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Message from the Associate Director

The Intramural Sports Program offers a fun and unique recreational opportunity to Oregon State University students, faculty, staff, and affiliates. The Intramural Sports Program provides structured athletic leagues, tournaments, and events in a wide variety of sports and activities, and is open to campus members with all levels of sporting experience. With a range of competitive levels, novices and experts alike are able to find activities that fit their ability level. Beyond play, the Intramural Sports Program provides opportunities for individuals to gain technical officiating skills while gaining valuable work experience. With our wide variety of activities, we hope everyone is able to enjoy participating in the Intramural Sports Program, and that the experiences you take away from our program stay with you long after your days at Oregon State University.
Mission Statement

Mission of Sport Programs at Oregon State University

To engage the university community in diverse sport and program opportunities that enrich the student learning experience through involvement, leadership and physical activity.

To help fulfill this mission, the Intramural Sport Program offers extensive opportunities for competitive and structured sports activities. Divisions are established in team sports for male and female students, and for co-rec teams in many sports. In addition, Sport Programs holds over 20 special events. These special events range from single to several day tournaments for individuals, dual events, and teams. Leagues for team sports have 3 to 5 games or matches. In events where the demand warrants, different skill levels are offered to encourage participation of players regardless of their background in the sport.

Interest, not just skill or ability, should be the factor that determines the goals of participants. Involvement in Intramural Sports should always be fun and voluntary. It should provide participants with many opportunities to learn new sports, meet people, improve physical conditioning, and break from routine. Choose those events on the Intramural Sports Calendar that interest you and then register in the Sport Programs Office, located in Dixon Recreation Center, Room 111.

Details on each event are available in the Sport Programs Office at least two weeks prior to the entry deadline.
**Job Opportunities**

The success of the Intramural Sports Program relies heavily on the services of student officials and supervisors. Each year over two hundred students are employed to carry out these important functions. Any currently enrolled Oregon State University student with an interest and background in any of the team sports offered by the Intramural Sports Program is encouraged to apply for these positions. Previous experience as an official is not required.

The Sport Programs Staff conduct training clinics at the beginning of each term to teach the necessary skills. Students may also participate on a team if they work as an official or supervisor. A more active role, such as officiating or supervising often enhances the enjoyment of a sport. It also provides income. Hiring of student officials takes place the term prior to the sport being offered. To apply, go to recsports.oregonstate.edu/webform/application-employment. For additional information and details about the hiring timeline, officiating clinics, etc. contact the Sport Programs office.
Health Insurance and Injuries

The Department of Recreational Sports does not provide health or accident insurance for participants. The Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU) does, however, offer a voluntary student health insurance policy that can be purchased during school registration periods. Injuries that occur during intramural participation, as well as many other accidents, are eligible for coverage by the ASOSU policy. Participants should check to make sure they have proper insurance coverage.

It is the responsibility of every individual participating in Intramural Sports to ascertain whether or not health conditions would make it inadvisable for them to participate. Oregon State University and the Intramural Sports Program does not assume the responsibility for participants. Persons uncertain about a health condition they may possess should consult their family physician or Student Health Services.

The on-site sport supervisor should be notified of all injuries at the time of the incident. The supervisors are not trained in the treatment of sports injuries, but are certified in first aid and CPR-PR with AED. The supervisor will also have a two-way radio to call for further assistance, if necessary. By reporting your injury to the supervisor (which may be necessary for your insurance company), you will assist the Department of Recreational Sports in identifying trends in injuries that could possibly be reduced by changes in the program.

Student Health Services is open M-F 9am-6pm and Saturday 10am-3pm available to all registered students for the treatment of most injuries. Students may also book appointments with a certified athletic trainer through the Department of Recreational Sports located in Dixon Recreation Center for treatment on sports-related injuries. Those cases which cannot be treated at the Student Health Center will be referred to Good Samaritan Hospital or wherever is deemed appropriate by the health care provider.
Team Manager’s Duties

An alert and efficient manager who is interested in sports can be very beneficial to an intramural team. It is helpful for managers to visit the Sport Programs Office frequently to get to know the staff and program policies and procedures. Communication often goes through the managers, so it is important for them to be in frequent contact with the Sport Programs Staff.

This Intramural Sports Handbook, as well as other materials put out by the Sport Programs Staff, should be of assistance in carrying out managerial duties. Team managers are expected to:

1. Inform team members of the activities available and promote participation.

2. Enter the team in the desired sport before or on the announced deadline date. **Team Entry & Waiver of Liability** forms must be turned in when the manager registers a team. If a team entry fee is required, it must be paid before entering a team.

3. Represent, or see that the team is represented, at all Intramural Sports Manager’s Meetings, playoff meetings, disciplinary hearings, and/or protest hearings.

4. Be sure that all players on your team meet the eligibility requirements (p 19-22). If there is any doubt about a player’s eligibility, have that person complete an eligibility petition in the Sport Programs Office.

5. Study the playing rules of each sport and be sure that team members are also aware of these rules.

6. Notify each team member of the date, place, and time of each contest the team is scheduled to play. If your team does not have a specific uniform, and if white or dark jerseys are specified on the league schedule, be sure all team members are in compliance with the color scheme indicated.

7. Complete all arrangements with your opponents and the Intramural Program to reschedule a game (p 15). Do not accept a verbal agreement. If neither team shows up for a scheduled game, both teams will receive a forfeit loss.
8. See that players sign the official team Team Entry & Waiver of Liability forms, which are kept in the Sport Programs Office, Dixon 111, before they participate in intramural competition. The Team Entry and Waiver of Liability will also be available at the game site.

9. See that those on the team play according to the rules of the game. Managers are responsible for maintaining control of their team and spectators with regard to conduct at intramural games.

10. If a protest is warranted, inform the officials and opponent at the time of the incident. Then complete a protest form and submit it to the Sport Programs Office by 2:00 PM the next working day after the contest. (p 18)

11. Check with the Intramural Sports Program the day after the team’s last game to find out which teams have qualified for the playoffs and when to attend the playoff manager’s meeting.
Entering a Team

League team sports conducted by the Intramural Sports Program include: flag football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, softball, wheelchair basketball, bowling, water polo, pocket billiards, wiffle ball, ultimate disc, team tennis, and team golf. To enter a team, follow the procedures listed below.

1. Pick up an event information sheet and Team Entry & Waiver of Liability forms. These are available at least two weeks prior to the entry deadline. The Team Entry & Waiver of Liability must be signed by each player on your team. For programming purposes, the Intramural Sports Program will only accept rosters of teams with at least the minimum number of participants required in that sport to play a game (i.e. basketball-4).

2. Team managers bring their team entry/roster form to Recreational Services to pay the team entry fee if applicable. The fee must be paid by cash, check, credit card, or student charge. Recreational Services is located in Dixon Recreation Center across from the Sport Programs Office.

3. Sign-ups are done using instant sign-ups. Recreational Services staff will provide the manager with a list of available league openings. The manager will then choose their day, time, and league.

4. Once the manager has selected a league time, they are no longer eligible to receive a refund. Managers should double check with their team prior to choosing a league time to make sure they can field a team at that time.

5. Managers will leave their rosters with the Recreational Services staff for further processing by the Sport Programs Staff.

6. Fraternity and Cooperatives that attend their respective meetings will be given priority sign-ups. Those houses that miss the meeting will not be given the early sign-up privilege.
7. Attend the manager’s meeting at the scheduled time and place listed on the sport information sheet. If you cannot attend, send a reliable person in your place to represent you. This information, including the sport rules, is important to for you relay to your team. It is also important that your team be represented if a vote is taken on program or rule changes. Teams not represented at the manager’s meeting will be subject to removal from the league or their chosen league time. Teams not represented at the manager’s meeting are not eligible for a refund if they are removed from the league.

8. Teams that miss the sign-up period and/or miss the manager’s meeting will be placed on the waiting list for that sport. The list will be available at the front desk in the Sport Programs Office. Teams that weren’t in attendance at the manager’s meeting will have to go through a remediation process in order to be placed in the league.

9. Schedules will then be distributed via the Sport Programs website after the manager’s meeting. The schedules will be posted on the Intramural Sports website, recsports.oregonstate.edu/intramural-sports.

**Team Names**

Sport Programs reserves the right to change any team name that is deemed inappropriate or offensive to participants (including, but not limited to, names involving profanity or of sexually implicit content). Please use proper judgment when selecting team names and uniform artwork. Our goal is a pleasant and fun atmosphere for everyone competing. If you are unsure if a team name or t-shirt artwork will be acceptable, please contact the Sport Programs Office for approval.
Players without a Team

If you wish to participate in a team sport and either do not know enough people to form your own team or don’t happen to live in a campus housing unit that has a team, we want to help you find a team. Come into the Sport Programs Office before week 2 of the term and ask about the “Free Agent Round-up.” The Intramural Sports Program offers an opportunity for players who are looking for a team to get together and form their own team or for managers still needing a couple of players to sign-up a couple of new teammates. “Free Agent Round-Up’s” typically occur during week 2 for Flag Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, and Softball. All other “Free Agent Round-Up’s” will take place during the sport’s managers meeting.

Entering Individual and Dual Activities

In addition to the numerous team-oriented sports, the Intramural Sports Program offers a variety of individual and dual events. These events include 5K runs, tennis doubles, pickleball, table tennis, volleyball doubles, golf, wrestling, badminton, and swimming. See inside front cover for this year’s calendar of events. Each event has an entry form and information sheet available at least two weeks prior to the event date. In some events, where there are a large number of entrants, the Intramural Staff may use skill level divisions. In some tournaments, handicapping methods are used. Entrants may represent an organization or compete unattached, whichever best fits their circumstances. Events are open to all students, faculty, staff, and affiliates who meet eligibility requirements.
Non-Discrimination Policy

Oregon State’s Discrimination and Discriminatory Harassment Policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. All Sport Programs participants are subject to Oregon State’s non-discriminatory policies. If complaints of discrimination or harassment arise, they will be reported to Equal Opportunity and Access. Additionally, any allegations of discrimination related to gender identity and expression is subject to review on a case by case basis by the Sport Programs Staff.

Inclusive Participation

Sport Programs supports and advocates for inclusion of members of all gender identities and all forms of gender expression. All individuals who meet the eligibility requirements shall be permitted to participate within intramural sports in accordance with their expressed gender identity regardless of medical intervention or the sex indicated in official school records. Those who identify as nonbinary—whose gender identity is neither woman nor man, but is between or beyond genders, or is some combination of genders—can choose to participate as a woman or a man, whichever feels more comfortable, for the purpose of involvement in divisions in which participation or application of rules is gendered. A participant’s gender identity will be applied when there are gender specific rules or player ratio requirement in co-recreational leagues. Additionally, a participant’s gender identity must be consistent for all leagues and events during the duration of the term. If circumstances change during the term, participants should set a meeting with Sport Programs Staff to discuss these circumstances prior to participating in their next intramural league or event.
Divisions

The Intramural Sports Program is divided into four divisions: Women, Men, and Co-Rec, and Open. If there is enough interest, ‘A’ and ‘B’ leagues are formed. ‘A’ league is competitive while ‘B’ is recreational.

1. The Women’s division is open to individuals who identify as women, undergraduate or graduate students, who also meet all other intramural eligibility requirements.
   a. Faculty, staff, and affiliates with a Recreational Sports membership are eligible to participate as well.
   b. Only when a Women’s division is not offered may those individuals who identify as women participate on a men’s team.

2. The Men’s division is open to all individuals who identify as men, undergraduate or graduate students, who also meet all other intramural eligibility requirements.
   a. Faculty, staff, and affiliates with a Recreational Sports membership are eligible to participate as well.
   b. The Men’s division is divided into the following two subdivisions:
      i. Independent teams represent a variety of living arrangements including off campus, residence hall, and fraternity/cooperative.
      ii. Fraternity/Cooperative teams are restricted to individuals who are registered members or pledges of a specific cooperative or fraternity.
   c. Only when a Men’s division is not offered may those individuals who identify as men participate on a women’s team.

3. A Co-Rec division is available in many team sports and is open to students, faculty, staff, and affiliates.
   a. These events require equal numbers of individuals who identify as women and men and have specific gender rules.

4. Participants may play on only one team in each division for which they are eligible.
   a. Participants may play for a maximum of two teams in a sport, as long as one of them is a single gender team and the other is Co-Rec.
When the demand warrants, the Intramural Sports Program offers two skill levels of competition. Each player or team is encouraged to select the level that best suits their skill and interest according to the following guidelines.

“**A**” leagues are the most competitive and reflect high skill levels. In team sports, these teams are striving to test their skills with the best players on campus. In most team sports, the best teams from the “**A**” leagues compete for the All University Championship at the end of the regular league season. In individual and dual competitions these individuals are frequently tournament players and seek the higher level of competition.

“**B**” leagues are for players of average skill level who seek a league competition format, but are not highly skilled in the sport. In team sports, league standings are recorded, but there are no playoffs. In individual and dual competition these players typically do not have tournament experience.

5. Open leagues are offered in multiple sports and events. Open leagues do not have specific requirements regarding the number of men and women on a team. Additionally, open leagues do not have specific gender rules.

**Skill Classification**

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Rescheduling Games

In those instances when a team cannot play one of their games at the scheduled time, the Intramural Sports Program provides the opportunity for the team to reschedule the game by using the following steps:

1. Contact the opposing manager and arrange to meet in the Sport Programs Office during regular office hours (10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday).

2. Each manager must bring their student I.D. card. This must be done by 2 p.m. two working days before the originally scheduled game time.

3. Requests regarding activities on Sundays and Mondays must be submitted by 2 p.m. on Thursday and requests for Tuesday activities must be submitted by 2 p.m. on Friday.

4. Complete a “Rescheduling Request” form and select the time, location, and date to play the game. Both managers must be present at the Sport Programs Office at the same time to complete the form.

5. Playoff games may not be rescheduled.

Rescheduling Deadlines

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Forfeits

Special effort is needed from players and managers to ensure that their teams are ready to play before the scheduled game time. The forfeit policy is explained below.

1. If one team is not ready to play at game time, the team that is ready to play will win the game by forfeit.

2. If the required minimum number of players arrives shortly after game time and the manager whose team has won by forfeit agrees, and verifies by signing the scoresheet, the game may be played as an official game. The length of the game will be shortened in order to keep games on schedule. If the officials have been reassigned to work elsewhere, the game will remain a forfeit.

3. If neither team is ready to play at the designated start time, the game will be recorded as a double forfeit.

4. If both teams arrive late, and both agree in writing on the scoresheet to play the game with the shortened time period, and the officials are still present, the game may be played and recorded as an official game. If the officials have been reassigned to work elsewhere, the game will remain a forfeit.

5. After a forfeit, a team will automatically be dropped from the league schedule and the student account at the Oregon State University Business Affairs Office of the team manager will be charged $20.00 if a team forfeits a contest.

6. Teams may petition the Sport Programs Office to remain in the league following a forfeit. If a team is allowed to remain in their league, the forfeit will be recorded as a loss. However, should they forfeit again, their team manager will be subject to an additional $20 charge and their team will be dropped from the league.

7. Teams winning by forfeit will receive a “6” for their conduct rating. Teams losing by forfeit will receive a “5” for their conduct rating.
8. If a team cannot fulfill their commitment to complete their league schedule, they are encouraged to notify the Intramural Sports Program of their desire to be dropped from the schedule.

9. If a team knows ahead of time that they will not be able to field a team for a scheduled contest, and are unable to reschedule the game, the Manager needs to notify the Sport Programs Office by calling, emailing, or stopping by the office. Teams that notify the office by 2:00 pm on the business day prior to their game will not be charged the forfeit fee. The team will be allowed to remain in the league, provided the team competes in the remainder of their scheduled league games. The game will still be recorded as a forfeit loss for the team and win for their opponent. Both teams in a defaulted game will receive a “6” for their conduct rating.
Protests

A participant may file a protest if there is a misinterpretation of a rule by an official or if a team uses an ineligible player.

**Misinterpretation of a rule** - A protest may be made against the misinterpretation of a rule, but not a judgment call. If a team feels that the official misunderstood the rule or incorrectly administered it, a protest should be clearly made to the officials and opponents. This should be done at the time of the incident and before the next live ball situation. The game situation should be recorded on the back of the scoresheet immediately, so that everyone is clear about the circumstances, and the game should be completed. The protesting team must complete an “Intramural Sports Protest” form and return it to the Sport Programs Office before 2:00 p.m. the next working day. Protest forms are available from the on-site supervisor or at the Sport Programs Office.

**Playing an ineligible player** - If a team believes an opponent is using an ineligible player, they should protest at the time to the officials and to the opponent. The protesting team should be sure to provide witnesses (including an official) who can later verify the protest. The protesting team must complete an “Intramural Sports Protest” form and return it to the Sport Programs Office, before 2:00 p.m. the next working day. If a team finds out after a contest that their opponent has used an ineligible player, they must complete a protest form before 2:00 p.m. the day of their next scheduled game. The burden of proving the identity of the player and providing witnesses becomes more difficult as time passes. If at any time the Sport Programs Staff become aware of an eligibility issue, they may address the situation at their discretion.

Decisions on protests will be made by the Sport Coordinator and/or a Coordinator of Sport Programs. Appeals of this decision can be made in writing to the Associate Director of Programs within 2 working days of notification of the ruling. In some protest cases or situations of appeal, a protest board may be called by the Associate Director of Programs. The board shall consist of a minimum of four student members. In these cases, a representative from the protesting team and the opposing team shall present their side of the incident to the Protest Board. An Intramural Sports representative will be present to provide necessary information, but will not rule on the matter. The Associate Director of Programs will work with the Protest Board to accept or deny the protest, and their solution, will be implemented by the Sport Programs Staff as soon as possible.
Eligibility Rules and Regulations

The Intramural Sports Program is open to all currently enrolled Oregon State University undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty, staff, and affiliate members provided they have purchased a membership to the Department of Recreational Sports. There are some restrictions which are listed below which have been developed by Student Advisory Boards to provide fair opportunities for participation by the majority of students on campus. In a case in which a student believes an exception should be made, the individual should complete an eligibility petition in the Sport Programs Office in order to receive approval prior to participating in Intramural Sports activities. The Intramural Sports Program also abides by the Oregon State University Student Conduct Regulations as outlined in the Schedule of Classes.

1. Team Entry & Waiver of Liability: All players must sign the Team Entry & Waiver of Liability prior to playing in a contest in order to be a legal participant. Players may do so by coming into the Sport Programs Office during regular office hours and adding their name to the team roster. The rosters are also available at the game site from the sport supervisor on duty (not the referee). A player must play in at least one league game and have their name signed on the Team Entry & Waiver of Liability to be eligible for playoffs.

   Note: Having your name on the game score sheet is not the same as signing the Team Entry & Waiver of Liability.

2. Intercollegiate Squad Members: Varsity athletes may participate in other intramural activities outside of their varsity sport. However, they may not participate in their varsity sport or its related activities at the intramural level (i.e. football/flag football; baseball/softball; basketball/wheelchair basketball).
   a. No individual who is on a roster of a varsity intercollegiate squad (including red-shirts) or who is on athletic scholarship (at OSU or an institution of comparable athletic stature) at the time of a regularly scheduled intercollegiate contest, or who joins those teams after the start of the intramural season, shall
play on an intramural team in that sport or related sport remainder of that year plus one full academic year.

b. Persons participating or working out with the team who are not on the official roster will be governed by our OSU Sport Club Members participation rules (see bullet #4 below).

c. Students dropped from a squad may petition in writing for intramural eligibility within the same academic year with the consent of their varsity coach involved and the approval of the Intramural Sports Program.

d. Petitions must be made in writing to the Sport Programs Office.

3. Unaffiliated Traveling Leagues: Any student practicing or playing with any traveling league teams, developmental league teams, or semi-pro teams must petition for intramural eligibility prior to playing in any intramural competition in a related sport. Petitions must be made in writing to the Sport Programs Office.

4. Oregon State University Sport Club Members: Any student who is a member of a sport club may participate in the Intramural Sports Program following the guidelines listed below:

   a. Events that provide for five or fewer players in the game at one time are limited to one club player on their intramural roster. Events which provide for six or more players in the game at one time are restricted to two club players on their intramural roster.

   b. An individual is considered to be a club member if their name is listed on the club roster form on file with Sports Programs, the person attends more than four club practices in any given term, participate on the traveling team/roster, or in other club related activities for the entire school year they participated in.

   c. Sport club coaches are considered club members for Intramural Sports participation. For the purpose of gender determination in Intramural Sports, a Sport
Club coach’s expressed gender identity is used to determine their eligibility, not the gender of the club they are coaching. For example, if the Women’s Water Polo coach identifies as a man, they will be considered a man when determining their eligibility in Intramural Water Polo.

5. Playing On More Than One Team: No player may play on more than one team in a sport, unless one of the teams is co-rec.

6. Forged Signatures: Individuals who forge roster and waiver of liability signatures will be suspended from intramural competition and their case will be forwarded to the office of OSU Student Conduct and Community Standards for further investigation.

7. Fraudulent Identification: No participant may participate in Intramural Sport under any identification other than their own. Any player using an assumed name, false gender identity, or an illegal I.D card will cause their team to forfeit the contest they participated in. The individual will also be suspended from intramural competition and their case will be forwarded to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

8. Professionals: People who have attained professional status in a sport are ineligible for intramural competition in that sport.

9. Eligibility Clearance: Players and their managers are responsible for checking the eligibility of their team members and their opponents.

10. Eligibility of Opponents: It is to a team’s advantage when questioning the eligibility of an opponent to air those questions as they occur to the opposing team manager and the game officials. If a protest is warranted, follow up with a written protest to the Sport Programs Office.

11. Playing In Gendered Divisions: Individuals may participate in another gendered division only if a division for their gender is not offered in that sport. In those situations, individuals are welcome to participate in another gendered division if they meet all other eligibility requirements.
Playoffs

In “A” leagues of team sports, teams’ records and conduct rating averages are taken into consideration for admittance into the playoffs. “B” leagues do not have playoffs. The following guidelines are used to determine playoff eligibility:

1. Any team with a .500 or better record will qualify for the playoffs regardless of their standing within the league, if their conduct rating is sufficient.

2. Teams must have an average conduct rating of 5.5 or better to qualify for playoffs.

3. If a team qualifies for the playoffs while playing in a division other than their own, they will be placed in the proper division for the playoffs, i.e., Independent playing in Fraternity, will be placed in the Independent playoffs.

Scheduling playoffs to accommodate everyone's needs is a difficult task. The Intramural Sports Program uses this priority structure when developing a playoff schedule:

1. Availability of facilities.
2. Availability of the most qualified officials and supervisors.
3. Availability of teams.
4. Avoiding “overlapping” contests between sports.
5. Avoiding “overlapping” between male/female and co-rec contests.
6. Completion of games as soon as possible.
7. Cost.

Dual Enrollment: Students who have dual enrollment status with Oregon State University and Linn-Benton Community College must be paying Oregon State University’s incidental fees to be eligible to participate in the Intramural Sports Program.

Eligibility Petition: Participants wishing to appeal their eligibility status may do so by submitting formal request, in writing, to the Sport Programs Office.
Playoff Eligibility

Playoff eligibility is a major concern and each year some teams are eliminated from the playoffs because they have used ineligible players. To be eligible for the playoffs, players must meet Intramural Sports eligibility guidelines, must have signed their Team Entry & Waiver of Liability, and must have played in and appear on the score sheet of at least one regular season game. At each playoff game, all players are required to present their current student I.D. card to game officials before entering the game. If a student I.D. card is not available, a picture I.D. card (driver’s license or passport) will be accepted. Faculty, staff, and affiliates need to present their employee I.D. card or Recreational Sports Membership card. Prior to the playoff manager’s meeting, all playoff teams’ Team Entry & Waiver of Liability will be checked with the Rec Trac Computer System and the managers will be notified of any potential problems.

Remember: teams must have an average conduct rating of 5.5 or better to qualify for the playoffs.

Note: If a team has two or more players or spectators ejected for unsporting behavior, the team will be disqualified immediately from the playoffs. Their opponent in the game in which their second player was ejected will advance into the next round.

The Sport Programs Staff may also disqualify teams that commit acts so severe and/or inappropriate that the team creates a playing environment that is unsafe and undesirable.
Sportsmanship

The Intramural Sports Program seeks to provide participants with structured recreational sport opportunities in a learning environment that contributes to student success through involvement, leadership, and wellness. All actions and comments, whether directed at staff, opponents, teammates, or spectators should be constructive and conducive to fulfilling this purpose. Please play to the best of your ability and make every effort to win within the spirit of the rules. Win-at-all cost attitudes are totally inappropriate and are strongly discouraged. All participants and spectators are expected to behave in a courteous and responsible manner in victory and in defeat. Intramural Sports are valuable recreational activities with their benefit coming from playing, not winning.

These guidelines should assist teams in reinforcing a sportsmanlike atmosphere.

1. Expected Conduct
   • Participants and spectators are expected to behave in a cooperative, positive manner, which contributes to the philosophy of friendly competition.
   • Teams are responsible for the conduct of members and spectators before, during, and after any Intramural Sports contest.
   • It is the responsibility of each team to cooperate with the Sport Programs Staff in controlling both team members and spectators. If, in the opinion of the staff, cooperation is not evident the game may be forfeited.
   • Intramural Sports participants and fans will be held responsible for their personal conduct, as outlined in the University’s Student Conduct Regulations.

2. Misconduct (Unsportsmanlike Conduct)
   • Team Captains, Managers, and/or Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, and therefore are subject to the same disciplinary action as their players.
   • In cases where the responsible team member cannot be identified, the team manager may be assessed the appropriate sanctions.
   • Vulgar, obscene, abusive, derogatory, intimidating, and demeaning comments or gestures will not be tolerated.
Such comments and gestures create a hostile environment, generate ill will, place unnecessary pressure on staff and participants, and contribute to a negative Intramural Sports experience.

- All acts of physical aggression including fighting, pushing, shoving, kicking, or any other attempt to injure another person are totally unacceptable behaviors while participating in Intramural Sports.
- Any comments, signs, jokes, remarks, or gestures intended to threaten or intimidate any other person are equally inappropriate and will disciplined accordingly.
- Sanctions for any individual involved in any act of physical/verbal aggression or physical contact of any type toward a Sport Programs Staff member may include a lifetime suspension from the Intramural Sports Program.
- The use of alcohol and/or drugs at any Intramural Sports event is a violation of the Department of Recreational Sports conduct policy, as well as the Student Conduct Regulations at Oregon State University.
- The actions of one team member can cause an entire team to be disqualified from Intramural Sports competition.
- If a game is stopped due to unsportsmanlike behavior by players and/or spectators associated with a team, the game will be forfeited and the team will be suspended from intramural participation.

3. Spectators

- The role of spectators is to provide support and encouragement, which will be beneficial to the participants, the game, and the program.
- Spectators must remain in designated areas and not encroach on the playing area.
- Spectators are also governed by the alcohol/drug policy listed above. Any violation this policy will be dealt with accordingly.
- Spectators violating these guidelines or exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct will be asked to leave and may be assessed additional sanctions.
- Team managers and/or teams can be penalized for the actions of their spectators.
Ejections

If an intramural participant is ejected from a game for poor conduct, or exhibits such behavior following a contest, this person is immediately ineligible for further competition in any intramural activity.

- The participant will then meet with the Sport Coordinator to discuss the situation and consequences. It is the responsibility of the ejected participant to schedule the meeting with Sport Coordinator.
- If the participant feels that their ruling is not fair, they may schedule a meeting to discuss the matter with a Coordinator of Sport Programs.
- If there is still not agreement between the participant and the Intramural Sports Program, the case will be presented to a student appeals board.

Note: Although disciplinary procedures and minimum disciplinary actions have been established, each altercation will be handled individually with appropriate penalties for the incident.

Conduct Rating System

The Intramural Sports Program expects excellent conduct by its participants. To facilitate this, a Conduct Rating System is in effect. The officials of each game rate the conduct of the participants in the game according to a pre-determined scale (see below). These scores are available in the Sport Programs Office the next working day. If after two or more games a team’s average conduct rating falls below 4.0, the team’s manager is required to meet with a Coordinator and the Sport Coordinator, to discuss required improvements in their team’s behavior before their next scheduled contest. Failure to meet this requirement will result in a forfeit of their next scheduled contests until the meeting takes place. Teams receiving a rating of “0” will automatically forfeit their next scheduled game. The team will then be required to meet with a Coordinator and the Sport Coordinator to discuss the incident. The team will also have to petition to remain in the league or tournament.
Standards are also in place for qualifications for playoffs. Regardless of a team’s win/loss record, if their conduct rating average is below 5.5, they will not qualify for playoffs.

If a team has two or more players ejected from the playoffs in a sport, the game will be stopped and the team will be disqualified from the playoffs.

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| 4     | Questioned calls by officials  
Received one of the following penalties:  
• Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty  
• Warning or Yellow for conduct  
• Technical Foul for conduct  
• Verbal Warning (softball or water polo) |
| 3     | Team members not ejected but are very abusive |
| 2     | Player or coach is ejected for abusive remarks  
Team members, coach, and/or spectators persistently question officials in an abusive manner, and/or fail to cooperate with the officials. Players disregard repeated warnings of unnecessary roughness. |
| 1     | Extremely poor conduct |
| 0     | Player ejected or spectator asked to leave game site for striking or shoving an opponent.  
Player or team is so antagonistic toward an official or opponent that the game cannot be played with proper order and control (This score may be given even if the incident occurs after the game and if a rating was already given). |
Summary of Major Regulation Infractions

Rules and regulations have been established to allow the Intramural Sports Program at Oregon State University to be organized and administered efficiently and effectively. Although these regulations are listed in the handbook, and are discussed at the manager’s meetings, on occasion they are “overlooked” by a few teams and/or participants during the year. Listed below are the most common violations and their minimum penalties.

When a player or team is suspended, they are not allowed to participate in any future intramural activity until completing the Intramural Sports Disciplinary Process.

Common Situations and Results:

1. Failure to return properly completed Team Entry & Waiver of Liability.
   - A team is not entered in league play unless the Team Entry & Waiver of Liability are completed and submitted during the registration process.

2. Failure of player(s) to sign the Team Entry & Waiver of Liability before playing in a contest.
   - The team forfeits a minimum of one contest, player is suspended.

3. Playing for two teams in the same sport (with the exception of co-rec).
   - Both teams forfeit a minimum of one contest and the player is suspended from intramural participation based on the decision of the Sport Programs Staff.

4. Use of an ineligible O.S.U. student (i.e., varsity, club, red shirt athlete).
   - The team forfeits a minimum of one contest and the player is suspended from intramural participation based on the ruling of the Sport Programs Staff.

5. Use of a Non-O.S.U. student.
   - The team forfeits a minimum of one contest and the team manager is suspended from Intramural participation based on the ruling of the Sport Programs Staff.
6. Individual ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct.
   • Person is immediately ineligible for further competition in any intramural activity. The Sport Programs Staff will review the incident to determine if, or when, the player will be allowed back into the program. He/She will be required to schedule a meeting with the Sport Programs Staff within two working days to discuss the incident and consequences.

7. The presence of alcohol and/or other drugs at a contest and situation not handled by manager.
   • Game is forfeited and the team is restricted from intramural participation based on ruling of the Sport Programs Staff. Alcohol and/or other drugs at Intramural Events are prohibited. The Sport Programs Staff reserve the right to call law enforcement to assist in these situations.

8. Player using an assumed name.
   • The team forfeits a minimum of one contest and the player and team manager are restricted from intramural participation based on the ruling of the Sport Programs Staff and may be referred to the Dean of Student Life

9. Player does not have a valid identification card at a playoff contest.
   • The player is not permitted to participate in the game
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