

Intramural Sports- Policies and Procedures

Intramural Sports' main objective is to provide quality sports programs for students, staff, alumni and the general public with an emphasis on student participation. Intramural Sports provides the opportunity to participate in team and individual sports through a variety of leagues and tournaments. The program is operated by Active Living student employees who intend to provide sporting enjoyment to their fellow students. All students are encouraged to participate in intramural activities. The following objectives have been developed by students to facilitate an enjoyable intramural experience for all participants.

- **FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE FUN!**
- To enable participants to play in a variety of different sports in a recreational or competitive atmosphere.
- To actively promote sportsmanship and enjoyment of activities.
- To provide and maintain a safe environment for all participants and staff.
- To provide a venue where participants can meet new people.
- To improve programs through feedback and constructive discussion with participants.
- To offer employment opportunities to students in several different areas to allow them to develop professional skills and experience.

I. HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Register early, as most leagues fill before the registration deadline date. There are no house leagues or predetermined teams at the University of Calgary. Participants have the opportunity to create their own teams of friends, classmates, etc. If you do not have enough players to create a team, register as an individual and we will place you on a team with other individuals.

II. REGISTRATION, PLAYING PREFERENCES & REQUESTS

Team registration is available on-line, in person at Active Living Client Services or over the phone. If you are registering a team you will need to provide the following: team name and a local phone number of a second contact person, a team name, and any playing preferences, if any. You can pay using cash, debit, or credit card.

- <https://active-living.ucalgary.ca/programs/sports-programs/intramuralsrec-sports>
- In person at Active Living Client Services
- Over the phone @ 403-220-7749

In order to minimize conflicts while registering please refer to the activity descriptions listing the event days and times. Teams are permitted to request when registering the days and times that their team can or can not play. We will attempt to accommodate as many requests as possible, however due to facility restrictions and league dynamics not all preferences can be honored. We will attempt to schedule all teams that request preferences for at least **fifty (50) %** of their preferences. **Playing time requests must be made at the time of registration; they will not be accepted after the registration deadline or at the players meeting.**

Teams that do not make requests for playing preferences will be scheduled at any of the available times. Flexibility is needed from all teams in order to make the schedules work.

Once the schedule is complete and has been posted there will be no changes made to the schedule unless made by Intramural Sports Staff. Teams are not permitted to change their schedule on their own.

The IMS program guarantees the number of games that teams will be scheduled for, but cannot guarantee that games will be completed due to opponent defaults, facility changes, and/or games lost due to weather. Games that are cancelled after more than thirty (30) minutes of play or one (1) half of play will be considered a completed game.

Defaulted games will not be rescheduled. We will attempt to reschedule games that are cancelled due to inclement weather, however if the schedule does not allow it, these games will be declared unplayable.

Once you have registered for Intramural Sports you will receive an email confirmation that includes where the schedules will be posted, and details for the league meeting. **The league meeting are mandatory. Captains and individuals that do not attend the meeting (with no notification) will be fined \$25.00 and may also be removed from the league. No refunds will be given.**

III. ELIGIBILITY

All University of Calgary students, staff, faculty, alumni and the general public are welcome to participate in Intramural Sports. The Intramural Sports Program was developed to provide sporting opportunities for University of Calgary students who do not participate in other organized sports on campus, and do not have the benefit of professional coaching, scheduling, equipment and facility use. Some eligibility restrictions are necessary to provide fair opportunities for participation. These restrictions have been developed by students and reflect the philosophy of the Intramural Sports Program at the University of Calgary. Individuals deemed ineligible to participate may seek reconsideration by written petition to the Intramural Sports department. This must be done prior to any further participation. ***Violation of any eligibility rule will cause a game to be automatically forfeited and suspensions of captains, teams may be implemented.***

All Intramural participants must be listed on the team roster before being eligible to play.

1. Playing on More Than One (1) Team: A player may play on one team provided they are different leagues or skill levels. A player may not play on more than one team in the same.
 - Hockey players are allowed to play in two divisions but not if there are more than 2 different skills levels difference, ie. A and C is not allowed, A and B is allowed.
 - A men's and mixed team is allowed.
2. ***All players will be required to show photo identification at all games!***
3. Signing In - Each player must be listed (**first and last name PRINTED**) on the score sheet prior to his or her participation in an intramural game. All names listed on the score sheet will be considered as participating in that game. Players that come late must check in with the league supervisor and/or scorekeeper.
4. **Each player must sign in individually.** A representative may not sign in all players on the game sheet. Sign in is required at every game.
5. Assumed Name: People who participate using an assumed name are ineligible. Teams will be charged with a **FORFEIT** due to using an ineligible player, and a loss will be recorded in the standings, ***and suspensions of captains, teams may be implemented.***

Ineligible participants include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- a. Current intercollegiate varsity athletes (participating in the same or similar sport of the current season)
- b. Current professional athletes (in the same or similar sport)
- c. Current national team players (in the same or similar sport)
- d. Individuals under 18 years of age and not currently enrolled at the University of Calgary
- e. Suspended and or delinquent participants

IV. ROSTERS

Rosters must be completed by the team captain (usually the person who registered the team) before the league meeting date (varies from league to league).

This is a simple process that should not take more than 5 minutes of your time. When inputting your roster you only need to know the emails of your players that are associated with their University of Calgary/Active Living ID numbers.

Players that do not have a University of Calgary/Active Living ID number, or who don't remember their email that is associated with their ID number must have one retrieved or through Intramural Sports. Intramurals can be reached at imssport@ucalgary.ca. Once this ID number has been created or email retrieved/updated, and given to the captain, captains can then use this email to add those players their roster. Incomplete rosters will not be accepted. Rosters with false information will also not be accepted. **Once players have been added to the roster, they will be required to complete the online waivers.**

Team captains may be allowed to make changes to their rosters up to the roster deadline date for their league, varies from league to league. After the league meeting, only the league coordinators can make roster changes, through exceptional circumstances. Teams that have not completed their roster will not be permitted to play in the Intramural leagues and will be charged with a default for all games, until the roster is completed.

Teams may be allowed to have up to one varsity player for that specific sport, as long as they are not currently participating in the current season.

Both competitive and recreational leagues are required to complete rosters.

All teams must have a designated alternate captain, this can be identified when inputting the roster.

V. WAIVERS

Waivers must be completed online before participants are eligible to play, and must be done a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours before the first game. **Waivers are required for each sport and for each semester.** All players must be on the team roster before they can complete the waiver.

Instructions on how to complete the waiver can be found on our website at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/activeliving/how-to-register>. All waivers must be completed online as per University of Calgary Risk Management. **Paper copies will not be accepted**

No Waiver, No Play, No Exceptions

VI. SAFETY

One of the main objectives of the Intramural Sports department is to provide a safe playing environment to all participants and staff at IMS activities. Institutional resources such as the offices of Risk Management, Safety and Campus Security are used to establish procedures to minimize the inherent risks to participants, spectators and personnel. Such procedures include scheduling, sport rule modifications, trained personnel, player control, and rules knowledge forms and waivers.

The Intramural Sports Program will provide standard first aid, such as the provision of bandages, ice, or immobilization; to any participant injured during IMS games (participants to notify staff of all injuries).

THE INTRAMURAL PROGRAM WILL NOT PROVIDE SERVICES TO PREPARE OR MAINTAIN A PLAYER'S READINESS TO PARTICIPATE. In other words athletic therapy services are not provided. Participants need to bring their own tape, etc. to prepare themselves to play.

1. All Intramural Sports participants should ensure that they have personal health care coverage and be sure that their medical insurance is adequate and current before participating in any activity.
2. It is the responsibility of every person participating in intramural sports to ascertain whether they have any health conditions, which make it inadvisable to participate in that sport. The University and Intramural Sports Program DO NOT assume that responsibility. Persons who are uncertain should consult their physician.
3. Intramural staff should be notified of ALL INJURIES sustained during intramural competition. If needed, the participant will be given first aid and referred to their physician and/or the Student Health Service. Emergency services may be dispatched to assess an injury, particularly in the event of head, neck, back and major joint trauma. Cost for ambulance treatment and transportation is the participant's responsibility. An accident/injury report will be completed for all injuries and a copy will be directed to the University of Calgary safety department.

VI. TEAM CAPTAINS

Team captains serve as the only contact between Intramural Sports and their team(s). Matters affecting the team are communicated to each team captain and in turn they are responsible for conveying the information to the team(s) members. For Intramural Sports purposes the team captain is the person who registers the team to play.

Captain's (person who registered the team) responsibilities include: All teams must have a designated alternate captain, this can be identified when inputting the roster.

- a. Contact Active Living Client Services or Intramurals Sports with any playing preferences and requests prior to the registration deadline of your sport. Requests **will not** be allowed after the registration deadline or at the players meeting.
- b. Ensuring that the team is registered in the desired sport before the deadline date and that all registration information is provided. You will need to provide a second contact with a local phone number, email address and any playing preferences.
- c. Attend the captains' meeting; make sure that all waivers and roster has been completed.
- d. See that all players are aware of all IMS policies and sport rules.
- e. Be sure that all members of your team meet IMS eligibility requirements.
- f. Ensure that the online waivers have been completed before your team's first game. **No waiver, No play.**
- g. Ensure that your team has access to the league schedule. League and team schedules can be found at the University of Calgary Intramural sports site on esportsdesk.com. Visit www.esportsdesk.com, (search UCIS) for all standings and schedules.
- h. Assist the IMS program with the recruitment of individuals interested in sports officiating.
- i. Team captains are the only ones allowed to communicate with with the League Coordinators and the Supervisor of Recreational Sports

During competition captain responsibilities include:

- a. Check in with the Intramural staff and official(s) on site before your scheduled game. Verify that players all are eligible to participate.
- b. Cooperate fully with officials/student & administrative staff regarding enforcement of policies and procedures.
- c. Provide extra personnel, such as scorekeepers, linesmen when required.

Maintain control of your team and spectator behavior in terms of conduct, safety and sportsmanship before, during and after your intramural game. You will be held responsible and shall not allow team members to participate if they have

been consuming alcohol and/or drugs prior to your contest.

In the event a player and/or spectator are ejected from the game, the captain assumes immediate responsibility for ensuring the player(s)/spectator(s) cooperate and leave the vicinity. The game will not resume until the ejected individual has left.

Notify the IMS Staff of any safety hazards/injuries/concerns regarding equipment, facilities, etc. Please share with your team the intramural policy regarding first aid supplies and the need to prepare yourselves to play.

At the conclusion of your game, verify the result and score are correct and sign the game sheet.

VII. SKILL LEVELS & SPORTS TIERING SYSTEM

Competition is divided into three divisions: Mens, Womens, & Mixed. In the mixed divisions, men and women participate together and special rules are in effect to equalize competition.

The Intramural Sports Program offers two skill levels of play: competitive and recreational. Each player or team is encouraged to select the level that best suits his or her skill and interest.

"COMPETITIVE" leagues are for players whose skill level is average to above average, and who want to compete in a competitive environment. Competitive leagues have officials, playoffs and standings and are often tiered for different playing abilities. Mixed competitive leagues will have gender minimums.

This system is meant only as a guideline, to assist you in determining the appropriate level of competition for your team.

"A" – Players would have advanced skills and knowledge of the rules. They usually would have played at an elite level. Teams are highly competitive.

"B" – Players would have intermediate to advanced skills and knowledge of the rules. They would have played with competitive high school or with city leagues. Teams are still competitive.

"C" – Players would have basic to intermediate skills and knowledge of the rules. They would have played with competitively in jr. high or sr. high school.

"D" – Players are relatively new to the sport – just learning to basic skills and rules. Emphasis is on fun over competition but still want a competitive atmosphere.

"RECREATIONAL" leagues are for players, whose skill level is generally less than average or do not want the competitive atmosphere and are more interested in playing for pure enjoyment and may be new to the sport. THESE LEAGUES ARE GEARED FOR PARTICIPATION, NOT COMPETITION. There are no standings, officials or playoffs in recreational leagues.

"OPEN" leagues are still considered mixed leagues, but do not require gender minimums to participate.

All sports have a minimum number of players required to be present at the game before the game may start.

If minimum numbers are not met, a default will be declared.

Mixed Leagues must have a minimum of one (1) player of the opposite gender present at the start of the game.

1. **Hockey** - must have six (6) players to start the game, does not have to include a goalie.

2. **Indoor Soccer** - must have four (4) players to start the game.
3. **Futsal** – must have four (4) players to start the game.
4. **Basketball** - must have four (4) players to start the game.
5. **Volleyball** - must have four (4) players to start the game.
6. **Ball Hockey** - must have three (3) players to start the game.
7. **Flag Football** - must have five (5) players to start the game.
8. **Outdoor Soccer** - must have seven (7) players to start the game.
9. **Indoor Football** - must have six (6) players to start the game.
10. **Ultimate** - must have five (5) players to start the game.
11. **Dodgeball** – must have five (5) players to start the game.
12. **Touch Rugby** - must have five (5) players to start the game

Team captains, in conjunction with the referee(s) may mutually agree upon changes concerning the team starting numbers and alter team requirements **with the approval of onsite Intramural supervisor.**

In mixed leagues teams may play with only one (1) players of the opposite gender and the total must meet the league minimum requirement, the other spot must remain empty until the second player of the same gender shows up.

VIII. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

1. **Captains are ultimately responsible for the actions of his or her team. It is the responsibility of all captains to review all policies and rules with their players.** Captains are responsible for completing the roster.
2. Any unsportsmanlike conduct by an intramural participant will result in their suspension from that game and possible further suspension. **Captains may also be suspended for the actions of their team.**
3. Deliberate injury or a deliberate attempt to injure an opponent will result in automatic suspension from all intramural activity for at least one (1) year.
4. **Harassment and verbal abuse of officials, intramural sports (IMS) staff, Campus Recreation staff or other participants will result in ejection from the game. It can also result in up to a lifetime suspension from all intramural sports activities. Striking an official will result in an automatic life suspension from all intramural activities.**
5. Fighting will result in automatic suspension from all intramural activities for a minimum of one (1) year. Any attempt to instigate an altercation will be considered a fight.
6. The involvement of two or more team members in a fight will may result in the removal of the entire team from the league. All participants involved in a fight will be suspended. All players registered on the game sheet will be suspended from that sport for the current term, and possibly the subsequent term.
7. An entire team (consisting of all players registered on the game sheet) may be disqualified from play for the following infractions:
 - a. Harassment of Intramural staff by more than one of its players
 - b. Flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct
 - c. Departing the field of play before the completion of the game.
 - d. Playing with an ineligible player
8. Alcohol & tobacco and all other illegal contraband products are not permitted in the playing area. This includes dressing rooms, spectator stands and team benches. Players will be removed from games/playing areas if, intramurals staff deem necessary.
9. **Intramural Staff reserve the right to have a player or team removed from play if he/she deems it necessary, with out further discipline to the player or team.**
10. All participants must show photo identification at all IMS games.
11. Ejection from an intramural sports game will result in an automatic one game suspension to be served at the teams' next game immediately following the ejection.
12. Participants whose suspensions are **1 Year and over in length** must **successfully complete** an Anger Management Course (approved by the Intramural Council) in order to further participate in Intramural Sports after their suspension. The Anger Management Course is under the monetary responsibility of the participant. **Course Participation is under the discretion of the Intramural Sports Council**

IX. DEFAULTS

A default will occur when a team fails to appear or fails to have the minimum number of players necessary to start the game. Teams will have ten (10) minutes, (five (5) for ice hockey) after the scheduled start time to field the minimum number of players needed to start the game, failing to do so will result in a default. The captains of the teams involved have the option of agreeing to an alternative solution, providing they obtain Intramural staff approval before the start of the game. Game time will then be altered to fit the scheduled time slot.

In order to ensure the payment of default bonds, **a refundable default bond of sixty (\$60) dollars is required at the season opening league meeting.** This bond is to be sealed in an envelope (with team name, league, semester, Captain's name and contact info, and "Default Bond" written on the front) and handed in to the Intramural Council Members . Following a default, the defaulting team will forfeit this bond to the intramural programs. In order to continue to play a second (2nd) default bond of one hundred twenty (\$120) is required before the teams next game. A second default will result in again the forfeit of the default bond to the intramural programs, and removal of the team from the league. If teams do not default during the season, the bond will be returned to the team/person whose name is on the envelope at the end of the season, including playoffs. Failure to submit the bonds will result in the team being declared ineligible and removed from the league and all players receiving a delinquent status. Bonds not picked up after a two (2) month period following the completion of the league (including playoffs) will be forfeited to Intramural Sports Program

All defaults will result in a fairplay rating of zero (0) and -3pts from the standings. (Fairplay may be later adjusted by Intramural Sports League Coordinators)

Individual teams are exempt from the default bond policy and all games will be declared a forfeit in the event they do not have the minimum players show up to the scheduled game.

Teams that give Intramural Sports a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' notice that they will not be able to field a team will not be charged with a default, the game will be declared a forfeit.

Defaulted games will not be rescheduled.

X. APPEALS and PROTESTS

All appeals and protests must be received immediately through email by the Intramural Sports office following a game and or notification of suspension. **A one (1) game suspension is not subject to appeal.**

1. Protests concerning eligibility or misapplication of a rule shall be accepted. Protests concerning an official's judgment shall not be considered.
2. Protests concerning a rule application must be made on the field of play to the Intramural staff by the team captain at the time of the occurrence. A decision on the protest will be made at this time.
3. Protests will be reviewed by Intramural Sports Council and game results adjusted accordingly.
4. Protests must be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours from the date of the incident.
5. Suspension appeals must be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours from the date of the suspension notice.
6. Suspended players are not allowed to participate in games during the appeal process. Captains may not appeal on behalf of suspended players.
7. Missed appeal meetings will result the original suspension being upheld. 24hours notice is required to reschedule.

XI. PLAYOFFS

Number of teams to be included in a league's playoffs will ultimately be determined by Intramural Council according to facility availability. Wherever possible Intramurals will try to have a minimum of fifty (50) % of the teams registered in the league to be included in playoffs. To be eligible to participate in playoffs teams are required to have a record of five hundred (.500) and an average fair play rating of 3.5 for the full season. At the end of the regular season if a team has an average fair play ranking below 3.5, that will **not** be eligible to participate in league playoffs regardless of their position in the standings. All team members are required to play in a minimum of one (1) of their teams regular season games to be able to play in playoffs.

Tie-breaking procedures will follow the following format:

- a. Ultimately to be determined by Intramural Sports Council.
- b. Number of wins
- c. Head to head record (may not apply when multiple teams are tied)
- d. Points/goals for/against
- e. Fair play rating – 3.5 average or higher over Regular Season games.

XII. FAIRPLAY PROGRAM

Sportsmanship is a priority. Participation in Intramural sports should be first and foremost a fun experience.

The fairplay program is an integral part of maintaining a safe, fun and enjoyable atmosphere for all involved in Intramural Sports. The fairplay program rewards those teams that compete in a sportsmanlike manner. The program does not allow those teams with a record of poor sportsmanship to participate in league playoffs. Fairplay scores are at the Coordinator's discretion.

After each game Intramurals staff will rank the fair play of the teams on a scale of zero (0) to five (5), by answering the following question:

The rankings will be done throughout the season and will be tallied as a component of league standings.

Any default or player ejection will result in a fair play automatic rating of zero (0); the later may be adjusted by Intramural League Coordinators.

It is the goal of this program to make all participants aware of the importance of sportsmanship and fairplay and to make Intramural Sports more enjoyable for all who participate.

"Have the teams significantly contributed to the enjoyment of this game in spirit of sportsmanship and Fairplay?"



<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Default/ Player Ejection	Un Sportsmanship	Poor Sportsmanship	Average Sportsmanship	Good Sportsmanship	Excellent Sportsmanship
Conduct which undermines Intramural Sports main objectives and goals. Includes infractions against our policies and procedures such as (but not limited to): Fighting, physical abuse, verbal abuse, harassment, ejections, or any behavior(s) which undermines the safety of participants and staff.	Conduct which undermines Intramural Sports main objectives and goals. Can also include infractions against our policies and procedures such as (but not limited to): verbal abuse, harassment or any behavior(s) which undermines the safety of participants and staff.	Conduct which undermines Intramural Sports main objectives and goals such as (but not limited to): verbal abuse, harassment. Teams display a negative attitude during game play.	Conduct which follows Intramural Sports main objectives and goals. Teams conduct has no infractions against Intramurals Policies and Procedures	Conduct which provides a fun and safe environment for sport in a recreational or competitive setting. Teams display a positive attitude during game play.	Conduct which provides a fun and safe environment for sport in a recreational or competitive setting. Teams show respect on the playing field to participants and staff. Examples include: Helping set up or take down equipment, end of game handshakes and congratulating the opposing team for a good play.

For further clarification please contact Intramural Sports

XIV. SCHEDULES AND STANDINGS

Please go to www.esportsdesk.com (search UCIS).

Captains are required to validate the standings and report any discrepancies immediately.

There will be no changes made to schedules during the season unless made by the Intramural Sports Council. All teams will be scheduled for the published number of games for that league. **Defaults and inclement weather may result in a reduced number of games being played.**

XV. PLAYING FEES & REFUNDS

A playing fees are required to register for all intramural activities and must be paid at the time the registration is made. The playing fees will be refunded in full if the league, or event is cancelled by the Intramural Sports department. Refunds (minus the administration fee) are available if the withdraw is done before the posted registration deadline date for that league or event. There are no refunds made after the registration deadline has passed. Failure to field a team, show up, failure of opponents to show up, or otherwise dropping out of the league are not acceptable reasons for a refund.

The IMS program guarantees the number of games that teams will be scheduled for, but cannot guarantee that games will be completed due to opponent defaults, facility changes, and/or games lost due to weather. Games that are cancelled after more than thirty (30) minutes of play or one (1) half of play will be considered a completed game.

Defaulted games will not be rescheduled. We will attempt to reschedule games that are cancelled due to inclement weather, however if the schedule does not allow it, these games will be declared unplayable.

Default bonds will be returned at the conclusion of the season (including playoffs). Teams will need to make arrangements with Supervisor of Recreational Sports to pick up their refund. Teams that fail to retrieve their bond after two (2) months following the conclusion of the league will forfeit their bond to the Intramural Sports program. Bonds will only be released to the player that originally submitted it.