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INTRAMURAL SPORTS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Ohio University Intramural Sports is to provide students, faculty, and staff of Ohio University with the opportunity to participate in a variety of competitive recreational sports in a safe environment; to promote and provide quality service, facilities, and equipment; to facilitate the opportunity for enjoyable experiences; to nurture and celebrate the wholesome and worthwhile use of leisure, healthy lifestyles, and wellness; and to create opportunities for the growth and development of all stakeholders. Intramural Sports supports the departmental mission by "providing a learning-centered environment that promotes the growth of all students."

Our commitment to this end means that we, Intramural Sports Personnel, will always as individuals and as a "team" work together to:

- ✓ Put customers and participants first
- ✓ Treat each other with courtesy and respect
- ✓ Honor our commitments and obligations
- ✓ Take responsibility for our actions
- ✓ Deal fairly in all of our relations
- ✓ Provide equal treatment to all
- ✓ Communicate honestly
- ✓ Know, comply with, and enforce all rules, regulations, policies, and procedures
- ✓ Pursue excellence through innovation, enthusiasm, and continuous improvement
- ✓ View all situations with a proactive/positive approach

CAMPUS RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Campus Recreation complements the mission of Ohio University by providing a learning-centered environment that promotes the growth of all students through involvement in the operation and/or use of recreational facilities and programs.

OHIO UNIVERSITY ABBREVIATED HONOR CODE AND FIVE CORE VALUES

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

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

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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

OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday 12:00PM - 5:00PM

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2011-2012 OUTSTANDING OFFICIALS

- 4-on-4 Flag Football – Bob Schlueter
- Basketball – Sean McMahon
- Broomball (FQ & WQ) & Floor Hockey – Dustin Hall
- Flag Football – Austin Carr
- Outdoor & Indoor Soccer – Colin Petty
- Softball – Mike Scholze
- Volleyball – Stacey Alexander
- Workhorse Official of the Year – Dustin Hall
- Rookie Official of the Year – Jordan Taylor
- Clinician of the Year – Emily Zickafoose
- Official of the Year – Shawn Mestelske

OHIO UNIVERSITY ALL AMERICAN OFFICIALS

- 1999 – Brad Whittaker and Matt McDermott (Football)
- 2000 – Pat Madine and Larry Mellinger (Football)
- 2002 – Kristin Noble and Nick Brigati (Football)
- 2003 – Kristin Hace and Dale Lewis (Basketball)
- 2004 – Nick Brigati and Matt Ruckman (Football)
- 2004 – Darrell Hargreaves (Basketball)
- 2005 – Nick Brigati and Seth Ellington (Basketball)
- 2005 – Nick Brigati and Nick Lumpkin (Football)
- 2006 – Seth Ellington (Basketball)
- 2006 – Matt Barnes, Jeff Hirz and Nick Ostronic (Football)
- 2007 – Greg Allensworth, Matt Bachman, Matt Barnes, Jeff Hirz, Dave Robison, and Raymond Seiler (Football)
- 2008 – Greg Allensworth, Larry Baker, Chad Indorf, and Dave Robison (Football)
- 2009 – Greg Allensworth, Dan Fladda, and Ian Swoboda (Football)
- 2010 – Justin Carr (Football)
- 2011 – Ben Strunk and Justin Carr (Basketball)
- 2011 – Sean Butler, Justin Carr, and Ben Strunk (Football)
- 2012 – Justin Carr (Basketball)

2011-2012 STAFF AWARDS

Outstanding Supervisor / Program Assistant Awards

- **Supervisor:** Doug Vinci
- **Program Assistant:** Greg Scott

Jack Rhodes Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sports Officiating

Ben Strunk

Christopher J. Morris Award for Outstanding Student Director of the Year

Marshall Frisco

Robert Glidden Award for Outstanding Inter Departmental Collaboration

Dr. Doug Franklin

William T. Sells Award for Outstanding Ohio University Intramural Sports Alumni

Tommy Segi

Richard Woolison Award for "Lifetime" Commitment to the Ohio University Intramural Sports Program

Marissa Couto

OHIO UNIVERSITY INTRAMURAL SPORTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Please note that changes from last year appear inside a **grey highlight**.

SECTION 1: Program Administration

Article 1: Staff

The Director and the Graduate Assistant Directors shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the Ohio University Intramural Sports Program. The Student Staff shall function with the Intramural Sports Directors in the organization and administration of the Intramural Sports Program.

SECTION 2: Eligibility

Article 1: Student Enrollment

1. Fall and Spring **Semester**: All students currently enrolled at the Ohio University – Athens Campus shall be eligible for Intramural Sports participation until they no longer meet the rules of eligibility.
2. Summer: All students who were enrolled the previous spring **semester**, enrolled in the present summer **session**, or will be enrolled in the following fall **semester** Ohio University – Athens Campus are eligible until they no longer meet the rules of eligibility.

Article 2: Faculty & Staff

1. Fall and Spring **Semester**: All faculty and staff members employed at the Ohio University – Athens Campus shall purchase an Intramural Sports pass to be eligible to participate prior to their first intramural sports activity. Intramural Sports Faculty/Staff passes are available in the Campus Recreation Business Office (140 Ping Center) for **\$35.00 per semester** or \$60.00 annually (annual pass begins at the start of the **semester** for which it was purchased). In addition, guest passes are available at a reduced cost for entrance to the Ping Center for Intramural Sports Faculty/Staff pass holders.
2. Summer: All faculty and staff members employed at the Ohio University – Athens Campus are eligible for summer Intramural Sports participation without the purchase of a pass and remain eligible until they no longer meet the rules of eligibility.

Article 3: Club Sports Athletes

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

***NOTE:** Respective sport includes, but is not limited to, similar sports, such as:

INTRAMURAL SPORTS	CLUB SPORTS
Softball	Baseball and Softball
Volleyball and Sand Volleyball	Volleyball
Broomball and Floor Hockey	Ice Hockey and Field Hockey
Soccer and Indoor Soccer	Soccer
Flag Football	Football

2. Sand Volleyball and Team Tennis are restricted to ONE Club Sports athlete per team due to the minimal amount of players for a complete team.
3. Club Sport athletes CANNOT participate in singles/doubles tournaments offered through the Intramural Sports Department which are similar to their respective sport.

Article 4: Varsity/Professional Athletes

1. Any current or former member of an Intercollegiate Sports Squad should be registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse and is ineligible for Intramural Sports participation in that sport or similar sport **in a competitive league**, and will remain so until 365 days have elapsed from his/her removal from the official University's team roster. **There is no restriction as to the number of Varsity/Professional athletes on recreational league teams**.

***NOTE:** Respective sport includes, but is not limited to, similar sports, such as:

INTRAMURAL SPORTS	VARSIITY/PROFESSIONAL SPORTS
Softball	Baseball and Softball
Volleyball and Sand Volleyball	Volleyball
Broomball and Floor Hockey	Ice Hockey and Field Hockey
Soccer and Indoor Soccer	Soccer
Flag Football	Football

2. Intercollegiate athletes at any junior college, college or university shall be ineligible for Intramural Sports participation in that sport or similar activity, until 365 days has elapsed from his/her removal from the official University's team roster.
3. Varsity scout team members, practice squads, and coaches should be registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse and will be counted as club sport athletes for Intramural Sports participation purposes.
4. A student who, under NCAA regulations, is considered a professional athlete is permanently ineligible for Ohio University Intramural Sports participation in that sport or similar sport in which he/she lost his/her amateur status.

Article 5: Number of Teams

An individual may participate on one appropriate competitive men's team or women's team and one competitive coed team in the same sport. An individual may also participate on one appropriate recreational men's team or women's team and one recreational coed team in the same sport. The maximum number of teams an individual may be on for one sport per session is four (4). Being accepted by a team captain on the IMLeagues.com website places the participant on the respective team's roster. It is the responsibility of the captain to determine eligibility of players on his/her team (see Section 3 for all captain responsibilities).

Article 6: Gender Restrictions

No female shall be eligible for participation in a male division. Likewise, no male shall be eligible for participation in a female division.

EXCEPTION: An individual may participate in a division of the opposite sex if Intramural Sports does not offer a coed division or a division of the appropriate sex during the Registration Period. Transgender participants will be addressed on an individual basis at the start of each Intramural Sports season. Please contact the Director of Intramural & Club Sports for further information.

Article 7: Transfer of Player

An individual placed on one team roster may not transfer to another team in that sport during that season.

EXCEPTION: Any participant on the roster of a team that has forfeited out of the league and whose team has played no games is eligible to be removed from that team's roster and added to another team's roster. The Intramural Sports Office must be contacted in such a case.

Article 8: Illegal Participation

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

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

Article 9: Rosters

All participants must be listed on the Official Team Roster prior to their participation in any Intramural Sports activity. All player additions must be completed and approved on the IMLeagues.com website prior to 3:00PM on the day of the contest (3:00PM prior to the contest for Broomball contests that begin after midnight during the week) or by 4:00PM on Friday for all weekend contests for regular season play. To be included on a team's roster for the playoffs, a player must be added to the team roster and approved on the IMLeagues.com website prior to 3:00PM the day of the Playoff Captain's Meeting for that sport. In addition, each participant is required to create an IMLeagues.com account using his/her OAK email address and accept the terms and conditions to legally appear on a roster. The Ohio University Intramural Sports Staff may periodically send an email to a participant's OAK account regarding pertinent league information. Names which appear on IMLeagues.com and subsequently on the roster should match or closely match that of the name on the participant's government-issued photo ID.

Article 10: Player Identification

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

Article 11: Coaches & Non-Players

Coaches and non-players are NOT permitted in the team player areas and must be in designated spectator areas for the facility.

SECTION 3: Captain's Responsibilities

Article 1: Team Captain

Students, faculty and staff form their own teams and register during the appropriate dates and times as indicated in the semester calendar. One team member must be designated as Captain. Teams must be created on the IMLeagues.com website by **3:00PM** the day after the team was registered or the team may lose their league spot.

Article 2: Responsibilities

The team captain is a key link between the participants (team members) and the Intramural Sports Staff, and is expected to assume the following responsibilities:

- Attend the mandatory Preseason Captain's Meeting and Playoff Captain's Meeting, if applicable, or designate another person to attend in their stead. Doors will be locked at the time of the meeting. If a team does not have a representative present at the mandatory Preseason Captain's Meeting, the team will be charged with a forfeit (see Section 8).
- Become familiar with all rules, policies & procedures, schedules and any additional information covered in the captain's meeting(s).
- Check eligibility of all team members according to Intramural Sports Policies & Procedures (see Section 2).
- Continually encourage players to be at the game site 15 minutes prior to game time with a valid government-issued photo ID in order to warm up and sign in on the scoresheet.
- **REMEMBER: GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME!** Inform your team members of this rule. **The location of the official clock will be indicated at the Preseason Captain's Meeting for your respective sports.**
- Familiarize your team members and spectators with the Sportsmanship Policy (see Section 10). Educate them as to the ramifications of poor sportsmanship both for the individual and the team. This includes proper web etiquette on the IMLeagues.com website.
- Verify your team's roster, record, and sportsmanship rating and contact the Intramural Sports Office by **3:00PM** the day of that sport's Playoff Captain's Meeting if there are any discrepancies.
- Maintain communication with the Intramural Sports Office throughout the season in regard to schedules, entries, playoffs, sportsmanship and constructive feedback.
- Respectfully speak with the staff in reference to any team related issue.
- Pick up your Administrative Deposit during the designated dates, if applicable.

SECTION 4: Participant Safety

Article 1: Assumption of Risk

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

Article 2: Blood Policy

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

Article 3: Bicycles/Pets/Service Animal Policy

No bicycles or pets are allowed on or within close proximity to the playing surfaces. This will be addressed at the discretion of the Intramural Sports Staff. **EXCEPTION: Service animals will be allowed near the playing surfaces.**

SECTION 5: League/Pay Structures and Requirements

Article 1: Team Composition

Leagues will be established for men's and women's singles, doubles and team competition; as well as coed team/doubles competitions. Teams/doubles must be all one sex unless the activity specifically allows for coed teams/doubles.

Article 2: Recreational Leagues

Participation in Recreational League activities is open to all participants who meet the eligibility requirements (see Section 2) and wish to participate in a round-robin format without a playoff and requires a potentially refundable Administrative Deposit of \$30 dollars if the maximum number of participants that can play at a time is four or less. An Administrative Deposit of \$50 dollars is required if five or more participants can play at a time.

Each team will be scheduled in a 4-team league with **5** round-robin games.

The Administrative Deposit must be submitted with the Entry Form during registration.

Article 3: Competitive Leagues

Participation in Competitive League activities are open to all participants who meet the eligibility requirements (see Section 2) and wish to participate in a round-robin format that leads into a playoff and requires a nonrefundable Team Fee of \$30 dollars if the maximum number of participants that can play at a time is four or less. A nonrefundable Team Fee of \$50 dollars is required if five or more participants can play at a time.

If a team in a Competitive League is charged with a forfeit in the regular season (including the Preseason Captain's Meeting), they must pay a \$25 dollar Playoff Reinstatement Fee for sports where the marketed fee is \$50 dollars and a \$15 dollar Playoff Reinstatement Fee for sports where the marketed fee is \$30 dollars by 3:00PM the day of that sport's Playoff Captain's Meeting to be eligible for the playoffs.

Each team will be scheduled in a 4-team league with 3 regular season games and teams who are eligible will be scheduled for at least one playoff game (see Section 13 for playoff information).

In the event that a division does not fill and no games are scheduled and/or played, the teams in that division may have their Team Fee refunded to them by contacting the Intramural Office.

RECREATIONAL VS COMPETITIVE LEAGUES		
	REC	COMP
How many regular season games will my team be scheduled for?	5	3
Will the regular season schedule be in a round-robin format?	YES	YES
Will there be a single-elimination playoff tournament at the end of the regular season?	NO	YES
Will my team always play during the same timeslot?	YES	NO
Do I have a chance to win an Ohio University Intramural Sports Champions Award?	NO	YES
If my team's Sportsmanship Rating drops below 2.5 at a certain point during the regular season/playoff tournament, will my team be removed from said league/playoffs?*	YES	YES
If my team forfeits twice during the regular season, will we be removed from the league?	YES	YES
Will my team be eligible to receive a refund of our Team Fee/Administrative Deposit?	YES	NO

**See Section 10, Article 10

Article 4: Singles and Doubles Tennis Leagues

Participants who wish to play in the Intramural Sports Singles and Doubles Tennis League and meet the eligibility requirements (see Section 2) must pay a \$10 dollar fee for Singles Tennis and a \$20 dollar Team fee for Doubles Tennis. In addition, teams are required to bring an unopened canister of tennis balls to each match.

Article 5: Administrative Deposit

Each team captain will receive an Administrative Deposit Receipt that is to be turned in during the refund period. This deposit is fully refundable at the completion of the activity, unless one or more of the following occurs:

1. Failure to attend the mandatory Preseason Captain's Meeting (only results in loss of 50% of Administrative Deposit).
2. Received a forfeit at any point, for any reason during the season (see Section 8, Article 1).
3. Failure to pick up deposit in the Intramural Sports Office during the times designated for the administrative deposit return.
4. Team is dropped from their league due to Team Sportsmanship issues.

Any team eligible for an Administrative Deposit return should have the captain or team representative report to the Intramural Sports Office (140 A Ping Center) between 12:00PM and 5:00PM on the following dates:

- FALL I SEASON: Wednesday, October 17th – Friday October, 19th
- FALL II SEASON: Wednesday, December 5th – Friday, December 7th
- SPRING I SEASON: Wednesday, March 13th – Friday, March 15th
- SPRING II SEASON: Wednesday, April 24th – Friday, April 26th

In the event that a division does not fill and no games are scheduled and/or played, the teams in that division may pick up their Administrative Deposit prior to the above dates by contacting the Intramural Office.

NOTE: Any player listed on a team's official active roster may pick up the administrative deposit in the Intramural Sports Office with the Administrative Deposit Receipt. A government-issued photo ID is needed for name verification.

Article 6: Tournaments and Special Events

Participation in Tournaments and Special Events are open to all participants who meet the eligibility requirements (see Section 2) and wish to participate in activities that are programmed primarily on weekends. Tournaments and Special Events may be subject to a fee. Tournament and Special Event league structures and captain's meetings will be determined by the Intramural Sports Directors.

SECTION 6: Defaults

Article 1: Default Policy

Any team knowing in advance that they will be unable to play a regularly scheduled contest is provided the opportunity to default (not play this contest). In order for the contest to be considered a default, a team member must complete a default form and submit it to the Intramural Sports Office by 3:00PM the day of the contest. Weekend requests must be made by 4:00PM the preceding Friday. A valid government-issued photo ID must be presented to verify the team member's presence on the official roster.

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

Article 2: Default vs. Forfeit

A team that legally defaults will receive a loss in the league standings, not a forfeit.

Default VS Forfeit What's the Difference???	DEFAULT ☺	FORFEIT ☹
My team cannot play a scheduled game and I submitted the default form to the Intramural Sports Office by 3:00PM the day of the contest; I will receive a ...	YES	NO
My team simply does not show up for a scheduled game and the officials and other team are waiting to play, I will receive a ...	NO	YES
I will receive my Administrative Deposit back if I...	YES	NO
My team must pay a Playoff Reinstatement Fee to be eligible for the playoffs if we...	NO	YES
I will be removed from the league if my team receives 2...	NO	YES
If I do not have enough players to start a game at game time, my team will receive a...	NO	YES
If my team cannot make a game, it is a common courtesy to the Intramural Sports Staff and the opposing team if I...	YES	NO

SECTION 7: Forfeits

Article 1: Types of Forfeits

Forfeits will be classified based on the following:

- **Incomplete Roster:** Team does not have the required minimum number of players on its roster to participate by 3:00PM on the day of the contest (3:00PM prior to the contest for Broomball contests that begin after midnight during the week) or by 4:00PM on Friday for all weekend contests. If the game would have been canceled due to inclement weather or unsafe playing conditions, the forfeit will be nullified.
- **No-show:** Team does not have the required number of players to participate as of the scheduled game time.
- **Eligibility:** Game results in forfeit due the ineligibility of one or more players. Ineligibility may be due to player appearing on more than one roster, player previously ejected or ruled ineligible for sportsmanship-related issue, etc. at time of game.
- **Sportsmanship:** Game is ended by staff for sportsmanship-related reasons. Competitive League Teams dropping below 2.5 Sportsmanship rating in the Playoffs. Recreational League team dropped from league for dropping below a 2.5 Sportsmanship rating after three graded contests.
- **Web Etiquette:** A team posts material to an IMLeagues.com that is deemed to be in violation of Ohio University Intramural Sports' web etiquette policy.

Article 2: Game Time

GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME. The location of the official clock will be indicated at the respective sports Preseason Captain's Meeting. Please note that forfeit time also applies to the mandatory Preseason Captain's Meeting. Any team failing to report to participate at the scheduled starting time may forfeit to their opponent. If both teams fail to report to participate, each team shall be credited with a no-show forfeit and the game shall not be rescheduled.

Article 3: Captain's Choice and Winning by Forfeit

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

- The game clock will start (if applicable).
- The captain of that team will be asked if he/she wishes to take an immediate win by forfeit or wait 10 minutes for the other team.

- If he/she elects to take an immediate win by forfeit, his/her team is declared the winner by the score of 1-0, and sportsmanship ratings are assigned as per Section 10, Article 7.
- If he/she elects to wait, his/her team will be awarded a maximum score as per the rules of the sport (i.e., 1 point in volleyball, 6 points in men's/women's flag football, 4 points in coed basketball, etc.) for each minute or part of a minute that elapses.
 - If the other team's players arrive within the 10 minute period, the game clock will continue to run, but points will no longer be accumulated against them. The game will then begin with the accumulated score. The late arriving team will also automatically lose the coin toss and any first option accorded by the playing rules.
 - If the other team's players do not arrive by the time 10 minutes have elapsed, the game will be declared a forfeit, and the offended team will win by the accumulated score (i.e., 10-0 in men's/women's broomball/floor hockey/softball, 90-0 in coed flag football, 30-0 in men's/women's basketball, etc.), and sportsmanship ratings will be assigned as per Section 10, Article 7.
- In the event Captain's Choice occurs during the makeup time for a postponed game, time and points will accumulate from the point of interruption and no half time will occur.

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

Article 4: Limit of Forfeits

A team/individual is declared disqualified from participation in that league after two forfeits.

NOTE: Failure to attend the mandatory Preseason Captain's Meeting constitutes one of the maximum two forfeits. A game forfeited due to registrar eligibility may count as one of the maximum two forfeits.

SECTION 8: Game Cancellations and Postponements

Article 1: Cancellation of Activities

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

In the event of cancellations, the Intramural Sports Hotline will have a recorded message indicating what facilities and sports may be affected for that day. Also, there will be a message on the IMLeagues.com website indicating whether any events for that day have been canceled. It is the responsibility of each team/participant to call the Intramural Sports Hotline, check the IMLeagues.com website, the Ohio University Intramural Sports Facebook Page or Twitter page. Intramural Sports will **NOT CALL** participants to inform them that games are canceled due to weather.

FACEBOOK: Ohio University Intramural Sports

TWITTER: @OUIMSports

INTRAMURAL SPORTS HOTLINE: (740) 593-4999

Article 2: Cancellation of All Activities

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

Article 3: Cancellation of Activities in Progress

1. In cases when weather forces the halt of a game in progress, the specific rules of that sport will determine if the game is considered official. Please refer to the individual rules governing each sport to determine at what point the contest becomes official.
2. In the event of lightning or thunder, the following will occur:
 - Games in progress are stopped and canceled (unless they have reached the official game point) if the Intramural Sports Staff sees lightning or hears thunder, or if the lightning prediction system produces one long horn blast.
 - If the lightning prediction system has not cleared play (three short horn blasts) by the start of the next game, or if the required 30 minute wait time following the last sighting of lightning or from hearing of thunder in order to clear play is not completed prior to the start of the next game, then ALL games will be canceled for the night, unless otherwise noted on the Weather Hotline, IMLeagues.com, Facebook, and Twitter.
 - Call the INTRAMURAL SPORTS HOTLINE (740-593-4999) or check the IMLeagues.com website if you are unsure if games have been canceled.

Article 4: Postponements

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

Article 5: Mutually Agreed Postponements

A scheduled activity may be postponed by mutual agreement of team captains (or individuals for singles and doubles) and the Ohio University Intramural Sports Office. This agreement must be submitted to the Intramural Sports Director/Directors in written form one day prior to the scheduled activity. If terms for rescheduling cannot be agreed upon, the game is to be played as originally scheduled. Results of all mutually agreed postponements must be submitted to the Intramural Sports Office prior to the completion of league play or prior to the scheduled date for the next round of tournament play. Mutually agreed postponements must be played under the supervision and direction of Ohio University Intramural Sports. The Ohio University Intramural Sports Office shall reschedule the game and provide officials and supervision; however, the teams involved shall be responsible for any expenses involved in the rescheduled activity.

SECTION 9: Sportsmanship

Article 1: Team Names and Uniforms

The Ohio University Intramural Sports Program reserves the right to change duplicate team names to avoid confusion. Also, the Intramural Sports Program reserves the right to change any team name that is deemed inappropriate or offensive to participants (including names involving profanity or of a sexually implicit nature). Please use the proper judgment when selecting names and uniform artwork... our goal is a pleasant, fun atmosphere for everyone competing. If you are unsure if a team name or t-shirt artwork will be acceptable, please contact the Intramural Sports Office and ask.

Article 2: Web Etiquette

The Ohio University Intramural Sports Program will be monitoring content on the IMLeagues.com website. Any comments, pictures, postings or anything thereto deemed inappropriate by the administration of the Ohio University Intramural Sports Program are subject to the following:

- Deletion of posted materials
- Removal from the league of the offending player or team
- Deletion of the offending individual's IMLeagues.com account
- Referral of the offending individual and/or team captain to the Office of Community Standards & Student Responsibility

There will be a zero-tolerance policy for anything that is demeaning, degrading, derogatory or sexually explicit in nature. This includes, but is not limited to, posted materials referring to topics such as race, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity or socioeconomic status, and social or political beliefs.

Article 3: Captains

The team captain is responsible for the actions of his/her team. Additionally, the captain will ensure that his/her team is familiar with the rules of play and Intramural Policies and Procedures contained in this document. Copies of the rules are available in the Intramural Sports Office, on the Ohio University Intramural Sports web page, and on the IMLeagues.com website.

Article 4: Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Players shall not commit acts of unsportsmanlike conduct. This includes, but is not limited to, arguments with staff by any player, team, or spectator (flagrant fouling, fighting, etc. before, during or after a contest). No player or team shall:

1. Use foul or derogatory language, threaten, or verbally abuse any other participant or Intramural Sports Staff before, during or after the game. This includes trash talk.
2. Participate in a game for which he/she is ineligible.
3. Intentionally strike, push, trip or flagrantly foul another player.
4. Mistreat the facility, equipment, or supplies of Ohio University.

Article 5: Disqualified Players

A player disqualified from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct must see the Intramural Sports Supervisor. The Intramural Sports staff reserves the right to require an ejected participant to leave the field/complex. He/she will be declared ineligible for play in ANY Intramural Sports activity until he/she has submitted a letter requesting reinstatement and has met with the appropriate Intramural Sports Professional Staff member. The player shall be suspended for no less than one game. Failure to leave the area/complex may result in forfeiture of the game. Any second occurrence of unsportsmanlike conduct by a team may result in that team being eliminated for the remainder of the season. Failure of a participant to complete the above requirements within 10 business days of his/her ejection may result in a judicial referral.

Article 6: Red and Yellow Cards

Ohio University Intramural Sports uses a RED CARD and a YELLOW CARD Sportsmanship Rating System to control unsportsmanlike conduct of the players, substitutes, and spectators. A RED or YELLOW Card will be assessed when a participant commits an act of unsportsmanlike conduct.

1. A participant that is issued a yellow card must report his/her name to the Intramural Sports Staff member present at that game site. If the carded player refuses, the team captain must report the name. If there is no compliance by the team, the contest will be

considered a forfeit and the entire team will be suspended from all Intramural Sports activities until the participant's identity is revealed.

2. A participant who receives TWO (2) YELLOW CARDS in the same game/match is automatically ejected from the game, must vacate the complex immediately, and is suspended from all Intramural Sports activities.
3. A participant may be ejected immediately (RED CARD) without first being issued a yellow card if the foul or act is flagrant in nature. A participant who is issued a RED CARD and is ejected must leave the complex immediately and is suspended from all Intramural Sports Activities.

NOTE: Any player ejected from a contest via a Red Card or two Yellow cards must abide by the policies outlined in Section 9, Article 5.

RED/YELLOW CARD SPORT SPECIFIC EQUIVALENTS		
SPORT	YELLOW	RED
FALL I		
Softball	Restriction to Dugout	Ejection
4v4 Mini Soccer	Yellow Card	Red Card, or Second Yellow Card
4v4 Sand Volleyball	Yellow Card	Red Card, or Second Yellow Card
FALL II		
Flag Football	Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty	Second Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty
7v7 Outdoor Soccer	Yellow Card	Red Card, or Second Yellow Card
Floor Hockey	Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty	Second Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty
Broomball	Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty	Second Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty
3v3 Basketball	Technical Foul	Second Technical Foul
SPRING I		
5v5 Basketball	Technical Foul	Second Technical Foul
Indoor Soccer	Yellow Card or Second Blue Card	Red Card, or Second Yellow Card
Indoor Volleyball	Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty	Second Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty
SPRING II		
4v4 Flag Football	Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty	Second Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty
11v11 Outdoor Soccer	Yellow Card	Red Card, or Second Yellow Card
Dodgeball	Technical Foul	Second Technical Foul
Badminton	Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty	Second Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty
Kickball	Restriction to Dugout	Ejection

Article 7: Sportsmanship Ratings

At the completion of each game the Intramural Sports Staff present will assign your team a Sportsmanship Rating, using an "A, B, C, D, and E" grading scale.

- Outstanding sportsmanship will earn a team an "A" rating for that contest.
 - Poor sportsmanship will result in a rating of "C", "D" or "E" depending on the level of sportsmanship.
 - Teams winning by no-show or incomplete roster forfeit will receive no higher than a "B" rating for sportsmanship.
 - Teams losing by no-show or incomplete roster forfeit will receive no higher than a "C" rating for sportsmanship.
 - A game that is defaulted will result in both teams receiving sportsmanship ratings of a "B."
 - Any team that is assessed a sportsmanship-related yellow card during a game cannot receive a Sportsmanship Rating higher than "C" for that contest.
- A. Outstanding Sportsmanship & Conduct: All players cooperate fully with staff and the opposing team throughout the course of competition. The captain respectfully converses with staff when needed and has full control of his/her team (4 points).
 - B. Good Sportsmanship & Conduct: Team members are in control throughout the contest. Sportsmanship and actions of team members are at acceptable levels. Team does not show any aggressive dissent towards staff or opposing team. No sportsmanship related disciplinary action is taken against any team member (3 points).
 - C. Average Sportsmanship & Conduct: Minor dissent towards staff and/or opponents that may or may not result in a yellow card. Teams that receive a sportsmanship-related YELLOW CARD will earn no higher than a "C" rating for that contest. Teams with an ineligible participant (registrar ineligibility will be handled on a case by case basis) will receive no higher than a "C". (2 points).

- D. Below Average Sportsmanship & Conduct:** Team members continually exhibit dissent towards staff and/or opponents (“trash-talking”) either on or off the playing field/court and/or sidelines. The team captain shows little control over the actions of his/her teammates or him/herself. Teams that receive multiple sportsmanship-related YELLOW CARDS or a RED CARD (or 2 or more yellow cards that result in an ejection) would earn no higher than a “D” rating for that contest (1 point).
- E. Poor Sportsmanship & Conduct:** The team is completely uncooperative, out of control or shows no respect for staff and/or opponents. The team captain shows no control over the actions of his/her teammates or him/herself. Any team that receives multiple RED CARDS will earn no higher than an “E” rating for that contest, and may face disqualification for the remainder of the season (0 points).

Article 8: Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Forfeiture of Games

Any team that receives 3 yellow cards (or the equivalent) during a single contest will forfeit the match to its opponent.

- Repeated display of “poor sportsmanship” (players from the same team repeatedly receiving “yellow cards” and “red cards”) will result in the team being ruled ineligible for participation and possible referral to the Office of Community Standards and Student Responsibility and/or Dean of Students

Article 9: Alcohol & Tobacco Policy

In accordance with University Policy, alcohol consumption prior to or during participation in Intramural Sports is not only unsafe, but also a violation of University rules, and, if you are underage, illegal. As a reminder, the Intramural Sports Staff strictly enforces the zero tolerance alcohol policy during all intramural sports contests. Consequences for this violation of the rules may include but are not limited to: being prohibited to continue participating in the intramural game, judicial referral; and, in egregious situations, arrest.

Tobacco use during Intramural Sports participation is also prohibited. Participants and spectators are prohibited from using tobacco at Ohio University Campus Recreation facilities. Consequences for this violation of the rules may include but are not limited to being prohibited from continuing to participate in the Intramural Sports game.

Article 10: Review of Sportsmanship Ratings/Appeal Process

1. It is the captain’s right and responsibility to view his/her team’s Sportsmanship Rating after each contest. The game staff will be able to provide the captain with this information immediately after the contest.
2. A team may appeal a Sportsmanship Rating by writing a letter containing all relevant information to the Program Staff. This letter must be submitted to the Intramural Sports Office by 3:00PM the day following the game in question. NO APPEALS will be heard after that time.

Article 11: Competitive and Recreational League continuing Sportsmanship

1. Recreational League Sportsmanship: Sportsmanship will be monitored throughout the season. A team will be removed from the league if their Sportsmanship Rating falls below a 2.5 after three graded games. In the event a team is dropped due to sportsmanship, the team forfeits their rights to be refunded their Administrative Deposit at the conclusion of the season.
2. Competitive League Sportsmanship: Sportsmanship will continue to be monitored throughout the playoffs. If at any point during the playoffs a team’s sportsmanship rating falls below a 2.5, they will be immediately removed from the playoffs. In the event the winning team is removed from the play-offs for sportsmanship related reasons, no team will advance to the next round. Also, during the playoffs, any team that has a player who receives a red card/ejection will immediately forfeit the game and be eliminated from the playoffs.

Article 12: Discipline/Appeal Process

1. Individuals who have been suspended and who wish to again become eligible to participate in Intramural Sports at Ohio University must petition in writing, to the appropriate Graduate Assistant Director of Intramural Sports for a reinstatement hearing. Upon receipt of the petition for reinstatement a hearing will be scheduled. Based on the petition and reinstatement hearing a decision will be rendered generally within one working day. In extreme circumstances (violations of University policy, state law, or federal law) individuals may be sent directly to Office of Community Standards and Student Responsibility for discipline process.
2. If a team would like to appeal the decision or punishment after it has been assessed by the Graduate Assistant Director, a written appeal must be submitted within 24 hours to the Director for a final review.

SECTION 10: Protests

Article 1: Rule Related Protests

Questions pertaining to interpretation of rules on the part of activity officials must be resolved by the Intramural Sports Supervisor in charge of that field/court at the time the interpretation occurs and prior to the next live ball. The procedure shall be:

1. If a team/participant feels the official has made a misinterpretation of a rule, the Team Captain shall calmly and immediately request a “time out” and inform the official that he/she wishes to have a ruling on the interpretation by the Intramural Sports Supervisor in charge.

2. No protest which involves the judgment of the activity official(s) shall be upheld. The judgment of the official(s) is final. This also includes Intramural Staff when necessary.
Example: One foot in-bounds while in possession of the ball constitutes a legal catch in flag football.
 Case 1: An official rules a pass incomplete because the “player did not have two feet in-bounds.” This is a rule misinterpretation, which IS protestable.
 Case 2: An official rules a pass incomplete because the “player’s first foot landed on the sideline.” This is a judgment call, which is NOT protestable.
3. If corrections are necessary, the Intramural Sports Supervisor in charge shall rule immediately and the team/participant shall not be charged with a time out; however, if the official’s interpretation was correct, the team/participant will be charged with a time out. An error in interpretation by the Intramural Sports Supervisor in charge is subject to written protest.
4. If the participant still does not agree with the decision at the activity area, a Protest Form should be obtained from the Supervisor on site, and completed according to Section 12, Article 3. The game will continue from this point “under protest.”

Article 2: Eligibility Protests

There are two types of Eligibility protests they are known as a Roster Eligibility Protest and an Illegal Player Protest.

1. Roster Eligibility Protest – This type of protest is for a participant who believes they were signed up on the IMLeagues.com roster by 3:00PM the day of their competition; however their name is not listed on the game sheet. In this event the player not on the roster will NOT be permitted to participate the night of the protest. If the protesting team loses the competition and the protest is approved the result of the original contest will be cancelled and the game will be replayed. This type of protest must be brought to the attention of Intramural Sports staff prior to the end of the competition where eligibility is in question. Any protest after the game is complete will not be considered.
2. Illegal Player Protest – This type of protest is for a team that feels a member or members of the opposing team is participating illegally (ie. A participant played on a NCAA Varsity team within the past year). In the event of this type of protest the player(s) whose legality is being questioned will be permitted to play, with the understanding that if they are found to be participating illegally the game will be forfeit. This type of protest must be filed with an Intramural Staff member or at the Intramural Office by 3:00PM the day following the contest. An individual participating under an assumed name (or identification) in the Ohio University Intramural Sports program is ruled ineligible for Intramural Sports participation for the remainder of the academic semester and his/her team is placed on probation.

Article 3: Written Protests

A Written Protest Form must be submitted (by the protesting team) to the supervisor on site or the Intramural Sports Office no later than 3:00PM the next working day following the activity (game).

SECTION 11: Parking

Article 1: Areas

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

1. Mill Street Fields:
 - Lots 104 & 105 (between River Park Towers and Washington/Jefferson Halls), after 3:00PM. Monday-Friday, all day Saturday and Sunday.
 - Per the order of the City of Athens, parking is **NOT PERMITTED** on Mill St from N. McKinley Ave to the river.
 - DO NOT park in lot 50 (next to the field), or in lot 153 (on the corner of Elliot and Mill Streets) or you will be ticketed or towed.
 - DO NOT park in front of the emergency entrance, as it constricts the flow of traffic and prohibits emergency vehicles from entering the Intramural Fields.
2. Ping Center, Golf and Tennis Center:
 - Lots 79, 87, & 93 after 3:00 PM daily.
3. Bird Arena:
 - Lot 134 Walter Hall/Aquatic Center Lot after 5:00 PM. Be sure to avoid parking in spots reserved for WellWorks, as you will be ticketed or towed.

SECTION 12: Equipment and Uniform

Article 1: Illegal Equipment

No jewelry may be worn during an Intramural Sports activity. All participants are expected to remove all jewelry prior to the start of the contest. This is a SAFETY rule, and applies to ANY and ALL JEWELRY! NO EXCEPTIONS will be made for wedding bands, religious medals, and/or any jewelry that is intended to be permanent or not removable for any reason.

Article 2: Sanctions/Penalties

Any player that refuses to remove illegal equipment during a contest will be given a yellow card for the violation. All penalties associated with the violation will be assessed (e.g. 10-yard unsportsmanlike, Technical Foul, etc.). The player to whom the yellow

card is given must leave the game, remove the jewelry, and may not return until the next opportunity to substitute according to the rules governing the sport.

Article 3: Medical Bracelets/Medical Medals

Any participants required to wear medical bracelets or medical medals will be permitted to do so. However, they must be taped to the body with only the medical data visible.

Article 4: Equipment Checkout

Equipment may be checked out from Intramural Sports Staff during Intramural Sports activities with a government-issued photo ID. Available equipment will be specified in the Preseason Captain's Meetings. Please contact the Intramural Sports Office with questions.

SECTION 13: Playoff Information

Article 1: Playoff Eligibility

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

1. Any team that forfeits 2 games (including the Preseason Captain's Meeting) will not be eligible for playoff competition.
2. Teams must pay any forfeit reinstatement fees against the team, if applicable, to be eligible for playoff competition (see Section 5, Article 3).
3. Teams must earn and maintain a (2.5) or better Sportsmanship Rating Average to advance to and continue in the playoffs. A team not meeting this requirement will not advance, regardless of the regular-season format or record. If the winning team falls below a 2.5 sportsmanship rating, then no team will advance in the playoffs.

* Games that are canceled will not count towards a team's Sportsmanship Rating Average.

Article 2: Seeding

Eligible Teams will be seeded prior to the Playoff Captain's Meeting based on the following criteria and tiebreakers: 1. Winning Percentage 2. Number of Wins 3. Number of Forfeits 4. Sportsmanship Rating 5. Point Differential (total points scored – total points allowed) 6. Total Point's Allowed

Article 3: Verification Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the team captain to verify team record, sportsmanship, and roster after their last regular season game and contact the Intramural Sports Office with any discrepancies by 3:00PM the day of their Playoff Captain's Meeting.

Article 4: Playoff Captain's Meetings

An eligible team MUST have its Captain, or team representative present (on time) at the Playoff Meeting in order to compete in the playoffs. **DOORS WILL BE LOCKED AT THE START OF THE MEETING, AND NO LATE TEAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED INTO THE MEETING OR THE PLAYOFFS.** The requirements for participation in Ohio University All Campus Championship Playoff Tournament (including the date, time and location of the mandatory Playoff Captain's Meeting) will be posted on the IMLeagues.com website prior to the last week of the regular season.

Article 5: Playoff Brackets

All playoff brackets in each division will be posted on the IMLeagues.com website. They should be updated by 3:00PM each day. Please refer to this schedule if you have questions regarding rainouts or postponements.

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

SECTION 14: Awards

Article 1: Team Sports

A championship award will be presented to each member of a Competitive League team winning an All Campus Championship who participates in the championship game or participated in a minimum of three-fourths (3/4) of the team's games. Any player who has NOT participated in the required (3/4) of the team's games (but is listed as having played at least one game & appears on the team roster) may purchase an award for \$10.00 in the Intramural Sports Office the day following the championship game.

Article 2: Tournaments and Special Events

A championship award will be presented to each member of a team winning a Tournament or Special Event who participates in the championship game.