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INTRODUCTION TO INTRAMURAL SPORTS
Intramural Sports are a component of the Sports and Competition Program within Campus Recreation. The Sports and Competition office offers a variety of experiences for students including individual, dual, and team activities. These activities include opportunities for men, women and co-recreational teams. The competitive atmosphere of Intramural Sports challenges students, yet in such a way that the program is still fun. Our staff works hard to provide quality experiences for all students. It is our belief that winning a contest is not as important as the participant enjoying the contest while playing within the spirit of the rules. This theme is woven through all Intramural Sports programming and decision making at WSU.

Many of our rules come from recommendations from The National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA). NIRSA is an organization that unites recreational sports professionals across the country and provides leadership and professional growth opportunities for students. NIRSA also hosts extramural tournaments for Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, and Tennis. For more information on NIRSA or competing in one of the tournaments see the Coordinator of Sports and Competition.

STRUCTURE/STAFF
Brian Smith is the full-time Coordinator of Sports and Competition. He is aided by Ethan Green, the Graduate Assistant for Sports and Competition. Our Intramural Sport Leads oversee nightly activities on the fields or courts. Finally, our student officials have the duty of making sure the game is played within the rules.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS OFFICE/CONTACT INFORMATION
The Intramural Sports Office is located within the Campus Recreation Office, Room 119 of the Heskett Center.

- Open from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday
- Phone: (316) 978-5284
- Email: cr.competition@wichita.edu

OMISSION
The Sports and Competition Department may at any time make amendments and exceptions to any of our structural and playing rules for any reason. Such changes will be published immediately on IMLeagues.com. Policy disputes must be appealed through the Sports and Competition Department. In any situation we reserve the right to use our best judgment to decide what is safe and in the best interest of the Wichita State University Sports and Competition Program and its participants.

ACTIVITY INFORMATION/REGISTRATION
All information regarding program activities including; registrations, schedules, rules, and playoff brackets, can be found at www.IMLeagues.com. Individuals can register teams or as a free agent. Free agents are responsible for contacting each other to form or join a team.

PLAYING RULES
Many of our activities follow nationally recognized rules from the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations, or other organizations that sanction a particular sport, such as the Amateur Softball Association or NIRSA. We may make amendments and exceptions to these rules for various reasons, which reflect our recreational scope and local flavor. We publish such amendments and exceptions in the Handbooks/Manuals section for each sport on www.IMLeagues.com.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, TOBACCO
WSU Sports and Competition has a zero tolerance policy for alcohol, tobacco, or any other drug at intramural events on or off campus. Furthermore, Campus Recreation staff reserves the right to remove participants or fans suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The removal process may involve the assistance of authorities such as UPD.
HEALTH AND SAFETY
Intramural sports participants must be aware of the possibility of accidents and injuries, which are inherent to recreational and sporting activities. Moreover, participants should follow the instructions of a physician concerning their participation in athletic events.

The university is not responsible for injuries incurred to Intramural sports participants or spectators while competing in Intramural activities. We recommend that each participant carry health and accident insurance.

Intramural Sports Officials will stop play when an injury resulting in open blood flow occurs, or when the injury can be compounded by further play (a participant down on the playing surface). Participants may not compete with open wounds or when wearing clothing that contains any amount of blood or other bodily fluid (other than perspiration). Campus Recreation reserves the right to remove and keep players from competition after any injury. We will also remove participants who we see showing signs or symptoms of a concussion. We recommend participants seek medical attention for all injuries and may require a signed medical clearance from licensed practitioner before a participant is allowed to return to play.

ELIGIBILITY
- Only current students (enrolled in one (1) or more credit hours) or adult members (18 or older) of the Heskett Center may participate in the Intramural Sports Program. Individuals must present their Shocker Cards to the game officials in order to participate each night. These cards must be validated for the current semester.
- Players must be on team roster before participating. (Team rosters can be found on IMLeagues)
- Players must play in a minimum of one regular season game to participate in the postseason tournament.
- No player may participate on more than one male or female team and one co-rec team in each sport.
  - Players are not able to switch teams once they have played in a game for their team
  - Females are able to participate in male leagues
- Any player using an assumed name or false ID will be declared ineligible and all games played in will be declared forfeits. The standard forfeit fee will be charged for teams using an assumed name or false ID

ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS
The Intramural Sports Staff does not assume total responsibility for checking the eligibility of people participating in the Intramural Sports Program but, any cases of ineligibility called to attention will be dealt with according to rules. Team Representative/Captains are responsible for checking the eligibility of their own players.
- Any player who has practiced after the team’s first regular season game or played in a regular season game with a varsity intercollegiate squad (including, but not limited to: NCAA, NAIA, and Junior College) is considered to have varsity experience, and therefore is not eligible for intramural sport participation in that sport or related activities for one academic year from the end of that season.
- WSU Sport Club participants are eligible to participate in a related Intramural Sport with a limit of two members per IM team.
- Present and past professional athletes will not be allowed to participate in the sport or related activity in which they are/were a professional. Athletes are deemed a professional when they sign a contract with any organized professional team. (This rule will be interpreted narrowly.)
- Semi-professional players, i.e. El Dorado Broncos, Wichita Blues, eligibility will fall under the same guidelines as intercollegiate athletes
ELIGIBILITY
Good sportsmanship is essential for optimum safety and enjoyment of the participants in Intramural Sports. Good sportsmanship will be encouraged through the enforcement of specific rules and regulations. Any official, lead, or administrator may warn, penalize, or eject players, teams, or spectators for unacceptable conduct before, during, or after an Intramural event. The Intramural Sports Staff retains the right to stop any contest at any point that it deems it necessary to protect the safety of the participants or the integrity of the program. If this occurs, either team may be declared the winner or if necessary, neither team will be declared the winner.

RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR ELIGIBILITY PURPOSES

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CONDUCT
All students are expected to comply with the Student Code of Conduct and Campus Recreation policies. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (SCCS) for disciplinary action. Reported violations will be handled according to the process outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. Violations of Campus Recreation policies will be handled by the Campus Recreation staff. We expect all participants and spectators to show a high degree of sportsmanship. This includes respect to authority, other participants and other spectators. The Intramural Sports Staff may cite any participant or spectator with acts of un-sportsman-like conduct, and we may link spectators to participants for the purposes of assessing penalties.

The Intramural Sports Staff may eject participants and spectators from any contest and/or event facility for acts of un-sportsman-like conduct. In cases of improper conduct, individuals may be suspended from competing and/or observing Intramural activities for any period of time. Those ejected may not participate in any further Intramural Sports activities until a conduct hearing has been completed with campus recreation staff or the SCCS office. Any person ejected from competition two times during the academic year (in any sport/event or combination thereof) will be suspended for the remainder of the academic year. If the ejection occurs at the end of the school year, the penalty can carry over to the next school year, if warranted. Further disciplinary action may be imposed through the conduct process as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

In accordance with University policy, fighting and malicious contact are strictly prohibited at Intramural contests. University Police will be called immediately to determine appropriate action. Those involved in fights will receive suspensions from Intramural competition for at least a semester and reported to the SCCS Office. Those who threaten or initiate acts of aggression towards Intramural Sports Officials or other applicable authority will be reported to the SCCS Office, suspended from the Intramural Sports program and University Police will be called.

In accordance with University policy, participants are responsible for intentional or negligent damage to personal and public property.
SPORTSMANSHIP RATINGS SYSTEM

At the completion of each contest the Intramural Sports Officials and Leads present will evaluate each team and assign them a numerical sportsmanship rating. Ratings will range from 0 to 4.

Conduct will be evaluated before, during and after each contest. Conduct will be evaluated on players, bench members and spectators.

(4) Good Sportsmanship & Conduct – Team members are in control throughout the contest. Sportsmanship and conduct of those involved are considered to be at an acceptable level. Team does not show any dissent towards staff or opposing team. No sportsmanship related disciplinary action was taken against any team member.

(3) Average Sportsmanship & Conduct – Team members showed signs of good sportsmanship but also showed signs of unacceptable sportsmanship. Team members were considered to be in control more than not during the contest. Some verbal warnings were given to teams concerning their actions, but no further disciplinary action was needed.

(2) Fair Sportsmanship & Conduct – Below average sportsmanship was displayed during the contest either by team members and or spectators. Conduct that is penalized by more than a simple verbal warning such as a yellow card or technical foul. Team members were not at a level out of control but were beyond the limit of average.

(1) Poor Sportsmanship & Conduct – Team members continually display dissent towards Intramural Sports Staff or opposing team either while on playing surface or sidelines. The team captain shows little or no control of their team’s actions before, during or after the contest. Team members and or captain are uncooperative with Intramural Sports Staff concerning their actions. Teams receive numerous yellow cards, red cards or technical fouls (more than one). Teams have players, coaches or spectators ejected for any reason.

(0) Unruly Sportsmanship & Conduct – This rating will be given out in cases when one or both teams become hostile and the game must be ended early. Some examples warranting a zero rating include numerous warnings, ejections, fights, spectator issues and poor conduct towards the Intramural Sports staff.

Review of Sportsmanship Ratings

It is the team captains right to see the rating given to his/her team following a contest. The ratings will be completed shortly after the end of the contest. If a captain is interested in their rating they are able to ask for the score at that time. A rating is not allowed to be discussed or overturned after a review by the captain. If a captain is in violation of complaining, arguing or pleading their case about a rating they will be dropped another point. An appeal process is set up for these circumstances. (See below)

Appeal Process

A team may appeal their rating with the Coordinator of Sports and Competition. In order to appeal the rating they must do so in writing to the coordinator no later than 12:00 pm the day following the contest in question. NO PROTESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DEADLINE. It is asked that captains may give reasons to why the rating is incorrect. Once an investigation is completed a ruling will be made.

Playoff Eligibility

Following the completion of league play these ratings will be totaled and averaged over the entire course of the event. Each team is required to average a total of 2.25 points for the event or they will not be allowed to participate in tournament play.

Team Notification

If a team is scored a 0 or a 1 for a contest a team captain will be emailed and informed of this so they are able to alert their team. The captain must also set up a meeting with the Intramural Sports Staff prior to their next contest. If the captain fails to do so they will be forfeited from the league.
Organization Sportsmanship and Conduct
If an organization has multiple sportsmanship issues that organization may be banned from participation. In this case we will work with members of the student involvement staff to determine a fair punishment and/or suspension.

LEAGUES/DIVISIONS
We offer Men’s, Women’s CoRec, Fraternity and Sorority leagues. For our larger sports we may offer competitive and recreational leagues. The Sports and Competition staff reserves the right to move teams from recreational to competitive. Within each league captains will sign up for a division named for the day and time that their regular season games will take place. We may have to move teams if divisions do not have adequate numbers.

SCHEDULE/ RESCHEDULE REQUEST
All schedules will be published on www.IMLeagues.com. To prevent games or matches from being needlessly forfeited or defaulted, please make sure of your personal schedule and plan accordingly.

Occasionally, teams and individuals will have conflicts with Intramural activity scheduling. We will try to accommodate schedule conflicts, but this is not always possible. If a team captain wishes to reschedule a game, he or she must submit the request to The Sports and Competition Department by 3:00 PM the business day PRIOR to the originally scheduled game. Games may only be rescheduled upon mutual agreement between team captains. Teams can only reschedule one regular season game per sport.

Teams who place in the top half of their division standings will move on to a single elimination playoff bracket. Teams with a sportsmanship rating of 2.25 or higher will be eligible for playoffs. Any team who drops below a 2.25 during playoffs will be removed.

TEAM CAPTAINS
The team captains are responsible for all of the following items:
- Registration and arranging team
- Taking captain's quiz and passing information to teammates
- Controlling the conduct of players and team fans
- Checking team schedule and playoff schedule on www.IMLeagues.com
- Ensuring the eligibility of all players

DEFAULTS AND FORFEITS
A Default includes one of the following:
- A team falls below the required number of participants or is unable to finish the game.
- A team that calls before the 3:00 PM on the day of the game or before 3:00 PM Friday for Sunday games.

A default will be recorded as a loss for that team and a sportsmanship rating of 3 will be given.

A Forfeit includes one of the following:
- A team or contestant that fails to appear, does not have enough players, and/or is not ready to play at the designated place or time. If neither team is ready to play, the contest will be a double forfeit.
- A team who gives notice that they will not make a game after the default deadline will be forfeited.
- A team that uses ineligible players.

Forfeits will result in a loss and sportsmanship rating of a 2.0.
• A game that is stopped by an Official or Intramural Sports Lead due to unacceptable conduct or behavior by players or fans. One or both teams may be forfeited and the proper sportsmanship rating will be given to teams.

Any combination of two defaults and/or forfeits can result in the team or individual dropped from the league.

FORFEIT FEE
If a team forfeits a scheduled game, a fee of $20.00 will be charged to the team captain. Before a team/organization is eligible to play in their next scheduled game the fee must be resolved with the Sports and Competition Office. All forfeit fees must be paid in full by 3:00 pm on the day of the next scheduled game, or on Friday for Sunday games. All fees must be paid at the Guest Services Desk at Campus Recreation; payments will not be accepted at the play site.

Following the completion of each event, captains with outstanding fees will have holds placed on their personal WSU account. Forfeits can be avoided by contacting the Coordinator of Sports and Competition no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled game or 3:00 p.m. Friday for Sunday games. This will allow for the opponent and staff to be contacted and a default to be charged.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND FACILITY CONFLICTS
The Sports and Competition Department, in full cooperation with the management of the affected facilities, will postpone and/or cancel activities for inclement weather or other specified reasons. On questionable days, the decision will be posted on our Facebook page (Wichita State University Campus Recreation), Twitter (@Shocker1Ms) and a message will be sent out through IMLeagues if games are canceled. We do not make the decision to cancel until 3:00 p.m. If regular season games are canceled we will only reschedule them if time permits. If playoff games are canceled the brackets will be updated as soon as possible. All schedule updates can be found at www.IMLeagues.com.

OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES
Participants must follow the guidelines of each off-campus facility at which we hold competition. We must maintain a positive relationship with the community, and thus, participants are held to a high standard when off-campus. Severe penalties will apply to those engaging in improper behavior when participating in an off-campus intramural event. Moreover, liability for damage rests with the management of the off-campus facility rather than the university. We work closely with the management of these facilities to ensure proper handling of these matters.

GREEK LIFE CHAMPIONSHIPS
The purpose of the WSU Greek Life championship is to foster friendly competition amongst Greek organizations as they compete and accumulate points to determine an overall champion for men and women. Teams/Individuals must have the chapter name included in their team name or the initials of the chapter after the name to count for points.

Overview
The following system will be used to determine points that will be accumulated for the championships. Points will start to tally starting in the spring semester through the following fall semester for the Greek Cups. Points will be kept current by the WSU Intramural Sports department. Up to date point totals will be posted online on the campus recreation website.
Team Sport Standing Points

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Additional Team Points:
- Minus 25 points for teams who forfeit a game
- Up to 75 points will be deducted for teams who receive a sportsmanship rating of two (2) or below

Individual/Dual Sports:
- 1 point per each participant/team who enters (limit 5)
  - Chapter will lose 10 points for each individual forfeit
- Note: Some tournament structures may not allow for ten places, in this case we will score as many as we place
- For CoRec Dual sports they will use this point system and it will be assessed per chapter
- Please add your chapter’s initials to your name in the team name section

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CoRec Team Points:
- Both the males & female representatives need to be in Greek chapters on WSU Campus

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GAME PROTESTS
Participants may not protest judgment calls of Intramural Sports Officials. Some examples of judgment calls are: Catch/incomplete, out/safe, ball in/out of bounds, fouls.

Protests are allowed on the following grounds:

1. **Participant Eligibility**: When a person is believed to be ineligible to participate in an Intramural contest, the protesting team’s captain or team representative must notify the game officials/lead of the eligibility question before the game ends. Protests made after will not be heard.
2. **Misapplication of Rules**: When a participant believes that a game official has misapplied or misinterpreted a published playing rule, the respective team’s captain or team representative must notify the game officials/lead of the protest **before** the next play of the game. Teams may need to call a timeout to fulfill this requirement. If the decision in question happens to be the final play of the game, the protesting team must file a protest with the event lead before leaving the facility. Protests made after these deadlines will not be heard.

When a team protests a non-judgment decision made by an Intramural Sports Official, the officials will follow this procedure:

1. The game official will suspend further play.
2. The protesting captain will explain the playing or eligibility rule basis for protest to the lead.
3. The game official will respond with rationale for the original decision.
4. The game officials and the lead on duty will discuss the situation in the absence of all participants.
   - These staff will decide whether a rules violation has actually occurred, and if so, will correct the decision.
5. If still not satisfied, the protesting party may then file a formal protest with the Sports and Competition Coordinator before 12:00 PM of the following business day.

A team filing a formal protest must follow this procedure:

1. The team must have protested the decision to the game official following the above procedures.
2. The formal protest must be completed on the proper forms.
3. The Intramural Sports Department will review the protest and a decision will be issued promptly. The Coordinator of Sports and Competition will only order that a game be replayed when the department believes that the decision of the official had a deciding influence on the outcome of the game.

**EQUIPMENT**

The Sports and Competition Department supplies most equipment necessary for participation, excluding:

- Softball gloves
- Goalie gloves
- Shin guards
- Golf equipment
- Personal gear (clothing, shoes, etc.)

Students may also check out equipment with the approval of the Assistant Director of Service Programs. There are NO FEES for Intramural Sport participation except for Intramural Bowling, Canoe Battleship and Golf.

Participants may not wear jewelry except for medical alert or religious items during competition. These items need to be taped down. Hats may not be worn during any competition, unless allowed by published playing rules. Bona fide headbands are allowed, but bandannas and “dew rags” are not acceptable. Also, any rule, which the Heskett Center or other host facilities require, is also to be abided by.

**AWARDS**

Our activities are recreational in scope; however, we believe that our champions should be recognized on campus. Individual and doubles champions are each awarded shirts. Teams are awarded shirts for each member of the team, up to three more than the number of teammates permitted on the playing surface at any given time, specified by the published rules of the particular activity.

**20 August 2015**