalties, failure to meet with AD after conduct issue.	Minimum 2 game suspension, meet with AD, possible referral to the Office of Student Ethics and IUPD
Verbal abuse	Threatening behavior or taunting toward another player or spectator before, during, or after a contest. Verbally abusing an official or any other Recreational Sports employee, opponent, or teammate	Minimum of a sport-season long ban from Intramural Sports, meet with AD, possible referral to the Office of Student Ethics and IUPD
Fighting/Physical Abuse	Player or spectator hits, strikes, or pushes a Recreational Sports employee, another player, or a spectator	Year to life ban from Intramural Sports/Recreational Sports, meet with AD, referral to the Office of Student Ethics and IUPD
Sexual Harassment, Racial Harassment, Discrimination	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.	Year to life ban from Intramural Sports/Recreational Sports, meet with AD, referral to the Office of Student Ethics and IUPD

**Note:** Personal conduct situations that are not covered by the above rulings will be dealt with in an appropriate manner by an Assistant Director for Intramural Sports or designee. A participant that has multiple violations of any of the acts listed above will be subject to a ban from Intramural Sports.

## **Appeals Process:**

Any participant/team has the right to appeal their sanction. **They** must follow this process:

1. The participant must email [imsport@indiana.edu](mailto:imsport@indiana.edu) to request an appeal. This correspondence should include the reason for the appeal and needs to be submitted within two business days after the decision was made.
2. The Intramural Sports office will decide to accept or deny the appeal based on a review of the basis for the appeal.
3. If the appeal is denied and the participant wishes to continue the appeals process, they can request a review by the Program Director of Intramural Sports.
4. If the appeal to the Program Director is denied and the participant wishes to continue the appeals process, **they** can request a review by Director of Recreational Sports.

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## **Protests**

Protests may be made on any aspect of Intramural Sports, including the judgement of officials. However, protests can only be upheld in the following instances: player eligibility or misapplication of the rules which affects the outcome of the game.

### **Eligibility Protest**

Any team protesting the eligibility of any player must furnish evidence by noon (12:00pm) of the next business day following the contest. Such evidence may consist of written and signed testimony of a witness; days, dates, time validating illegal participation; picture, roster, etc. that can show ineligibility.

Any team protesting the eligibility of any player must file a protest by:

- Halftime of sports/events that have halves (examples: Flag Football, Futsal, etc.)
- End of 1st set of sports/events that use a best of three formats (examples: Volleyball, Bags, etc.)
- End of 3rd inning of sports/events that have innings (examples: Softball, Kickball, etc.)

If a player shows up or enters the game for the first time after the above occurs, protest must be filed by the end of the game/match. The game/match will be delayed while the Intramural Sports Head Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor, or Evaluator fills out the protest paperwork. The Intramural Sports Office will investigate the score sheets of both teams involved in the contest the following business day.

## **Misapplication of Rules Protest**

Questions pertaining to misapplication of rules on the part of game official(s) must be addressed to an Intramural Sports Head Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor, or Evaluator at the time the misapplication occurs, prior to the next live ball or play. The procedure shall be:

1. If a team feels the official has made a misapplication of a rule, the captain shall immediately request a “time out” and inform the official that **they** wish to submit a protest on the application.
2. The Intramural Sports Head Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor, or Evaluator will assist the participant in filling out the Intramural Sports Protest Report. The contest will continue from this point “under protest”. Protests must be submitted to Intramural Sports Staff at the game site prior to the conclusion of the evening.

The Intramural Sports Head Supervisor will provide the participant with the [imsport@indiana.edu](mailto:imsport@indiana.edu) email. The participant can request a meeting with an Intramural Sports Assistant Director. The contest will continue from this point “under protest.” An Intramural Sports Assistant Director or the Intramural Sports Office will make a ruling the following business day.

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## **Recognition**

### **Awards**

Participants in Major Sport Competitive Leagues, Minor Sport Leagues, and all tournaments/special events will receive Intramural Sports championship t-shirts for winning an Intramural Sports championship in any sport. Due to the limited number of championship shirts ordered, shirts will be distributed at the discretion of the Assistant Director in charge of that particular sport.

### **Athlete of the Year**

Each year Intramural Sports recognizes the Male and Female Intramural Sports Athletes of the Year at the annual Student Recreational Sports Association Awards Banquet. The Athlete of the Year Award takes into account Intramural Sports participation, success, sportsmanship, and attitude. Nominations for the award come from other intramural participants, and the Intramural Sports Council, with the help from Intramural Sports Staff, selects the winner.

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## **Weather**

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

Unfortunately, weather can impact Intramural Sports games. We reserve the right to cancel, postpone, or reschedule games due to inclement weather. When inclement weather arises, the Recreational Sports [Rainout Line](#) (812-296-6100) and IMLeagues messaging are used to indicate if games are canceled. Call the Rainout Line after 3:00 pm for weather cancellation information. Rainout Line information regarding the status of games is viewable on our IMLeagues homepage. You can also download the Rainout Line application to your mobile device and search “Indiana University Recreational Sports” to access updated weather information. Weather that can cause game cancelations or delays includes but is not limited to:

- Rain
- Lightning/Thunder
- Heavy wind
- Snow
- Sleet
- Ice
- Tornado Watches and Warnings

### **Makeup Games Due to Weather**

Regular season games canceled due to inclement weather will not be rescheduled due to the limited amount of time and space to play. When playoff games are postponed due to weather, the Intramural Sports Staff will make every effort to make up all remaining games in the playoff tournament. Playoff brackets will be updated on IMLeagues to reflect the updated dates and times. The Intramural Sports Staff cancels games based on participant safety concerns and field conditions.

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