Intramural Sports: Participant’s Guide
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PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Intramural Sports Program is to provide an opportunity for every student, faculty and staff member to take part in competitive and non-competitive recreational sports activities within the framework of educational endeavors.

The objectives of the Intramural Sports Program are as follows:

- To provide opportunities for individual development through various activities
- To provide opportunities for social contact and the development of lasting friendships
- To provide leadership and fellowship opportunities through participation
- To provide recreation for individuals, regardless of their skill ability
- To provide opportunities which develop a positive attitude toward lifetime recreation
- To provide opportunities for personal growth and development through employment and leadership experiences

INTRAMURAL SPORTS BUDGET

The Intramural Sports Program is funded by Student Government Activity & Service Fees.

CAPTAIN’S RESPONSIBILITIES

The captain is responsible to inform his/her team of the rules governing the specific activities, as well as the time and place they will play their games. Captains will be held responsible for the behavior of teammates and spectators. Prior to game time, the captain is responsible for ensuring that all players have signed in with the Intramural Sports Supervisor (all players should check in 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game time). Following the game, both captains must confirm that the game is recorded correctly with the Intramural Sports Supervisor. Captains are urged to notify all players and fans that alcohol, tobacco and other illegal substances are prohibited on all Intramural Sports playing sites and that no one is allowed to participate while under the influence of said substances. Captains should advise teammates that parking on service drives and in non-marked parking spaces is prohibited. Vehicles not parked properly will be subject to ticketing and towing by the University Police Department. Lastly, pets are not permitted at any Intramural Sports playing facilities.

Captains should also explain the schedule to their teammates. Some sports require captains to sign a team up for rotating time slots (i.e. M01 Mon 5:00/5:50). This means that the regular season contests could occur at EITHER of those times. Captains may not request to only play at one of those times.

Illegal Equipment

Jewelry (rings, watches, necklaces, ankle bracelets, earrings, rubber bands, etc.) and 'casts' are prohibited. Placing tape or band-aids over jewelry will not be allowed. Participants will be required to remove any band-aids, tape or head/sweat bands which, in the opinion of the Intramural Sports staff, may be covering a piece of
jewelry. Religious medallions may be worn so long as they are taped to the body or tucked into clothing. Medical alert bracelets must be taped with proper information visible. Proper shoes are required in all sports except sand volleyball. Combat boots, five-fingered shoes (Vibrams), and metal cleats of any kind are strictly prohibited. Knee braces are permitted with approved protective covers (neoprene protective covers).

Coaches

Captains may also choose to utilize a coach for the purpose of providing direction to a team. A coach is defined as a non-player who is appointed by team personnel to represent the team in communicating with the Intramural Sports staff. Coaches in all sports are allowed to call timeouts. Coaches are not allowed to confer with officials about plays or question the judgment of a call. Coaches will be required to sign in with a team and designate themselves as a coach. This will not be considered participation on two teams if, for example, a male is coaching a fraternity team but playing on a men's league team. Coaches will be penalized for inappropriate conduct in the same manner as any other participant, with the coach's actions affecting the team's sportsmanship points and playoff eligibility.

WOMEN'S LEAGUES

Independent

Any female student, faculty, staff or spouse/partner, regardless of their skill level, may participate in this league. Teams playing in this league will have a regular season followed by a single-elimination playoff.

Sorority

Only students who are registered members with Panhellenic are eligible to participate on Sorority teams in this league. Teams playing in this league will have a regular season followed by a single-elimination playoff. The winner of this league will receive champion t-shirts. The Intramural Sports office does not keep track of the Panhellenic Points Standings. Please contact the Panhellenic Intramural Director for updates on standings.

MEN'S LEAGUES

Independent

Any male student, faculty, staff, or their spouse/partner, regardless of their skill level, may participate in this league. Teams playing in this league will have a regular season followed by a single-elimination playoff. The winner of this league will receive champion t-shirts. All teams with a .500 or better winning percentage, zero or one forfeit and proper sportsmanship points during the regular season will automatically advance to the playoffs. Teams below .500 that wish to participate in the playoffs must sign up for the playoffs by 4:30 p.m., the day following the last day of the sport’s regular season by emailing the league coordinator with their team name, captain’s name, division and intent to play in the playoffs (fall and spring only).
Fraternity

Fraternity leagues will be made up of the Orange and Blue divisions. Teams will be placed appropriately at the conclusion of the fall semester based on the previous year's achievement. Only students who are registered members with the IFC are eligible to participate on fraternity teams. Teams playing in this league will have a regular season followed by a single-elimination playoff. The winner of the Fraternity league will receive champion t-shirts. Fraternity divisions are considered part of the Men's or Men's Competitive Leagues. The Intramural Sports office does not keep track of IFC Points Standings or place teams in the Orange and Blue divisions. Please contact the IFC Intramural Director for updates and standings.

Men’s Competitive

Some of our sports will differentiate between competitive and recreational leagues. The Competitive league is designed for teams whose primary objective is to win games. Players in this league generally have played high school varsity sports and remain active in that sport, and their Intramural Sports teams may even hold practices. These teams have frequently qualified for and advanced past the first round of the playoffs. Competitive leagues will offer a 5 game regular season (3 for indoor soccer) and a single elimination playoff tournament for all qualifying teams (see playoff eligibility requirements). Individuals participating in this league will not be permitted to play in any other men’s league in that sport.

Men’s Recreational

Some of our sports will differentiate between competitive and recreational leagues. The Recreational league is designed for teams whose primary objective is to enjoy Intramural Sports and to have fun; winning is secondary. Most players on these teams have not played at the varsity level and may be slightly active in the sport. Most teams that have never played together before or are first-time participants are better suited to play in the recreational league. Teams will play a seven-game regular season with no playoffs. This is designed for teams to be given more games and to be able to enjoy those games without the pressure of winning in order to advance. No winner will be named in this league nor receive champion t-shirts. Individuals participating in this league will not be permitted to play in any other men’s league in that sport.

GRADUATE/FACULTY/STAFF

All league participants must be comprised of graduate students (classified as a "7, 8, or 9" by the registrar) enrolled in a graduate program offered by the University, undergraduate students 25 years or older, and faculty/staff members of the University. Spouses of eligible graduate/faculty/staff members may participate in this league. Males or females that are eligible per the above guidelines may participate in this league. Any person participating in the graduate/faculty/staff league may also compete in a Co-Rec league, but may not participate in any Men’s, Women’s or Open leagues within said sport. Traditional student employees (freshmen, sophomores, etc., working an on-campus job) are ineligible for this league. If there are any potential eligibility questions with your team, please contact the Intramural Sports office prior to participation. Teams playing in this league will have a regular season followed by a single-elimination playoff. The winner of this league will receive champion t-shirts.
CO-REC LEAGUES

Co-Rec leagues offer men and women an opportunity to participate on the same team. All students, faculty, staff and spouses/partners are eligible to participate in the Co-Rec league. Some of our sports will differentiate between competitive and recreational leagues.

Co-Rec Competitive

The Competitive league is designed for teams whose primary objective is to win games. Players in this league generally have played high school varsity sports and remain active in that sport, and their teams may even hold practices. These teams have frequently qualified for and advanced past the first round of the playoffs. Competitive leagues will offer a 5 game regular season (3 for indoor soccer) and a single elimination playoff tournament for all qualifying teams (see playoff eligibility requirements). Individuals participating in this league will not be permitted to play in the Co-Rec Recreational league. This league will have a regular season followed by a single elimination playoff. The winner of this league will receive champion T-shirts.

Co-Rec Recreational

The Recreational league is designed for teams whose primary objective is to enjoy Intramural Sports and to have fun; winning is secondary. Most players on these teams have not played at the varsity level and may be slightly active in the sport. Most teams that have never played together before or are first-time participants are better suited to play in the recreational league. Teams will play a seven-game regular season with no playoffs (5 for indoor soccer). No winner will be named in this league nor receive champion t-shirts. This is designed for teams to be given more games and to be able to enjoy those games without the pressure of winning in order to advance. Individuals participating in this league will not be permitted to play in the Co-Rec Competitive league.

TIMES OF PLAY

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<th>Intramural sports normally run during the following times:</th>
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➢ These times are subject to change. Intramural Sports reserves the right, due to facility or time constraints, to reduce the number of teams involved in post-season play, or change the format of the tournament.

ELIGIBILITY

Participants not registered on the IMLeagues website must present their own Gator 1 Card on site. The individual's Gator 1 Card must accurately depict the person's status with the university (i.e. a spouse must have a Gator 1 Card that is marked as "spouse"). Once a participant’s name is placed on the roster he or she may present a government-issued photo identification to check into subsequent events for that team. Proper identification should remain on-site for the duration of the game. Failure to do so may result in a team default and the player/s being suspended for the remainder of the
sport. Participants will not be allowed to play without a proper ID that has the picture and all information clearly visible. It is the responsibility of the team captain to ascertain the eligibility of his/her players prior to game time.

In the fall and spring semesters, the following individuals are eligible to participate in Intramural Sports activities:

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**Intramural Sports held inside of the Southwest Recreation Center or Student Recreation and Fitness Center**

1. Currently enrolled, activity-fee paying students
2. *Spouses/partners of currently enrolled, activity-fee paying students
3. *Faculty and their spouses/partners
4. *University employees and their spouses/partners
5. *Employees and spouses/partners of affiliated university employers including, but not limited to: Shands, UAA, UF Foundation and PK Yonge. Alumni and volunteers are not considered to be affiliates.

*Must purchase a RecSports membership or single-entry guest pass to participate

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**Summer A, B & C Semester Eligibility**

For Summer A, B and C semesters, the same eligibility requirements remain for all participants with the exception of students that are not currently enrolled in classes for a given semester but wish to participate in intramural sports for that semester:

Students that were enrolled in Spring classes and are either enrolled in Fall classes or have graduated in the most recent Spring semester and been accepted to Graduate School in the Fall must purchase a Continuing Student Membership to be eligible. Information on purchasing this membership can be accessed by clicking here.

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**Playing with Multiple Teams**

The following are a list of team combinations a participant may play on during one sport:

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<th>Men’s Competitive and Co-Rec (Rec or Comp if offered)</th>
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<td>Men’s Recreational and Co-Rec (Rec or Comp if offered)</td>
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Once an individual has checked in for a team with the Intramural Sports Supervisor, he/she may not play for another team in that league for the remainder of the season (exception - see roster changes). A player found to be playing on two teams (one of those not being Co-Rec) in the same sport will be suspended from all intramural sports play. This participant will receive instructions via email on becoming reinstated. If a player has played on two teams without properly going through the drop procedure (see roster changes), the second team that the individual plays for will default all games that that person played in.

### Olympic & Professional Athletes

Current/former Olympic and professional athletes are not eligible to participate in their related sport. An athlete will be deemed a "professional" if at any point they were given financial compensation for participating on a team in a professional or semi-professional league. Examples include, but are not limited to: NFL, NFL Europe, AFL, CFL, MLB, NHL, NBA, WNBA, MLS, Pro Beach Volleyball circuit or PGA/Nationwide Tour. Olympic athletes are considered individuals who competed for their country in the Olympics or World Championships, but not the Olympic trials. In order to protest the eligibility of a said "Professional/Olympic" athlete, the protesting team must provide the name of the individual in question and a copy of the Professional/Olympic team roster.

### Collegiate & Sport Club Athletes

Present scholarship athletes and walk-ons are not eligible in their related sport until the following academic year (beginning Summer B) after they have quit the team or their eligibility has expired. These players will be considered ineligible if they are participating/practicing with the team during their NCAA sanctioned semester.

For the purpose of determining Intramural Sports eligibility in their related sport, "current sport club members" are defined as individuals who have participated in any team practice or traveled to any sport club event to participate with said club. "Current sport club members" will retain their sport club status for 12 consecutive months after their last participation in a sport club practice or traveling event.

For the purpose of determining Intramural Sports eligibility in their related sport, "former collegiate varsity athlete" is defined as individuals who participated with a collegiate varsity team in said related sport within three (3) academic
years (academic years begin in Summer B and end in Summer A). Walk-ons and scholarship athletes are considered as "former collegiate varsity athletes" starting the academic year after they are no longer involved with the varsity team.

Current practice team players, former collegiate varsity athletes and current sport club members may participate in their related sport. In sports with less than four players on the field/court, a team may have only one (1) of the above players (regardless of gender) on their entire roster. In all other sports, teams may have a maximum of 2 (total of the above regardless of gender) players per team roster.

For example, a former NCAA varsity softball player that played softball in the 2009-2010 academic year would be considered a "former collegiate varsity athlete" until the conclusion of Summer A 2013.

Questions concerning sport club player eligibility should be directed to jonb@recsports.ufl.edu.

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<th>The sport club, scholarship and Olympic eligibility rule applies to the following sports:</th>
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<td>Club Soccer Teams</td>
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<td>Club Swimming Team</td>
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<td>Track and Field</td>
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<td>Club Roller and Ice Hockey Teams</td>
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For individual and dual activities, as well as special events (i.e. Track Meet, Swim Meet, etc.) former NCAA/professional athletes may participate so long as they are eligible per the above guidelines, though in special events they may not participate in more than one specific event.

**IMPROPER USE OF IDENTIFICATION**

If an Intramural Sports Supervisor determines that an individual is attempting to check-in with false identification in order to participate in an Intramural Sports contest, the ID will be confiscated and that individual will not be allowed to play. The individual will be ejected and asked to show proper identification. If the individual refuses or fails to show proper identification or cooperate fully with the supervisor on site, the team captain may also be ejected from the contest. If a captain is ejected due to a participant not providing proper identification, the captain will have the right to remove that player from his/her roster for the remainder of the semester. If the Intramural Sports Supervisor determines that the team captain was aware of the individual's use of improper identification, then that team may default their game.
and be subject to removal from the league. Any individual caught trying to check-in with an ID that is not their own has jeopardized themselves and the owner of the ID to disciplinary action by the university.

**Rightful Owner**

If the rightful owner of a confiscated ID wishes to retrieve their ID the same evening it was confiscated, they may do so at the site it was taken by simply showing their Gator 1 ID or government issued identification to the Intramural Sports Supervisor to prove that the ID is being returned to the correct person. Otherwise, the individual may pick up his/her ID at the Intramural Sports office inside the Southwest Recreation Center beginning at 9 a.m. the business day following said confiscation. The owner must speak to an Intramural Sports Coordinator or Assistant Director to retrieve the ID as well as provide proper identification to verify his/her identity. ID's not retrieved by the rightful owner will be returned to the Gator 1 Card office or University Police Department approximately every two weeks.

**ROSTER CHANGES**

A player may be dropped from a roster one time only, during the regular season so long as they have only signed-in to participate in one game with the team in which they are looking to be dropped from. The player who wishes to be dropped from a team must bring his/her Gator 1 Card to the league coordinator in charge of that particular activity during his/her office hours. This must be done by 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the competitive league regular season for that sport. No roster drops will be allowed after this time. Every individual who wishes to be dropped from a team must do so during the appropriate league coordinator's office hours. Once a player has followed the proper drop procedures, he/she is eligible to join one other team for the remainder of the activity.

**Roster Additions**

Players who have not played on any Intramural Sports team in a league, who are also eligible to play in that league, may be added to a team roster at any time. To be added to a roster, participants must create an account at imleagues.com. Through this site participants may add themselves to a team’s roster electronically. Instructions for adding players to team rosters are provided on the Intramural Sports website. Additionally, new participants may bring their Gator 1 Card to the game site, sign in with the Intramural Sports Supervisor and agree to the participant waiver. Those participants choosing to sign-in at the game site for the first time must log into IMLeagues.com and complete the waiver prior to future participation.

**Injury Reserve**

A player may be removed from a roster if he/she is injured and cannot participate in Intramural Sports contests for the remainder of the semester. To be removed from the roster, the player must email the league coordinator and inform them of their inability to participate for the rest of the semester. This cannot be done at the gamesite. The injured player will not be allowed to play ANY Intramural Sports events until the following semester of play. Once a player follows the proper injury drop procedure, he/she may be replaced on the team’s roster with one eligible player that has not played on any team in that team’s league (Men’s, Women’s, Co-Rec, etc.). This policy specifically applies to players who are classified as current sport club or former collegiate varsity players.
DEFaultS

A default is a game that is not played and is recorded as a loss but is not considered a forfeit. A team may receive a one-time default if they are unable to attend a game. The team captain must email the league coordinator/tournament director in charge of the sport by 12 p.m. the day of the contest with their name, team name, league of play and intent to default. Once the default has been granted by the league coordinator/tournament director the request cannot be overturned. Teams are not permitted to default at the game site. Weekend/1-day tournaments may utilize alternative default policies; those policies, if different, will be explained within the rules of that specific event/tournament.

- If a default has occurred, the teams involved may still use the site to practice until 15 minutes prior to the next contest; however, Intramural Sports staff are not permitted to officiate any practice, scrimmage or contest the teams choose to participate in during that time.

FORFEITs

An individual or team registering for a league or tournament enters into an agreement with Intramural Sports. Intramural Sports administers the events and provides staffing for said events. Participants must fulfill their obligation by being prepared to play at their scheduled game time, ensuring all teammates are properly checked in and complying with all rules of play. To avoid risking a forfeit, teams should arrive to the game site at least 15 minutes prior to game time.

Small Team Sports

In sports/activities where teams have 4 or fewer players playing at a given time, a team forfeits when they fail to have the minimum number of required players legally signed in and properly attired to play a scheduled game at game time.

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<th>The minimum number of required players for each sport (must meet Co-Rec requirements) is as follows:</th>
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<td>4-on-4 Flag Football</td>
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<td>Sand Volleyball</td>
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<td>3-on-3 Basketball</td>
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- All other activities require the number that would normally begin the contest.

Other Team Sports

In sports/activities where teams have more than four players playing at a given time, a team forfeits when they fail to have one less than the minimum number of players legally signed in and properly attired to play at game time. When a team is one player short of the minimum (Co-Rec must adhere to gender requirements), the contest will begin as scheduled. The team will have seven minutes from scheduled game time to field a team with the minimum number of players.
The minimum number of required players at game time (must meet Co-Rec requirements) is as follows:

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<td>Softball</td>
<td>7 players</td>
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<td>7-on-7 Flag Football</td>
<td>4 players (5 for Co-Rec)</td>
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<td>Outdoor Soccer</td>
<td>4 players (5 for Co-Rec)</td>
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<td>Indoor Soccer</td>
<td>4 players</td>
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<td>Ultimate Frisbee</td>
<td>4 players</td>
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<td>5-on-5 Basketball</td>
<td>3 players</td>
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<td>Indoor Volleyball</td>
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If a team is able to begin their game in the above scenario, a team must have the following number of players within seven minutes of scheduled game time to continue the contest and avoid a forfeit:

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In cases of events that are not listed in the above sections, forfeit rules will be discussed within the rules of said event or via e-mail from the league coordinator or tournament director.

In all cases, a team will automatically be removed from the league if it fails to show up for a second time.

- If a forfeit has occurred, the teams involved may still use the site to practice until 15 minutes prior to the next contest; however, Intramural Sports staff are not permitted to officiate any practice, scrimmage or contest the teams participate in during that time.
FORFEIT CHARGE

A forfeit charge is assessed to all teams that forfeit an Intramural Sports regular season/tournament contest or weekend/one-day tournament in which officials must govern the contest or when 3 or more people are needed for a team. This charge is designed to stabilize our leagues, reduce the number of forfeits by holding team captains accountable for committing to participate in our program and recuperate wasted staffing funds used during forfeited contests. A person undertaking the role of team captain is assuming responsibility for that team and agrees that if the team forfeits a contest, the captain will be assessed a $30 forfeit charge. This charge will be placed on a participant's UF account approximately 48 hours after said forfeit unless an appeal is filed (see procedure below) and must be paid through the ISIS website or Criser Hall for the hold to be released (it takes approximately 1-2 business days after a forfeit for the charge to show up on a participant's records and may take the same amount of time for the hold to be removed). The team will be removed from the Intramural Sports league after forfeiting for a second time, though the captain will not be assessed an additional $30 charge.

Intramural Sports recognizes that there are extenuating circumstances which may arise that can cause a team to not have enough players to play a contest. These circumstances include, but are not limited to: accidents, family emergencies and other unforeseen incidents. Work and class conflicts/tests are not considered extenuating circumstances. Captains must appeal their forfeit charge within 48 hours of their forfeit by e-mailing jonb@recsports.ufl.edu and listing the reason for said appeal. Evidence should be provided at the request of the Assistant Director. Appeals may take 1-2 days to be reviewed and captains will be notified of the decision once it is made.

CANCELLATIONS/RESCHEDULING/GAME DELAY POLICIES

During inclement weather, the Intramural Sports Supervisor, Athletic Trainer, Intramural Sports administrative staff or Department of Recreational Sports professional staff at the site can cancel games. Intramural Sports will make every reasonable effort to inform teams of cancellations, such as utilizing e-mail, the Web site or the Intramural Sports weather hotline (352-273-2456). In some cases we will call team captains, though due to the number of teams playing per night this is not always possible. Do not assume the game will be canceled, as weather is very unpredictable. Canceled games during the regular season will not be rescheduled (unless unusual weather circumstances occur frequently during the semester), and both teams will receive five sportsmanship points. Playoff games that are canceled will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Reschedules

Due to various factors, Fall and Spring semester playoff games through round 16 will not be rescheduled for any reason other than weather or facility issues (summer policies are discussed prior to the beginning of the playoffs). For other playoff contests, captains may complete a postseason conflict sheet which allows a captain to request to not play during times when their team is unable to participate. Conflict sheets must be filled out properly and turned in to the appropriate staff member no later than the date set by the league coordinator. If a team fails to turn in a conflict sheet or fails to properly mark a conflict, no adjustments will be made to the game schedules. The staff will do their best to honor the sheets, but it is not guaranteed that all conflicts will be avoided. If a tournament bracket features less than 16 teams, reschedule requests will only be considered after both teams involved have received a decision in at least one playoff game.

Game Delay Policy

Intramural Sports understands that there are cases where players may be competing in a game at one site and be running late to a game at another site. If a team does not have the usual (not minimum) number of players to start a contest, the
game start may be delayed in order for the participant(s) to arrive. Participants or teams seeking a game delay should inform the Intramural Sports Supervisor of the situation by halftime of the current game and ask the supervisor to call the other site and relay the information to that Intramural Sports Supervisor.

**LIGHTNING POLICIES**

The Intramural Sports Lightning Policy is based on the Weather Sentry online monitoring system. Games will be postponed if the system detects lightning within a six mile radius. All participants must leave the playing area and seek shelter until the supervisors deem the area safe for play. Games will resume once the area has been cleared according to the Weather Sentry system (30 minutes after the last lightning strike within six miles). For information regarding when games become official, please check the individual sport rules listed on the website.

**T-SHIRT POLICY/UNIFORM GUIDELINE**

Matching colored team shirts will be required in all variations of basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, flag football, and certain special events. The sport of soccer requires each goalie to have a different color shirt than his/her teammates and opponents. One or two-digit numbers are required in basketball on the front or back of the shirt and must be at least 3 inches tall.

Teams will have the opportunity to select a team color during the sign up process of the sport. White, gray and other colors that could be perceived as white or gray will not be permitted (teams may not select yellow in any soccer league). The team is required to have all players wear the same shade of color to every game. All teams will also be required to bring an alternate white jersey to each game. Prior to game time the Intramural Sports Supervisor, in conjunction with the game officials, will determine if a conflict exists regarding jersey colors. The team in violation of the policy will be asked to wear their alternate white jerseys. In the event they do not have an alternate white jersey and cannot field the minimum number of players for that sport, that team will forfeit. If two teams are wearing the same jersey color and both teams have alternate white jerseys, a coin flip will determine which team wears the alternate jersey. If both teams do not have alternate jerseys, teams must work together to ensure that the game is played. If neither team has their alternate white jerseys, thus causing a game to not be played, both teams will forfeit their contest.

Intramural Sports recognizes that there are cases in which T-shirt colors will not match exactly. We are striving to ensure that participants are able to play while maintaining the integrity of the game. The Intramural Sports Supervisor has the discretion to allow a participant to play when their T-shirt shade is close to the same color as their teammates, but does not exactly match their teammates. For example, if Team A is wearing black shirts and Team B is wearing orange shirts, the IM Supervisor may allow a player from Team B to wear a shirt that is red, so long as both the officials and supervisor feel there will be no confusion among staff or participants. If in week 2 Team B was wearing orange and Team C was wearing red, then the Supervisor would not allow a Team B player to wear a red shirt as there would be confusion as to who was playing for what team. This does mean that a team could potentially be able to use a shirt one week but not the next. Teams will be reminded that they must always bring their alternate jersey to ensure their ability to play.

**PROTESTS**

Only protests based on questions of player eligibility and rule interpretation, when the misinterpretation affects the outcome of the game, will be accepted. Protests which challenge the accuracy of a judgment call made by the officials or Intramural Sports Supervisors will not be accepted. The team captain must make any protest involving rule interpretation to the Intramural Sports Supervisor at the time of which the incident in question occurs. Once a situation has passed, however, it is no longer subject to change or protest.
Any team protesting eligibility must provide the player(s) in question’s full name. During the regular season, any team found to be using an ineligible player will default all games which that individual played and be subject to removal from the league. All regular season protests must be filed before the final record deadline, which is 4:30 p.m. of the day following the end of the regular season. In the playoffs, if an eligibility protest is found valid, the protesting team advances, but the previous rounds remain the same. During the playoffs, any team protesting the eligibility of a player must do so by noon of the next business day to allow the Intramural Sports Staff adequate time to determine the validity of the protest. If their next playoff game is that same day, the protest must be turned in immediately following the protested game. Teams may be randomly screened for ineligible players by the Intramural Sports staff without a protest being filed. In cases where a team chooses to protest eligibility at any point after a championship contest has begun, and the protest is upheld, the specific league will not declare a champion, no championship game will be rescheduled and no t-shirts will be awarded.

APPEALS

Decisions on participant suspensions made by the Intramural Sports administrative staff may be appealed to the Assistant Director of Competitive Sports within one business day of the suspension. Appeals will take 1-2 weeks to be heard. During the appeals process the individual(s) involved will not be allowed to participate until a final decision has been determined. In cases involving a suspension of longer than 30 days, appeals may not be filed until one-half of the suspension has been served.

Appeals on participant suspensions will only be heard for the following reasons:
1. Additional information provided not available at time of suspension meeting.
2. Suspension length not consistent with guidelines.

Appeals concerning forfeit charges are explained in the "Forfeit Charge" section of the Participant's Guide.

EJECTIONS

The Intramural Sports Program reserves the right to eject any individual, team or spectator who interrupts the flow of a game in any manner. Players do not have to accumulate the required number of infractions to be ejected. Players may be ejected before, during or after any contest and ejections can be made by any official on the contest or any Intramural Sports Supervisors or professional/administrative staff. The jurisdiction of the Intramural Sports staff begins when the participant/spectator enters the visual confines of the field/court and ends when the involved persons leave the facility in which the contest is being held and the visual confines of the playing area. Any ejected player(s) must leave the playing area and facility immediately. If the player refuses to leave within a reasonable time, the game will be defaulted. Captains must assist Intramural Sports staff with retrieving the ejected participant's identification. Ejected players are ineligible to participate in all Intramural Sports activities until they meet with the Intramural Sports administrative staff and any subsequent suspension has been served. The player must e-mail or call the Intramural Sports administrative staff and schedule an appointment to seek reinstatement. For more information concerning general lengths of game suspensions, please consult our suspension guidelines. Repeated unsportsmanlike issues will be monitored by the Intramural Sports staff and participants demonstrating a pattern of unsportsmanlike behavior are subject to suspension from all Intramural Sports activities.

INJURIES

Participation in Intramural Sports activities is completely voluntary. These activities intrinsically involve risks of physical injury greater than those encountered in daily life, and by taking part in sports and other activities, participants acknowledge and assume risks inherent therein. Intramural Sports does not carry accident or injury insurance to cover
participants in sports activities. Therefore, all students are strongly urged to purchase health insurance before participating in any activity.

**Return to Play**

Any participant that sustains an injury where the Athletic Trainer feels a physician’s referral is necessary, including concussions, assumes the responsibility to obtain the physician’s medical clearance prior to returning to participation. The pink copy of the *Injury Report Form* will outline the Athletic Trainer’s assessment and acute injury care and will be given to the injured participant to provide to a physician for background on the injury. The Athletic Trainer will document any referral they make on the Injury Report Form and it will be the responsibility of the participant to ensure they follow all Athletic Trainer recommendations.

Any player who requires a physician’s referral will be personally responsible for ensuring all return to play criteria set out by the physician (or other certified medical professional) are met before resuming participation in any of the RecSports programs or facilities.

**Athletic Trainers**

Intramural Sports provides athletic trainers who are available to evaluate injuries, prep participants and provide immediate first aid at most intramural games. Players wishing to be taped must bring their own white tape and arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their game. Should an injury occur, the athletic trainer will treat to the best of their ability and then refer participants for additional medical attention as necessary. The Student Health Care Center (352) 392-7315 is available for rehabilitation of acute injuries.

**PLAYING RULES/MERCY RULES**

The rules in all sports are based on national association rules with modifications, when appropriate, to make the activity safe and enjoyable for the players while attempting to maintain the identity of the game. Intramural Sports reserves the right to modify playing rules at any time to meet the best interests of the league. The rules of each sport are available for download on the RecSports Web site. Intramural Sports Supervisors have the authority to rule on items not specifically covered in the rules in cases which the contest officials cannot come to a decision. The supervisor or Intramural Sports staff may also assess conduct penalties which the game officials do not call in order to ensure proper safety and sportsmanship, and may default, end games prior to normal conclusion, if deemed necessary. A game becomes official after half of its normal length has been completed.

Many of our leagues have a point differential at which a contest is ended at no penalty, default or forfeit, to either team. This point will not take place until at least half of the game has been completed. A game will be concluded when the mercy rule is reached regardless if both the winning and losing team wish to continue play.

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OFFICIAL’S FEEDBACK

During each contest Intramural Sports officials are monitored and evaluated by Intramural Sports supervisors and staff. These evaluations are used as a basis for improving job performance. Participants wishing to provide feedback about the official’s performance should contact the League Coordinator for that sport by e-mail. E-mail addresses for league coordinators can be found on each individual sport’s page on the RecSports website. These comments should be with the intent to help improve the quality of the officiating in our program and in no way have an effect on the official's employment status or future regular season assignments.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Intramural Sports expects all participants and spectators to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Following each game, officials and/or supervisors evaluate team behavior and issue sportsmanship points to all teams. In the regular season, captains may view their sportsmanship score online and questions about particular scores should be directed to the sport’s league coordinator. In order to be eligible for the playoffs, a team must have a minimum average sportsmanship rating of four. During playoffs, a score of at least four will guarantee advancement for the winning team. Captains should not leave the playing area without checking with the Intramural Sports supervisor to verify that they did not receive a rating below a four. A winning team with a sportsmanship rating less than four must contact and meet with the League Coordinator of said sport no later than noon the day of the next contest to determine if the team should advance. Teams playing multiple games on the same night must meet with the Intramural Sports administrative staff prior to their next contest if a rating below four is received.

The breakdown of sportsmanship ratings are as follows:

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<td>Participants display disagreement/frustration with decisions of staff/officials. Questioning of judgment/rules interpretation not presented in a respectful manner. Minor incidents of unsportsmanlike behavior towards opponents, spectators or staff. Examples include, but are not limited to, trash talk, cursing in any manner, publicly questioning an official's abilities, mocking the skill level of an opponent. Forfeited game.</td>
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<td>Repeated question of judgment/officiating abilities. Unsportsmanlike call in volleyball; flag football; yellow card in soccer; technical foul in basketball; team/player warning in softball; Ejection(s) prior to the contest for illegal use of</td>
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<td>Multiple unsportsmanlike calls and/or technicals (not on the same participant), yellow cards or spectator's harassment of the officials/opposing team.</td>
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<td>Any ejection other than ejection prior to the contest for illegal use of an ID.</td>
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<td>Fighting or contest ended due to extenuating conduct circumstances: Includes threatening an employee. If involved in a fight your team could be removed from the league for the remainder of the season.</td>
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- Sportsmanship ratings are affected by team, participant and spectator conduct before, during and after a contest.

### PLAYOFF SELECTION

All teams who play in the appropriate leagues, meet the appropriate winning and sportsmanship criteria (see Sportsmanship), and forfeit zero or one contest during the regular season will automatically be eligible for the playoffs. All regular season game results and sportsmanship ratings become final at 4:30pm, the day following the end of the regular season. It is the captain’s responsibility to ensure that all information is correct prior to that deadline. All qualifying teams in each league will have the opportunity to select their position in the playoff bracket, with the exception of the Fraternity league which is true-seeded. Teams that fail to meet the sportsmanship requirement may appeal to the League Coordinator of their sport to seek inclusion into the playoffs. This must be done no later than 4:30 p.m. the day after the end of the regular season and must be done via e-mail. The e-mail should include team information, league, reasons for appeal and times available to meet in-person with the League Coordinator. Teams will be ranked by their winning percentage with the tiebreaker being accumulated sportsmanship points. Further ties will be broken randomly by the league coordinator. Please check the individual sport page for the day and time of the Selection Draft. Qualifying teams that fail to select their spot in the draft prior to its conclusion will be randomly assigned an open spot by the League Coordinator.

### Individual Sports

Individual sports, such as tennis and racquetball, may have different qualifications for playoffs due to reduced time to finish a playoff system. Standard playoff format is to finish .500 or better and have proper sportsmanship to qualify. If a league is utilizing a different playoff format, it will be explained by the League Coordinator prior to the playoffs.

### Summer Sports

Due to the reduced semester length, only teams with a .500 or better record and proper sportsmanship points will qualify for playoffs. Any exceptions to this rule would be discussed by the League Coordinator via e-mail.

### AWARDS

The Champions in the Men’s Competitive, Fraternity, Sorority, Women’s, Grad/Fac/Staff and Co-Rec Competitive leagues will receive champion T-shirts (a minimum of three teams are needed to comprise a league).

While efforts are made to ensure champions receive the proper sized T-shirt, we cannot guarantee accommodation of all champion's sizes. Random shirt sizes will be given to the team captain to distribute to players not present at the championship.
EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Intramural Sports hires and trains hundreds of student officials and scorekeepers each year. Officials are needed for all Intramural team sports. No experience is necessary! We will train you in the sport(s) you wish to work. We are seeking officials for flag football, outdoor and indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball and softball. Hired scorekeepers will work flag football, softball and 5-on-5 basketball. With competitive pay and flexible weekly scheduling, our jobs are some of the best student employment opportunities on campus. For more information, visit us in the Southwest Recreation Center or e-mail imsports@recsports.ufl.edu.