

# 2023-24 OHIO UNIVERSITY INTRAMURAL SPORTS CAPTAINS' MANUAL

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# WELL-BEING & RECREATION

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## MISSION

*Well-Being and Recreation fosters health and well-being across the OHIO Community through inclusion, engagement, and empowerment.*

## VISION

*A catalyst for well-being that is accessible to all.*

## ABBREVIATED HONOR CODE AND FIVE CORE VALUES

As members of the Ohio University community, we take immense pride in our institution. This sense of pride and our five core values of character, community, citizenship, civility, and commitment define who we are and what it means to be a member of Ohio University. These characteristics form the foundation of personal integrity, which includes academic integrity and involves upholding the community values inherent in being a member of Ohio University. Social responsibility encompasses the fair and equitable treatment of all people, while civic responsibility recognizes the expectation that students of Ohio University contribute to the improvement of our community. This dedication to integrity ensures the progress and protection of Ohio University as an institution of higher learning.

As a member of the Ohio University community, Competitive Sports is committed to this Honor Code and maintaining the highest level of social and civic responsibility at our institution.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Ohio University Intramural Sports program consists of a comprehensive and diverse offering of competitive sports in a variety of seasonal league and tournament formats, designed to meet the needs of the Ohio University community. The history of the program dates back well over 100 years beginning with the first annual field day held during commencement week in June 1890. Club Sports program consists of roughly 34 sport-like activities with focuses ranging from instructional, recreational, and competitive.

# PROGRAM STAFF

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Intramural Sports Officials** – Could be you \*[link here](#)\*

# BEFORE YOU PLAY

## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

### Student Enrollment

All students currently enrolled at the Ohio University – Athens Campus are eligible for Intramural Sports participation, provided they meet all following rules for eligibility. For Summer programming, students enrolled in the previous semester, current Summer session, or will be enrolled in the upcoming semester are all eligible for participation.

### Faculty & Staff

Faculty and Staff of the University are also permitted to participate in Intramurals, provided they have access to the facility where the game is held, primarily Ping and the Aquatic Center. Information for how to gain access can be found here:

<https://www.ohio.edu/recreation/memberships>

## Club Sports Athletes

An Intramural Sports team may contain TWO Club Sports athletes for the respective or similar sport (see table below) in a competitive league. There is no restriction as to the number of Club Sports athletes on recreational league teams. An individual who leaves the Club Sports team prior to the last cut having been made or before the first game has been played, if no cuts are made, is not considered a Club Sports athlete. Those who do not leave at that point are considered Club Sport Athletes for the remainder of the academic year. In addition, Club Sport coaches are considered Club Sports athletes for Intramural Sports participation purposes.

Notes:

- Sand Volleyball and Tennis are restricted to ONE Club Sports athlete per team due to smaller team sizes.
- Club Sports athletes CANNOT participate in singles/doubles competitive leagues or tournaments offered through the Intramural Sports Department that are similar to their respective sport

**RESPECTIVE/SIMILAR SPORT TABLE**

INTRAMURAL SPORTS	CLUB/VARSITY/PROFESSIONAL SPORTS
Softball	Baseball and Softball
Volleyball and Sand Volleyball	Volleyball
Broomball and Floor Hockey	Ice Hockey and Field Hockey
Soccer and Indoor Soccer	Soccer
Basketball	Basketball
Flag Football	Football
Tennis and Pickleball	Tennis

## Varsity and/or Professional Athletes

- Any current or former member of an Intercollegiate Sports Squad should be registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse and is ineligible for Intramural Sports participation in that sport or similar sport (see table above) in a competitive league and will remain so until 365 days have elapsed from their removal from the official University's team roster (this includes transfer students). There is no restriction as to the number of Varsity/Professional athletes on recreational league teams.
- Varsity scout team members, practice squads, and coaches should be registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse and will be counted as club sport athletes for Intramural Sports participation purposes.
- A student who, under NCAA regulations, is considered a professional athlete is permanently ineligible for Ohio University Intramural Sports participation in that sport or similar sport in which they lost their amateur status.

## Number of Teams

An individual may participate on ONE of the appropriate men's or women's teams and ONE coed team for the same sport in the regular season for competitive leagues. Individuals are allowed to participate on numerous teams, however, are only allowed to captain one team per sport. It is the captain's responsibility to determine a player's eligibility and manage their team's roster.

## Gender Restrictions

Players will be restricted to the single gender leagues (men's or women's) depending on their gender selection on IMLeagues. Coed leagues allow for a combination of all athletes but must meet a gender ratio. Open leagues have no gender restrictions.

- Ohio University Intramural Sports supports NIRSA's position related to transgender individuals' participation. For more information please visit [NIRSA's website](#) or contact the Assistant Director for Competitive Sports.
- Exceptions to the policy will be made at the discretion of the Competitive Sports Office.

## Illegal Participation

If a team uses an ineligible player in league play, all games, or contests in which the ineligible individual participated will be forfeited to the opponents, regardless of the outcome. The illegal player may be suspended for the remainder of the activity season and/or the academic year. In elimination tournament play, the team will be disqualified from their respective position in the bracket at the time the legal protest is honored.

The Intramural Sports Office will make random checks of team rosters. It is *NOT NECESSARY* for a team to protest a player in order for that player to be ruled ineligible.

## Rosters

All participants must be listed on the Official Team Roster prior to their participation in any Intramural Sports activity. All player additions must be completed in one of the following ways:

1. Participants may be added to the team roster and approved on the IMLeagues.com website prior to 4:00PM on the day of the contest (4:00PM prior to the contest for Broomball contests that begin after midnight during the week) or by 4:00PM on Friday for all weekend contests for regular season play. This requires each participant to create an IMLeagues.com account using their OHIO email address, accept the terms and conditions, and be on a team.
2. Participants may be added to rosters at the activity site prior to or during any regular season game. In this circumstance, each participant is required to create an IMLeagues.com account using their OHIO email address, accept terms and conditions, and show the addition to the Competitive Sports Staff Member on site.

If a player who did not participate in a regular season contest with a team wishes to be included on the playoff roster, the participant must be added to the team roster and approved on the IMLeagues.com website prior to 4:00PM on the day of the first playoff game for a given sport. This requires each participant to create an IMLeagues.com account using their OHIO email address and accept the terms and conditions to legally appear on a roster. The Ohio University Intramural Sports Staff may periodically send an email to a participant's OHIO account regarding pertinent league information.

## Player Identification

All participants must show a Competitive Sports Staff member a government-issued photo ID (Ohio University ID card, Driver's License, Passport, etc.) prior to participation. If either the name or picture is not legible by the staff member, a second form of identification will be required. If neither the name nor the picture is legible, the ID will not be accepted, and that participant will not be permitted to play. Misuse of identification (transferring, lending, borrowing, or altering university identification) is a violation of the student code of conduct and will result in ejection from the game in addition to judicial referral. Names which appear on the roster should match or closely match that of the name on the participant's government-issued photo ID. In the event the ID does not match the participant using it, Competitive Sports Staff may confiscate the ID and the participant may be referred to the Office of Community Standards and Student Responsibility.

## Coaches & Non-Players

Only squad members who are in uniform, ready to play, and on a team's roster are permitted in the team areas. Each team may have one coach who is not in uniform in the team area provided said coach is established prior to the start of the game. This can be done by informing the officials for that game.

# CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITY

The team captain is the link between the competitive sports staff and the participants and teams. The captain is expected to assume the following responsibilities:

- Complete the mandatory Captain's Quiz on IMLeagues.com prior to the creation of their team.
- Select their team's spot in the Playoff Bracket on IMLeagues.com during the bracket selection period.
- Become familiar with all rules, policies & procedures, and schedules.
- Check eligibility of all team members according to Intramural Sports Policies & Procedures (see Section 2).
- Continually encourage players to be at the game site 15 minutes prior to game time with a valid government-issued photo ID to warm up and sign in on the scoresheet.
- REMEMBER: **GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME!** Inform your team members of this rule. **THE LOCATION OF THE OFFICIAL CLOCK WILL BE INDICATED IN THE RULES FOR EACH RESPECTIVE SPORT.**
- Familiarize your team members and spectators with the Sportsmanship Policy (see Section 10). Educate them as to the ramifications of poor sportsmanship both for the individual and the team. This includes proper web etiquette on the IMLeagues.com website.
- Verify your team's roster, record, and sportsmanship rating and contact the Competitive Sports Office by 4:00PM on the day of the bracket selection for that sport (5:00PM Friday if bracket selection is on a weekend) if there are any discrepancies.
- Maintain communication with the Competitive Sports Office throughout the season regarding schedules, entries, playoffs, sportsmanship, and constructive feedback.
- Speak respectfully with the staff in reference to any team-related issue.

# PARTICIPANT SAFETY

## Assumption of Risk

1. The possibility of injury exists in all sports. Well-Being and Recreation and the Intramural Sports Program assumes no responsibility for injuries. However, basic first aid will be available at game sites.
2. All participants acknowledge an assumption of risk by their voluntary participation in the Intramural Sports Program.
3. All participants in the Ohio University Intramural Sports Program must either create an account through the IMLeagues.com website, which includes accepting the terms and conditions, before they participate in any supervised activity or sign the assumption of risk form at the game site prior to their participation in a regular season game. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule.
4. Any participant who has sustained a head, neck, or back injury will be ineligible to play in ALL Intramural Sports until they provide the Competitive Sports Office with certified medical personnel's (M.D., D.O., or A.T.C.) release.

## Blood Policy

If and when a Competitive Sports Staff member observes that a player is bleeding, has an open wound, or has blood on their uniform, the player will be directed to leave the game. The injured player is not to return until the bleeding has stopped, the open wound is covered, and the bloody uniform is changed or cleaned. The game may resume without the injured player at the discretion of the Intramural Sports Staff.

## Bicycles/Pets/Service Animals

No bicycles or pets are allowed on or within close proximity to the playing surfaces. This will be addressed at the discretion of the Intramural Sports Staff, with the sole exception of service animals.

# REGISTRATION

## Online Registration

Registration for all Intramural Sports will be completed through IMLeagues.com. Captains must register teams on IMLeagues.com and meet all requirements during the allotted registration periods.

## Registration Periods

Registration dates for seasonal leagues are as follows (sport offerings per semester can be found further below)

Fall 1:	August 21 – September 14
Fall 2:	October 9 – October 26
Spring 1:	January 8 – January 25
Spring 2:	March 4 – March 21

All sports for that season will open on the start date, however, play series events will have alternate closing dates, see below or on the IMLeagues home page for specific dates.

## Confirming a Team

A team will not be confirmed until it has the minimum number of players on the roster required to play in a game and the team fee has been paid. Once these criteria are met, the team will be automatically confirmed. Competitive Sports staff will move a team to the waitlist or change a team name of a confirmed team if the team's name is deemed inappropriate.

## Locking Divisions

No division will be locked until all available spots have been filled by teams who have met the requirements mentioned above. At this point, all non-confirmed teams will be moved to the wait list.

# LEAGUE STRUCUTRE

## Individual/Dual Sports

Game times will be scheduled for competition; however, scores will be self-reported. At the end of each game, the winner of the match must email the Intramural Sports Office ([imsports@ohio.edu](mailto:imsports@ohio.edu)) the results of the game by 5:00PM the following day.

## League Types

**Competitive** – Teams will be scheduled to play 3 weeks of round robin games, followed by 2 weeks of playoffs. Playoffs are win or go home, and the winning team will be awarded championship trophies. At the end of the season, a bracket will be posted on IMLeagues for teams to choose their bracket position. The highest rated seed will have first choice, followed by the remainder of the teams in order, in 5-minute intervals. To get your top choice of bracket selection, it is recommended to view the bracket ahead of time and choose your time at your designated time. Reminders will be sent out by the Intramural Sports Office staff.

Please note, playoffs will require teams to play at different times than the regular season.

**Recreational** – Teams will be scheduled to play 5 round robin games at their allotted time. Recreational leagues do not have playoffs, and games are typically more casual and for fun. If a division does not fill or a team does not have a scheduled opponent, the Intramural Sports Office will contact other teams to fill the schedule to allow all teams a chance to participate.

## Play Series

Participation in the Intramural Play Series are open to all participants who meet the eligibility requirements and wish to participate in activities that are programmed as one-time events, typically on weekends. Tournament and Special Event league structures and captain’s meetings will be determined by the Competitive Sports Directors.

## Team Fees

Prices and dates of play for our upcoming offerings are as follows: (EVENT DATES ARE TBD)

Fall 1 (9/11-10/13)	Competitive	Recreational	Fall 2 (10/23-12/1)	Competitive	Recreational
7v7 Soccer	\$50	\$30	7v7 Flag Football	\$50	\$30
Softball	\$50	\$30	4v4 Mini Soccer	\$50	\$30
2v2 Sand Volleyball	\$20	\$10	3v3 Basketball	\$30	\$20
Disc Golf	Free	N/A	Battleship (maybe)	\$5 - Event	N/A

Spring 1 (1/29-3/2)	Competitive	Recreational	Spring 2 (3/26-4/27)	Competitive	Recreational
5v5 Basketball	\$50	\$30	4v4 Flag Football	\$50	\$30
Indoor Soccer	\$50	\$30	11v11 Soccer	\$50	\$30
Volleyball	\$50	\$30	4v4 Sand Volleyball	\$30	\$20
Cornhole	\$5 - Event	N/A	Tennis	\$10	\$5

Should a team forfeit (definition below) twice in a season, a reinstatement fee of \$10 will be required to continue participation in the league.

# DURING THE SEASON

## DEFAULTS

Any team knowing in advance that they will be unable to play a regularly scheduled contest is provided the opportunity to default (not play this contest). In order for the contest to be considered a default, one of the following things must occur by 4:00PM the day of the contest (3:00PM Friday for a weekend contest):



1. The team captain may email the Competitive Sports Office at [intramuralsports@ohio.edu](mailto:intramuralsports@ohio.edu). This email **MUST** be sent from the captain's OHIO email account. The subject line should read <Name of Sport> Default - <Team Name> - <Day & Time>. The body of the email should say "My name is <name>, and I am the captain of <Team Name>. My <Name of Sport> team must default our <Time> game on <Day & Date> against <Opponent's Team Name>."

**EXAMPLE:**      *Subject:* Flag Football Default – Attack Cats – Wednesday 8:00PM

*Body:* My name is Jenny Bobcat, and I am the captain of Attack Cats. My flag football team must default our 8:00PM game on Wednesday, July 6 against Cady Hall.

2. The team captain may fill out the default form found on the home page of IMLeagues. (\*INSERT LINK\*)

- Defaults during the regular season will not count as a loss if the contest would have been canceled due to inclement weather or unsafe playing conditions.
- Defaults during the playoffs will not count as a loss if the contest would have been canceled due to inclement weather or unsafe playing conditions and rescheduled. If either team cannot make the rescheduled contest, they will need to submit a new default form.

Defaults will not count towards a team's record, however teams may only record two defaults per season.

## FORFEITS

Forfeits will be classified based on the following:

- **No-show:** Team does not have the required number of players to participate as of the scheduled game time.
- **Eligibility:** Games resulting in forfeit due the ineligibility of one or more players. Ineligibility may be due to a player having been previously ejected or ruled ineligible for sportsmanship-related issue, etc. at time of game.
- **Registrar Eligibility:** Player is ruled ineligible due to player not being enrolled in classes with Registrar at time of game.
- **Sportsmanship:** Game is ended by staff for sportsmanship-related reasons. Competitive League Teams dropping below an average of "2.5" Sportsmanship rating in the Playoffs. Recreational League team dropped from league for dropping below an average of "2.5" Sportsmanship rating after three graded contests.

All forfeits will count as an automatic loss and will result in a "2" for the sportsmanship rating for that contest.

**GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME.** The location of the official clock will be indicated in the rules for the respective sport. Any team failing to report to participate at the scheduled starting time may forfeit to their opponent. If both teams fail to report to participate, each team shall be credited with a no-show forfeit and the game shall not be rescheduled.

**Captain's Choice:** If only one team has the minimum number of players ready to participate at the scheduled game time, the following will occur:

- The game clock will start (if applicable).
- The captain of that team will be asked if they wish to take an immediate win by forfeit or wait 10 minutes for the other team.
  - If they elects to take an immediate win by forfeit, their team is declared the winner by the score of 1-0, and sportsmanship ratings of "4" and "2" respectively.
  - If they elect to wait, their team will be awarded a maximum score as per the rules of the sport (i.e., 1 point in volleyball, 6 points in men's/women's/open/Coed B flag football, 4 points in Coed A basketball, etc.) for each minute or part of a minute that elapses.
    - If the other team's players arrive within the 10-minute period, the game clock will continue to run, but points will no longer be accumulated against them. The game will then begin with the accumulated score. The late arriving team will also automatically lose the coin toss and any first option according by the playing rules.
    - If the other team's players do not arrive by the time 10 minutes have elapsed, the game will be declared a forfeit, and the offended team will win by the accumulated score (i.e., 10-0 in men's/women's/open/Coed B broomball/floor hockey/softball, 90-0 in Coed A flag football, 30-0 in men's/women's/open/Coed B basketball, etc.), and sportsmanship ratings of "4" and "2" respectively.
- In the event Captain's Choice occurs during the makeup time for a postponed game, time and points will accumulate from the point of interruption and no half time will occur.

**NOTE:** If a team decides to wait, they must wait the full 10 minutes, neither team may use a timeout to stop the game clock from running, thus extending the length of Captain's Choice.

## CANCELLATIONS

Intramural Sports Activities are subject to cancellation due to unsafe facility conditions. This may include inclement weather (rain, snow, etc.) and subsequent poor field conditions, or unforeseen circumstances which may occur in both indoor and outdoor facilities that create unsafe playing conditions (i.e. roof leaking on basketball floor, ice resurfaced at ice arena or a major injury). The Intramural Sports Staff will make all decisions regarding playability and safety of facilities.

If a competitive team has two or more of its regular season games cancelled because of inclement weather, poor field conditions or unforeseen circumstances which may occur in both indoor and outdoor facilities that created unsafe playing conditions, the captain may choose from one of the following options:

1. A prorated refund on Team Fee or coupon code for next Team Fee and no entry into the playoffs.
2. Entry into the playoffs and no refund of any pass fees.

This decision must be communicated to the Intramural Sports Office by 5:00PM on the day before the bracket selection for that sport (5:00PM Friday if bracket selection is on a weekend), or it will be assumed that the captain has selected option #2 above.

**NOTE:** Defaults and forfeits by the team or its opponents will NOT be counted as part of missed games.

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**TWITTER:** @OHIOCampusRec

If at any time Athens County or the City of Athens is under a Level 3 Travel Advisory, or Ohio University is closed, all Intramural Sports activities are canceled for that day.

In cases when weather forces the halt of a game in progress, the specific rules of that sport will determine if the game is considered official. Please refer to the individual rules governing each sport to determine at what point the contest becomes official.

In the event of lightning or thunder, the following will occur:

- Games in progress are stopped and canceled (unless they have reached the official game point) if the Intramural Sports Staff sees lightning or hears thunder, or if the lightning prediction system produces one long horn blast.
- If the lightning prediction system has not cleared play (three short horn blasts) by the start of the next game, or if the required 30 minute wait time following the last sighting of lightning or from hearing of thunder in order to clear play is not completed prior to the start of the next game, then ALL games will be canceled for the night, unless otherwise noted on the Weather Hotline, IMLeagues.com, Facebook, and Twitter.
- Call the INTRAMURAL SPORTS HOTLINE (740-593-4999) or check the IMLeagues.com website if you are unsure if games have been canceled.

Ohio University Intramural Sports will reschedule postponements of playoff games. **You will NOT be called with the updated time.** It is the responsibility of the team captain to contact the Intramural Office or check IMLeagues.com website after 3:00PM to learn of the rescheduled dates and times.

## RESCHEDULING

No games will be scheduled until playoffs, unless extenuating circumstances are present at the discretion of the office.

## PROTESTS

If a team captain wishes to protest an official's rule application or interpretation, they must do so in accordance with the rules set forth by that sport, and by announcing "I protest." Protests submitted after the limits imposed by the rules of the game or after the incident has passed will be reviewed, but not upheld.

Judgment calls are not subject to protest. Judgment calls include in-bounds/out-of-bounds, safe/out, block/charge, ejections, misconducts, and unsportsmanlike actions.

The team captain must notify the officials that they would like to protest and request that a Supervisor/Evaluator be brought to the field/court to make a ruling prior to the continuation of play. The supervisor should use the following procedures when determining the ruling:

- Talk to the protesting team to find out what the issue is.
- Separately gather the officials to determine what happened on the play and what their ruling was, at least one official should keep an eye on the players during this conversation.
- The supervisor must be certain that a rule was misinterpreted to overrule the official's call.

If the team captain disagrees with the ruling, they must immediately inform the Supervisor that the contest is being played under protest.

Eligibility protests may come in two forms:

1. **Roster Eligibility Protest** – This type of protest is for a participant who believes they were signed up on the IMLeagues.com roster by 4:00PM the day of their competition; however, their name is not listed on the game sheet. In this event the player not on the roster will need to log onto IMLeagues.com and show that they are on the roster. During the regular season, players not showing up on the roster can join the team at the game site by logging on IMLeagues.com and joining the team. Any protest after the game is complete will not be considered.
2. **Illegal Player Protest** – This type of protest is for a team that feels a member or members of the opposing team is participating illegally (i.e., A participant played on a NCAA Varsity team within the past year). In the event of this type of protest the player(s) whose legality is being questioned will be permitted to play, with the understanding that if they are found to be participating illegally the game will be forfeited. This type of protest must be filed with an Intramural Staff member or at the Intramural Office by 4:00PM the day following the contest. An individual participating under an assumed name (or identification) in the Ohio University Intramural Sports program is ruled ineligible for Intramural Sports participation for the remainder of the academic semester and their team is placed on probation.

A Written Protest Form must be submitted (by the protesting team) to the supervisor on site or the Intramural Sports Office no later than 4:00PM the next working day following the activity (game).

## SPORTSMANSHIP

### EQUIPMENT & UNIFORM

All team members are required to bring both a white shirt and a colored shirt to each game to serve as the team's uniform. Team members are not required to bring the same color of colored shirt. This will allow for one team to be white and the other team to be "color." Grey shirts are prohibited for either team.

**EXCEPTION:** Intramural Sports will provide numbered jerseys for basketball.

No jewelry may be worn during an Intramural Sports activity, with the exception of medical bracelets/medals that are taped down or religious wear that has been pre-approved by the AD.

Any player that refuses to remove illegal equipment during a contest will be given a yellow card for the violation. All penalties associated with the violation will be assessed (e.g. 10-yard unsportsmanlike, Technical Foul, etc.). The player to whom the yellow card is given must leave the game, remove the jewelry, and may not return until the next opportunity to substitute according to the rules governing the sport.

Equipment, such as pocketless shorts or a soccer ball, may be checked out from Intramural Sports Staff during Intramural Sports activities with a government-issued photo ID. Please contact the Intramural Sports Office with questions.

## PARKING

Listed below are parking areas where cars may be parked without being towed or ticketed. However, parking is very limited, and there is no guarantee that there will be spaces available. Walking together in groups or car-pooling is highly recommended. Ohio University Intramural Sports is NOT responsible for any damage done to a vehicle at any location.

1. Mill Street Fields:
  - Lots 104 & 105 (between River Park Towers and Washington/Jefferson Halls), after 5:00PM Monday-Friday, all day Saturday and Sunday.
  - Per the order of the City of Athens, parking is **NOT PERMITTED** on Mill St from N. McKinley Ave to the river.
  - DO NOT park in lot 153 (on the corner of Elliot and Mill Streets) or you will be ticketed or towed.
  - DO NOT park in front of the emergency entrance, as it constricts the flow of traffic and prohibits emergency vehicles from entering the Intramural Fields.
2. Ping Center, Golf and Tennis Center:
  - Lots 79, 87, & 93 after 5:00 PM Monday-Friday, all day Saturday and Sunday.
3. Bird Arena, Walter Field House:
  - Lot 134 Walter Hall/Aquatic Center Lot after 5:00 PM. Be sure to avoid parking in spots reserved for WellWorks, as you will be ticketed or towed.

## PLAYOFFS

Eligible teams in Competitive Leagues wishing to compete in the playoffs in their activity must meet all of the following criteria based on their league structure:

1. Any team that forfeits 2 games will not be eligible for playoff competition.
2. Teams must pay any forfeit reinstatement fee, if applicable, to be eligible for playoff competition.
3. Teams must earn and maintain a (2.5) or better Sportsmanship Rating Average to advance to and continue in the playoffs. A team not meeting this requirement will not advance, regardless of the regular-season format or record. If the winning team falls below a 2.5 sportsmanship rating, then no team will advance in the playoffs.
  - \* Games that are canceled will not count towards a team's Sportsmanship Rating Average.

Players are only permitted to participate on one competitive team in the playoffs in the men's/women's league, Coed league, and open league per sport. Players who are on multiple competitive teams for the regular season must contact the Competitive Sports Office prior to 5:00PM on the day before the bracket selection for that sport (5:00PM Friday if bracket selection is on a weekend or Monday) to declare which team in each league they will participate on. This will make them ineligible to participate on the other teams in the same league for the duration of the playoffs.

**NOTE:** If a player does not notify the Competitive Sports Office by the above deadline, he/she will be considered as an eligible playoff player for the first team he/she signed up for according to the IMLeagues.com website.

Eligible Teams will be seeded prior to the Playoff Bracket Draw based upon the following criteria and tiebreakers:

1. Winning Percentage
2. Number of Wins
3. Number of Forfeits
4. Sportsmanship Rating
5. Total Points Allowed
6. Point Differential (total points scored – total points allowed)

It is the responsibility of the team captain to verify team record, sportsmanship, and roster after their last regular season game and contact the Competitive Sports Office with any discrepancies by 5:00PM on the day before the bracket selection for that sport (5:00PM Friday if bracket selection is on a weekend).

The Bracket Draw will occur on the IMLeagues.com website at the conclusion of the regular season for Competitive Leagues. Each team captain will receive an email prior to the draw that indicates what time he/she may go on to the IMLeagues.com site and select their spot on the bracket. Following their team's release time, a captain has until 12:00PM the following day to select their spot. At 12:00PM the following day, all teams who have not selected their spot on the bracket will be placed into an empty slot by the Intramural Sports Staff.

All playoff brackets should be updated by 4:00PM each day. Please refer to this schedule if you have questions regarding rainouts or postponements.

If a defaulted playoff game is canceled due to inclement weather or unsafe playing conditions, the default will be voided, and the game will be rescheduled and played. If either team cannot make the new game time, a new default form must be submitted.

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# END OF SEASON

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## AWARDS

Winning teams in the competitive leagues will win IM Champ Shirts! The quantity of shirts given will be based on the sport.

\*WE CANNOT GUARANTEE EVERY ROSTERED PERSON WILL GET A SHIRT, especially for teams that have double the roster.

i.e., an 11v11 soccer team with 20+ players will not get 20+ shirts