

**2020-21 OHIO  
UNIVERSITY  
INTRAMURAL SPORTS  
CAPTAINS' MANUAL**

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## **CAMPUS RECREATION**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Department of Campus Recreation provides quality, inclusive recreation experiences designed to positively impact the intellectual and personal development of OHIO students and the vitality of the OHIO community.

## **CAMPUS RECREATION**

### **VISION STATEMENT**

To deliver the most transformative recreation experience in the country.

## **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**

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## 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 Assistant Director for Competitive Sports 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 Competitive 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 provided they have purchased an IM Sports Pass (see Section 2, Article 9 for registration information).
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 provided they have purchased an IM Sports Pass (see Section 5 for registration information).

#### Article 2: Faculty & Staff

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 \$20.00 per season, \$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.

#### Article 3: Club Sports Athletes

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

**RESPECTIVE/SIMILAR SPORT TABLE**

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

**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 (see table above) in a competitive league, and will remain so until 365 days have elapsed from their removal from the official University's team roster. There is no restriction as to the number of Varsity/Professional athletes on recreational league teams.
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 their 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 they lost their amateur status.

**Article 5: Number of Teams**

An individual may participate on an unlimited number of appropriate men's team or women's teams and an unlimited number of open and coed teams in the same sport during the regular season (see Section 14 for playoff eligibility). Being accepted by a team captain on the IMLeagues.com website, or signing the assumption of risk waiver at the game site, places the participant on the respective team's roster. It is the responsibility of the captain to determine eligibility of players on their team (see Section 3 for all captain responsibilities).

**NOTE:** In order to join multiple teams in the same league, participants must mark themselves as a "nomad" on IMLeagues. A nomad is a member of a team roster that helps teams avoid forfeits and allows those hardcore intramural participants (we all know who those are!) to participate on more teams than standard joining restrictions allow. Come playoffs Nomads may only participate on standard joining restriction number of teams (i.e. generally one single gender and one coed team). Players who are on multiple competitive teams for the regular season must contact the Competitive Sports Office prior to 5:00PM on the day before the bracket selection for that sport (5:00PM Friday if bracket selection is on a weekend or Monday) to declare which team in each league they will participate on.

**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. Intramural Sports offers Open Leagues for sports that are open to teams of any gender make-up, with no gender requirements.

**EXCEPTION 1:** 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.

**EXCEPTION 2:** Ohio University Intramural Sports supports NIRSA's position related to transgender individuals' participation. For more information, please visit the NIRSA website at <http://nirsa.net/nirsa/nirsa-championship-series/player-eligibility-requirements/> or contact the Assistant Director for Competitive Sports.

**EXCEPTION 3:** Coaches (See Section 2, Article 11).

**Article 7: Illegal Participation**

If a team uses an ineligible player in league play, all games or contests in which the ineligible individual participated will be forfeited to the opponents, regardless of the outcome. The illegal player may be suspended for the remainder of the activity season and/or the academic year. In elimination tournament play, the team will be disqualified from their respective position in the bracket at the time the legal protest is honored. If a participant plays in a game, but has not paid, that game will count as completed, but the participant will receive an email detailing the unpaid account and action steps. Action steps include purchasing an IM Sports Pass through IMLeagues.com. If that participant plays in another game without purchasing an IM Sports Pass, their account will be suspended and the game will result in forfeit.

**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 8: Rosters**

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

1. Participants may be added to the team roster and approved on the IMLeagues.com website prior to 4:00PM on the day of the contest (4:00PM prior to the contest for Broomball contests that begin after midnight during the week) or by 4:00PM on Friday

for all weekend contests for regular season play. This requires each participant to create an IMLeagues.com account using their OHIO email address, accept the terms and conditions, and purchase an IM Sports Pass to legally appear on a roster.

2. Participants may be added to rosters at the activity site prior to or during any regular season game. In this circumstance, each participant is required to create an IMLeagues.com account using their OHIO email address, accept terms and conditions, purchase an IM Sports Pass, and show the completed transaction to the Competitive Sports Staff Member on site.

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

#### **Article 9: Intramural (IM) Sports Pass**

At any time, a participant may purchase an IM Sports Pass. The passes may only be purchased on the IMLeagues.com site and are available in the following options:

- Annual Pass: \$30.00 (Valid for the entire academic year)
- Semester Pass: \$20.00 (Valid for one semester)
- Season Pass: \$15.00 (Valid for one season)

For issues with the purchasing of the IM Sports Pass, please contact the Competitive Sports Office.

#### **Article 10: Player Identification**

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

#### **Article 11: Coaches & Non-Players**

Only squad members who are in uniform, ready to play, and on a team's roster are permitted in the team areas. Each team may have one coach who is not in uniform in the team area provided said coach is added to the team roster (see Section 2, Article 8 for registration information). Coaches must adhere to the Player Identification policies outlined in Section 2, Article 9.

### **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. Please refer to Section 5 for information regarding registering an Intramural Sports Team.

#### **Article 2: Responsibilities**

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

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

- Respectfully speak with the staff in reference to any team related issue.

## 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 either create an account through the IMLeagues.com website, which includes accepting the terms and conditions, before they participate in any supervised activity or sign the assumption of risk form at the game site prior to their participation in a regular season game. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule.
4. Any participant who has sustained a head, neck, or back injury will be ineligible to play in ALL Intramural Sports until they provide the Competitive Sports Office with a certified medical personnel's (M.D., D.O., or A.T.C.) release.

### Article 2: Blood Policy

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

### 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: Team Registration

### Article 1: Online Registration

Registration for all Intramural Sports will be completed through IMLeagues.com. Captains must register teams on IMLeagues.com and meet all requirements during the allotted registration periods outlined in Article 2.

### Article 2: Registration Periods

Registration dates are as follows:

- FALL SEASON: We will not be following the season model. Registration dates will be on an event-by-event basis, typically ending at least two days prior to the beginning of the event.
- SPRING I SEASON: Monday, January 13 – Thursday, January 24
- SPRING II SEASON: Monday, February 24 – Thursday, March 6

### Article 3: Confirming Your Team

A team will not be confirmed until it has the minimum number of players on the roster, who have purchased an IM Sports Pass, required to play in a game. Once that number is reached, a team will be automatically confirmed. We will move a team to the waitlist or change a team name of a confirmed team if the team name is deemed inappropriate.

### Article 4: Locking Divisions

No division will be locked until all available spots have been filled by teams who have met the requirements in Article 3. At this point, all non-confirmed teams will be moved to the wait list.

## SECTION 6: League Structures and Requirements

### Article 1: Team Composition

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

### Article 2: Individual/Dual Sports

Games will be scheduled in a play-by-date format where the participants will be assigned an opponent and are required to contact that opponent, schedule the match, and report the score via the IMLeagues.com website. (See Articles 4 & 5 below for information regarding league type and number of scheduled games).

### Article 3: Coed League Types

There are two different types of coed leagues that participants may choose between.

- Coed Leagues – All playing rules mirror those in single-gender sports. There are restrictions as to the gender ratio of players on the field/court at any time (i.e., a coed basketball team must play with at least 2 females and 2 males on the court at all times).
- Open Leagues – All playing rules mirror those in single-gender sports. There are no restrictions as to the gender of players on the field/court at any time (i.e., an open volleyball team may play with 5 females and 1 male or 6 males and 0 females).

**Article 4: 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 team fee.

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

If a team in a Recreational League is charged with **two forfeits**, they must pay a Reinstatement Fee of \$20.00 by 4:00PM the day of their next scheduled contest to continue to participate in the league.

In the event that a division does not fill and no games are scheduled and/or played, the Competitive Sports Office will contact the affected teams to process their refunds.

**Article 5: 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 team fee.

If a team in a Competitive League is charged with **a forfeit** in the regular season, they must pay a Playoff Reinstatement Fee of \$20.00 by 5:00PM on the day before the playoff seeding or bracket selection happens to be eligible for the playoffs.

Each team will be scheduled in a 4-team division with 3 regular season games and teams who are eligible will be scheduled for at least one playoff game (see Section 14 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 Competitive Sports 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
Do I have a chance to win the Ohio University Intramural Sports Bobcat Challenge Cup?	YES	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

\*\*See Section 10, Article 11

In the event that a division does not fill and no games are scheduled and/or played, the Competitive Sports Office will contact the affected teams to process their refunds.

**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 Competitive Sports Directors.



## SECTION 7: 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, one of the following things must occur by 4:00PM the day of the contest (4:00PM Friday for a weekend contest):

1. Any team member must complete a default form at the Intramural Sports Office. A valid government-issued photo ID must be presented to verify the team member's presence on the official roster.
2. The team captain may email the Competitive Sports Office at intramuralsports@ohio.edu. This email MUST be sent from the captain's OHIO email account. The subject line should read <Name of Sport> Default - <Team Name> - <Day & Time>. The body of the email should say "My name is <name>, and I am the captain of <Team Name>. My <Name of Sport> team must default our <Time> game on <Day & Date> against <Opponent's Team Name>."

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

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

- 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 J	FORFEIT L
My team cannot play a scheduled game and I submitted the default form to the Intramural Sports Office by 4:00PM 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
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 8: Forfeits

### Article 1: Types of Forfeits

Forfeits will be classified based on the following:

- **No-show:** Team does not have the required number of players to participate as of the scheduled game time.
- **Eligibility:** Game results in forfeit due the ineligibility of one or more players. Ineligibility may be due to a player having been previously ejected or ruled ineligible for sportsmanship-related issue, etc. at time of game.
- **Registrar Eligibility:** Player is ruled ineligible due to player not being enrolled in classes with Registrar at time of game.
- **Sportsmanship:** Game is ended by staff for sportsmanship-related reasons. Competitive League Teams dropping below 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 IMLeagues.com or social media 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 in the rules for the respective sport. Any team failing to report to participate at the scheduled starting time may forfeit to their opponent. If both teams fail to report to participate, each team shall be credited with a no-show forfeit and the game shall not be rescheduled.

### 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 they wish to take an immediate win by forfeit or wait 10 minutes for the other team.
  - If they elect to take an immediate win by forfeit, their team is declared the winner by the score of 1-0, and sportsmanship ratings are assigned as per Section 10, Article 7.
  - If they elect to wait, their team will be awarded a maximum score as per the rules of the sport (i.e., 1 point in volleyball, 6 points in men's/women's/open/Coed B flag football, 4 points in Coed A basketball, etc.) for each minute or part of a minute that elapses.
    - If the other team's players arrive within the 10 minute period, the game clock will continue to run, but points will no longer be accumulated against them. The game will then begin with the accumulated score. The late arriving team will also automatically lose the coin toss and any first option 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/open/Coed broomball/floor hockey/softball, 30-0 in men's/women's/open/Coed basketball, etc.), and sportsmanship ratings will be assigned as per Section 9, 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, 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:** A game forfeited due to registrar eligibility may count as one of the maximum two forfeits.

**SECTION 9: 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 decisions 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.

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

1. A full refund of their team fee and no entry into the playoffs.
2. Entry into the playoffs and no refund of the team fee.

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

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

**Article 2: Cancellation of All Activities**

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

**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 10: 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.

**NOTE:** See Section 13, Article 1 for information regarding the color of team shirts for uniform purposes.

#### **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 their team. Additionally, the captain will ensure that their 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 Competitive 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 Competitive Sports Supervisor. The Competitive Sports Staff reserves the right to require an ejected participant to leave the field/complex. They will be declared ineligible for play in ANY Intramural Sports activity until they have received an email from a GAD and complete a disciplinary meeting to determine further appropriate action. 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 their 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 their name to the Competitive 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
<b>FALL I</b>		
Flag Football	Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty	Second Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty
4v4 Mini Soccer	Yellow Card	Red Card or Second Yellow Card
4v4 Sand Volleyball	Yellow Card	Red Card or Second Yellow Card
Dodgeball	Technical Foul	Second Technical Foul
<b>FALL II</b>		
Softball	Disqualification	Ejection
7v7 Outdoor Soccer	Yellow Card	Red Card or Second Yellow Card
Floor Hockey	Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty	Second Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty
3v3 Basketball	Technical Foul	Second Technical Foul
Ultimate Frisbee	Yellow Card	Red Card, or Second Yellow Card
Wheelchair Basketball	Technical Foul	Second Technical Foul
<b>SPRING I</b>		
5v5 Basketball	Technical Foul	Second Technical Foul
Indoor Soccer	Yellow Card or Second Blue Card	Red Card, Second Yellow Card, or Third Blue Card
Volleyball	Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty	Second Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty
Broomball	Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty	Second Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty
<b>SPRING II</b>		
4v4 Flag Football	Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty	Second Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty
11v11 Outdoor Soccer	Yellow Card	Red Card, or Second Yellow Card
Kickball	Disqualification	Ejection
Handball	Yellow Card	Red Card, or Second Yellow Card

**Article 7: Sportsmanship Ratings**

At the completion of each game the Competitive Sports Staff present will assign your team a Sportsmanship Rating, using an “4, 3, 2, 1, and 0” grading scale.

- Outstanding sportsmanship will earn a team a “4” rating for that contest.
- Poor sportsmanship will result in a rating of “2”, “1” or “0” depending on the level of sportsmanship.

- Teams winning by no-show or incomplete roster forfeit will receive no higher than a “4” rating for sportsmanship.
  - Teams losing by no-show or incomplete roster forfeit will receive no higher than a “2” rating for sportsmanship.
  - A game that is defaulted will result in both teams receiving sportsmanship ratings of an “4.”
  - Any team that is assessed a **sportsmanship-related yellow card** during a game cannot receive a Sportsmanship Rating higher than “2” for that contest.
- 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 their team (4 points).
  - 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).
  - 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 “2” 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 “2”. (2 points).
  - 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 their 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 “1” rating for that contest (1 point).
  - 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 their teammates or him/herself. Any team that receives multiple RED CARDS will earn no higher than an “0” 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 displays 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 Competitive 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, referral to the Office of Community Standards and Student Responsibility; and, in egregious situations, arrest.

Effective August 1, 2015, Ohio University is a tobacco-free campus. Participants and spectators are prohibited from using tobacco and e-cigarettes at Ohio University Campus Recreation facilities. Consequences for violation of this policy include ejection from an Intramural Sports contest and potential referral to the Office of Community Standards and Student Responsibility. For more information regarding this policy, please visit <http://www.ohio.edu/tobacco-free/policy/index.cfm>.

#### **Article 10: Review of Sportsmanship Ratings/Appeal Process**

1. It is the captain’s right and responsibility to view their 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 4:00PM the day following the game in question. NO APPEALS will be heard after that time.

#### **Article 11: Recreational and Competitive 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.

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 Competitive 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 of the Graduate Assistant Director, a written appeal must be submitted within 24 hours to the Assistant Director for a final review.

### **SECTION 11: 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 11, 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 5:00PM the day before the bracket selection for that sport (5:00PM Friday if bracket selection is on a weekend or Monday); 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 (i.e., A participant played on a NCAA Varsity team within the past year). In the event of this type of protest the player(s) whose legality is being questioned will be permitted to play, with the understanding that if they are found to be participating illegally the game will be forfeit. This type of protest must be filed with an Intramural Staff member or at the Intramural Office by 4:00PM the day following the contest. An individual participating under an assumed name (or identification) in the Ohio University Intramural Sports program is ruled ineligible for Intramural Sports participation for the remainder of the academic semester and their team is placed on probation.

#### **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 4:00PM the next working day following the activity (game).

## SECTION 12: 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 5:00PM Monday-Friday, all day Saturday and Sunday.
  - Per the order of the City of Athens, parking is **NOT PERMITTED** on Mill St from N. McKinley Ave to the river.
  - DO NOT park in lot 153 (on the corner of Elliot and Mill Streets) or you will be ticketed or towed.
  - DO NOT park in front of the emergency entrance, as it constricts the flow of traffic and prohibits emergency vehicles from entering the Intramural Fields.
2. Ping Center, Golf and Tennis Center:
  - Lots 79, 87, & 93 after 5:00 PM Monday-Friday, all day Saturday and Sunday.
3. Bird Arena, Walter Field House:
  - Lot 134 Walter Hall/Aquatic Center Lot after 5:00 PM. Be sure to avoid parking in spots reserved for WellWorks, as you will be ticketed or towed.

## SECTION 13: Equipment and Uniform

### Article 1: Uniform Shirts

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

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

### Article 2: 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 3: 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 4: 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 5: Equipment Checkout

Equipment may be checked out from Intramural Sports Staff during Intramural Sports activities with a government-issued photo ID. Please contact the Intramural Sports Office with questions.

## SECTION 14: Playoff Information

### Article 1: Team 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 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: Player Eligibility**

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

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

### **Article 3: Seeding**

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

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

### **Article 4: 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 Competitive Sports Office with any discrepancies by 5:00PM on the day before the bracket selection for that sport (5:00PM Friday if bracket selection is on a weekend).

### **Article 5: Playoff Brackets**

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

All playoff brackets should be updated by 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 15: 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.