



INTRAMURAL
SPORTS

**PARTICIPANT
HANDBOOK**

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WHAT ARE INTRAMURAL SPORTS?

Intramural Sports are structured sport leagues and tournaments, which are designed for the “everyday athlete”. We hope to provide a variety of opportunities to enhance personal development and social interactions for the UCI campus community. All of our activities are divided into different divisions of skill and competitiveness. You may choose your own level of play. League play (for basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, flag football, etc.) is usually five weeks plus playoffs in each quarter. Individual events (such as tennis, badminton, wrestling, swim or track meet) are usually one or two-day events and/or a couple of weeks...So satisfy your urge to play...get involved in Intramurals....just for the fun of it!

Intramurals are open to UCI students, staff*, and faculty* (Summer Quarter Exceptions), and it's easy to get involved. For team sports, put a team together from your dorm, classes, or organizations. If you have not yet met others on campus who are interested, then join an intramural team (see section entitled, “Player Needing a Team”).

* Staff and faculty must purchase a Campus Recreation membership in order to participate.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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IM Student Assistants

IM Student Supervisors

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(949) 824-3738

Gear Up:

(949) 824-6401

Our Intramural Sports Web Site!!!

Campus Rec Web Page: www.campusrec.uci.edu

Intramural Sports Participant Handbook:

click > Intramural Sports

click > Player's Handbook

REGISTRATION

SIGN-UPS: Team registration begins the first day of each quarter's classes. Teams must pay the entry fee at the Campus Recreation Services (2nd floor of the ARC) (open Mon-Fri 8am - 6pm) by the entry deadline AND attend the entire Manager's Meeting for rules clarification and ARC policies.

- PICK-UP a Campus Recreation Catalog, a team entry form and team roster form from Campus Recreation Services (2nd Floor).
- LIST names, valid ID numbers, emails and phone numbers of all team members on the team roster form.
- CHECK the eligibility requirements (as outlined in the Intramural Sports Participant Handbook). If you are not sure about the player's eligibility please contact the Director of Intramural Sports (949-824-6935) to verify the eligibility status.
- REGISTER and pay the entry fee: Make checks payable to UC Regents and turn in the forms to the sales desk before the deadline. Registering your team does not guarantee your team that spot. A \$20.00 late fee will be added to the registration after the deadline.
- ATTEND the Manager's meeting of your particular sport and RETURN the completed team roster form with your signature at the end of the meeting. The manager's meeting day, place, and times are listed on the intramural page of the Campus Recreation Catalog. A team representative must attend this meeting.
(If your team representative is not present at the meeting your team maybe be dropped from the league and the teams on the waiting list will have the option to fill in that available space. Teams on the waiting list will be called in the order they were signed up.)
- WAITING LIST: Teams will be put on a waiting list if the leagues are full. The waiting list does not guarantee your team will be put in the league. If enough teams are on the waiting list a new league will be set up if facility space and time are made possible. There are no guarantees. Teams on the waiting list must attend the manager's meeting. When the attendance is taken at the end of the meeting, teams that did not show up for the meeting will be dropped from the league and the team on the waiting list shall occupy those spaces in the order they had signed up on the waiting list. If you are on the waiting list and you do not answer when we call your name we will move on to the next team on the list. Those teams that are dropped from the league will be notified through email and/or by phone of their dismissal and will receive a full refund. Teams that are on the waiting list shall pay the entry fee without paying the late fee.

REGISTRATION FEES

We make every effort to keep entry fees as low as possible. When considering the quality of the program and the positive and enjoyable experiences of the participants, we believe that the Intramural program is a tremendous value to student life on campus.

Team Sports:

Basketball (5-on-5, Coed)
 Flag Football
 Floor Hockey
 Coed Speed Soccer
 Arena Soccer
 Softball (inc. summer)
 Volleyball (Coed, Rev Coed, and 4 on 4 Coed)
 Bowling (Shoe rentals not included)

Individual/Dual Sports

Tennis Singles
 Badminton Singles
 Racquetball Singles
 Table Tennis Singles

Self-officiated/ Team Sports:

Call Your Own Basketball and Coed Call Your Own
 3-on-3 Basketball

Special Events/ Tournaments

Team Entries (minimum of 4 players):
 Individual Entries

Fall Tournaments

Men's & Women's Team Tennis
 Ultimate Frisbee
 7-on-7 Soccer

Winter Tournaments Track Meet

4 on 4 Flag Football
 Wrestling Tournament
 Preseason Coed Softball Classic

Spring Tournaments

Sports Trivia
 Water polo Tournament
 Swim Meet
 Coed Basketball Tournament
 Bowling Tournament

Summer Tournaments

Kickball
 7-on-7 Soccer
 Arena Flag Football

*All fees for team sports are listed PER TEAM.

Please check the Campus Recreation brochure for team fees. Cash, Check, or Master/Visa Credit Cards are accepted. Discovery and American Express are not accepted. All checks must be made payable to UC REGENTS.

REFUND POLICY:

If a league gets cancelled a full refund will be given. If a team requests a refund for any other reason other than a league cancellation Campus Recreation will honor a refund but only if the request is made prior to the first scheduled game being played. A \$10 processing fee will be applied in this refund process.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE FIRST SCHEDULED GAME HAS BEEN PLAYED.

LEVELS OF PLAY

Recreation - For players and teams who are just beginning a sport or who just want to play recreationally without a competitive atmosphere. One can learn and develop specific sport skills.

Intermediate - For those players who enjoy a little bit of competition and striving to improve their skills in a sport. Players and teams have generally played the sport before, but have not yet mastered it. Intermediate provides a fun, challenging environment for slightly advanced participants.

Competitive - For participants and teams who enjoy a competitive, challenging, and athletic environment. This division usually consists of players who have played the sport in high school, or sometimes at the collegiate level.

Open - For players from all divisions (recreation, intermediate, and/or competitive) to participate together.

Coed - Teams consist of both men and women. Rule modifications are added.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

Each team manager and participant is responsible for verifying the eligibility of his/her team. Questionable cases should be referred to the Director of Intramural Sports prior to participation. Please contact 949-824-6935. When a specific case is reported the team requesting the eligibility status of an individual must fill out the **Player Eligibility Status Form**. An inquiry will be made to determine the eligibility of that player. The form can be downloaded on the Intramural Website under Handbook>Player Eligibility Status Form.

The following individuals are eligible to participate in Intramural activities with the exception of Summer Quarter.

- **Any student registered/enrolled at UC Irvine is eligible to participate in Intramurals including ESL students.**
- UCI faculty and staff with a current Campus Recreation membership are eligible to participate in Intramurals.
- UCI Faculty/ Staff and their spouse/domestic partner may participate in Intramurals together but only in team sports (i.e. coed flag football, coed softball, coed basketball, and coed volleyball). Faculty/staff's spouse or domestic partners may not participate in individual tournaments such as tennis singles, racquetball singles, table tennis singles, etc. Domestic partners must show a legalized affidavit indicating they are living together or have a joint checking account before they can participate in Intramurals.
- Note: Alumni, UCI affiliates, students taking UCI extension classes, students from other UC Schools, community members are not eligible to participate in Intramurals.
- Summer quarter exception: UCI staff/ faculty who are not current Campus Recreation members may participate in Intramurals but only after paying the non UCI registration fee. Please check the schedule for those sports offered for non ARC members.
- Students from other UC schools are not eligible to participate in UCI's Intramurals program at any time during the academic year including summer session.
- UCI students who are taking the summer off may however participate in Intramurals as long as they have paid their summer campus recreation membership fees.
- UCI student varsity athletes may not participate in their respective or related IM sport unless they meet the eligibility requirements.

All participants are subject to the following eligibility rules of Intramural Sports:

- A player may not transfer to another team in that sport during the season after playing a game with the original team no matter what the case may be.
- A player may not participate in two or more teams in similar or different divisions during the Intramural season. (Example: Bob may not play on Sam's men recreation basketball team and on a men's competitive basketball team).
- Players may however play in a coed league and in a men's/women's league during the same season.
- Interfraternity Council or IFC is considered a men's competitive division and therefore will follow the same guidelines as described earlier. (Example: (Legal) Bob may participate in Jana's Coed softball team and play with Sigma Phi Epsilon. (Legal) Mark is playing for Mesa's court Housing Coed volleyball team and is playing for Sigma Chi's volleyball team.
- Summer quarter exception: (Softball only) A non UCI staff/faculty entering a softball game and paying the UCI registration fee is considered eligible and therefore can play in a summer IM softball league.

- Teams may not play ineligible players, even with the mutual agreement by both teams.
- Women may play in a men's league provided no comparable sport league was offered for women.
- Players may sign new players up at the game site prior to their game.
- A player's name must appear on the game score sheet and the player must have participated in at least one contest in order for him/her to be eligible to participate in playoffs. The team roster form and/or score sheets will serve as the official team roster.

Student Varsity Athletes

- **UCI Current Student Varsity Athletes** are ineligible to participate in their respective sport or a related sport. They may play in other non-related sports.
- A student varsity athlete who transferred from a two year (junior community colleges, Division II, III, etc.) or four year institution (universities, state colleges or Division I schools, etc.) is ineligible to participate in their respective sport or related IM sport. These students must wait an entire year after their last game of the season to be eligible to participate in their respective or related IM sport. They may play in a non related IM sport.
- Former varsity athletes who are in their first year of graduate studies must follow the same guidelines as a varsity student athlete and therefore must wait for an entire year before he/she can participate in their respective or related IM sport.
- An individual is considered a varsity student athlete when he/she is listed in any of these criteria: 1.) On the final coach's roster after the first date of competition, 2.) has received an athletic scholarship, 3.) has competed in that sport during the academic year, 4). is "red-shirting" in the sport.
- Former varsity student athletes are eligible to participate in their sport provided one calendar year (365 days) has elapsed since their status as a varsity student athlete has ended.
- Each team is restricted to one former student athlete in their respective sport.
- An individual is not considered a varsity student athlete if he/she is trying out for the team and did not make the team.
- An individual is not considered a varsity student athlete if he/she is a member of the UCI club sport team.
- *Professional athletes* are not eligible to participate in their respective sport or related activity.
- A professional athlete is defined as anyone who has received monetary compensation for the sole purpose of participating in their sport.

- **UCI Club Sport Players/ Members**

1. A team may have as many club sport players on the team roster but the team may only field no more than one third (1/3) the required number of club players.
 - 3 on 3 basketball: one club player on the court
 - 4 on 4 volleyball, team bowling, team tennis, etc.: one player
 - 5 on 5 basketball: one club player
 - 6 on 6 volleyball: two club players
 - 7 on 7 soccer: two club players
 - 9 on 9 soccer, ultimate frisbee, softball: two club players

For example:

In coed reverse volleyball or regular volleyball only 2 club sport volleyball players may be on the court at all times.

In outdoor soccer only 3 club sport soccer players may be on the field at all times.

In softball only 3 club sport baseball players may be on the field at all times.

In team sports with 4 players or less only one team member maybe a club player.

2. A person is deemed a club member if he/she participates in a club contest against another club team, practices during the middle of the club season (one or more practices), or appears on the team travel roster. Once a person has been deemed a club member, he/she will be considered a club player with regard to intramural sports for 12 consecutive months from the date that he/she last participates in a club contest, last appears on the team travel roster, or the date of their most recent signed sport club waiver form, whichever is latest. If a club player is removed or quits the team the club player is still considered a member of the club team and their status will not change until the following year. Intramural players who join a club team during the middle of IM sport season will be considered a Club member and must follow the same IM policies concerning Club sport players.

3. Club sport members may have as many members on the field/court in their non-related sports.

For example the Ultimate Frisbee club may have 7 players on the field in soccer.

Examples of Illegal Players

A player participates in a men's competitive soccer game and in a men's recreation soccer game.

A player participates in a coed competitive basketball game and in a coed recreation basketball game.

An IFC player participates in an IFC football game and in a men's recreation flag football game.

A current UCI basketball player competing in a 3-on-3 basketball game is considered illegal.

A non-UCI student buys a day pass and participates in an Intramural sport.

A former varsity student athlete has not completed his/her one year probation period after his/her last game as a varsity player.

A player plays in a playoff game without playing in a regular season game.

In the summer a non ARC member enters the game without paying the non UCI affiliated rate.

Playing in a game using a different players name.

Examples of Legal Players

A player is in a men's competitive softball team and coed recreation softball team as well.

A female player plays in coed competitive and sorority softball.

The UCI women's volleyball team playing in an ultimate frisbee tournament

A UCI Faculty/staff who has an ARC membership plays with his/her husband/wife in a coed softball game. Both spouses have ARC memberships.

Examples of related sports include:

Baseball	Softball, Coed Softball
Basketball	5-on 5, 3-on-3, Call Your Own, Coed Basketball, 3 Point Contest, Free Throw Contest

Cross Country	Track Meet (running events)
Football	Flag Football, 4 on 4 Flag Football
Soccer	Arena Soccer, Speed Soccer, Coed Speed Soccer, 7-on-7 Soccer
Swimming	Swim Meet
Volleyball	Coed Volleyball, Coed Reverse & 4 on 4 volleyball

The Campus Recreation staff reserves the right to verify a player (s) eligibility at any time.

The Director of Intramural Sports reserves the right to put into immediate effect any new policies regarding eligibility.

Consequences of ineligible players:

- Participants who are in violation of these eligibility policies shall be banned for the rest of season in that sport and a loss shall be given to that team(s) no matter what the final score is. The final score shall be 1-0. The team in violation of illegal players will also receive a one (1) in their sportsmanship rating in addition to their loss. During a playoff game the team will automatically be disqualified from the playoffs.
- A player who plays for more than one team will be banned from that sport for the remainder of the quarter and possibly the remainder of the year if he/she is caught a second time.
- If the illegal player played more than one game for both teams then all the games he/she played will take a loss no matter what the final outcome of the game. Both teams will receive an one in their sportsmanship rating.
- If the illegal player was caught during the first week of Intramurals the first team he/she played will not count as a loss, unless the team did lose the game, nor lose any sportsmanship points earned. The second team he/she played will be considered illegal and will count as a loss, no matter what the final outcome of the game. The second team receives a loss and a sportsmanship rating of an one.
- Teams using illegal players will be put on probation. The probation period will last throughout the remainder of the quarter. Teams using illegal players while on probation will be banned from Intramurals for the entire academic year.
- During League Play: Any team caught using an ineligible player(s) shall be given a loss in all games in which that player participated and that player shall be banned from that sport. A sportsmanship rating on an one will be issued to the team in violation.
- During Playoffs or Tourney Format, Any team caught using an ineligible player will be given a loss and their opponent will advance to the next round.
- If a player is found to be ineligible during a game or during a playoff game, the Intramural Supervisor will give the other team the win and the option to finish the game. Officials will not be used in the game if illegal players are found. The final score shall be 1-0.

MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

As a team manager, you serve as a vital link between the Campus Rec Office and your team members. We appreciate your commitment and thank you for serving in this capacity. Some of your specific duties include:

- **Attend the mandatory manager's meeting or find a representative in your place.** A manager may only represent one team per sport. The meeting will discuss rules specific to that intramural sport, campus recreation policies, league changes, schedules, etc. If a manager cannot attend, they must find a substitute from their team. Failure to attend can result in that team being dropped from the league.
- Selecting the division, day, and time that your team will compete.
- Filling out and submitting all necessary forms (team entry form, roster addition form), and paying the entry fee on time.
- Understanding the policies and procedures in this Intramural Handbook and making sure all team members understand and abide by them.
- Checking league and playoff schedules/results on the Web (www.campusrec.uci.edu) for accuracy. It is the manager's responsibility to call the IM office to verify playoff schedule.
- Ensuring that enough team members are present at each game to avoid a default. Call the intramural office the day before if your team will need to forfeit or reschedule.
- Ensure enough players are there 10 minutes prior to game time for player check in and warm ups. Those teams late will receive (.5) half a point deduction in their sportsmanship rating. The team's sportsmanship rating can not be any higher than a 3.5.
- **Accepting responsibility for the actions of all team members, fans and supporters.**
- **Maintaining a cooperative attitude with all Intramural officials and supervisors.**

PLAYER(S) NEEDING A TEAM

If you would like to participate in ANY Intramural activity, but have not yet found a team or partner, you can become a FREE AGENT.

- Stop by the ARC and head upstairs to the sales desk.
- Ask the sales desk personnel for the Free Agent List.
- The Free Agent Lists will contain the day and time your team will be playing. Fill out the required information such as name, email and phone number. A representative on the team may contact you for a particular reason. Make sure to print the information so those who are on the free agent team or other manager's looking for players may be able to contact you.
- If enough players are on the free agent list those players will form a team and will meet every week to play on the prescheduled time. At the manager's meeting you will get together with the rest of the free agents and appoint a manager for the free agent team. The manager will be responsible for collecting the registration fee, creating a team name, and scheduling practice sessions if need be. All free agent teams do not have to pay the late fee.
- Last but not least **all free agents** should attend the manager's meeting for that sport to meet the rest of the players and ask questions concerning rules or policies that are unclear of.
- Some free agents have the second option to be picked up by another team during the manager's meeting. This option does not guarantee a team will pick you up.
- If you missed the manager's meeting or did not sign the free agent list another option is to find out the day/time and skill level you want to play on the Intramural web site. Go to the league you want to join and contact the team managers. Call each team manager and ask if they need extra players. **Again we cannot guarantee you will be picked up.**
- When you do find a team make sure to contact the IM office (949) 824-6935 so we can take you off the Free Agent List.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

We would like to invite you to consider joining us as part of the UCI Campus Recreation team. We are ready to give you all of the skills it takes to become an Intramural Sports Official. This job can be fun, sociable, and very rewarding if you follow the right steps.

Hiring clinics will be held at the beginning of each quarter. These clinics are divided into three sessions: (1) Classroom sessions: General Policies/ Procedures, expectations, payroll, and rules interpretations; (2) Court/Field Clinics: Signals/Mechanics, whistle blowing, official's exam, rules Discussion, and positioning and (3) Practice games. Each session will last approximately 1 to 1.5 half hours. These sessions will enable you to work an entire season of a sport. These sessions are MANDATORY. If you miss one of these meeting you will need to a make-up day.

Officials are paid \$8.85 per game/hour. You have the opportunity to work as many as 20 hours per week, or as little as two. The number of hours you are assigned per week are based on the following factors (along with your class schedule and desire for work hours):

- **RELIABILITY** Do you show up to your shifts on time with the proper attire and equipment?
- **ATTITUDE** Do you represent Intramural Sports in a bright, cheerful, and positive manner?
- **HUSTLE** Do you have a strong work ethic?
- **POISE** Can you remain calm and rational in pressing situations?
- **MECHANICS** Are your hand signals crisp, whistle sharp, and calls decisive?
- **KNOWLEDGE** Do you know your sport's rules?

Please note that the above factors are listed in order of importance. If you read carefully, you will realize that there are a few characteristics that we are looking for that rank above your knowledge of a particular sport. Knowledge is important, but remember that knowledge can be taught. If you excel at factors 1-5, chances are you will have no problems with #6!

Steps To Becoming An Intramural Sports Official:

1. Visit the Campus Recreation office in the Anteater Recreation Center, Mon - Fri, 8am - 6pm, during the first week of classes each quarter to pick-up an employee application form, and training session information.
2. Fill out the employee application form. Turn it in at the classroom session.
3. Go over the rules for your particular sport of interest. If you have any questions about any of the rules, please ask. Every question is important.

4. Attend all required training clinics sessions.
5. Dress comfortably for the training sessions. Wear athletic shoes.
6. Bring your driver's license and social security card when you meet with our payroll manager. Before your first shift you must complete all the necessary paperwork. If you do not and start working we can not pay you!
7. Obtain all of the proper officiating equipment before your first shift. Follow all official's procedures carefully. Check your work schedule online.
8. Be on time!

Officials Needed In The Following Sports:

FALL	Flag Football, Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball
WINTER	Basketball, Floor Hockey, Soccer, and Volleyball
SPRING	Floor Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball

CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS

The purpose of the Intramural Sports program is to provide exercise, diversion, and fun to participants in a relaxed, yet structured environment. Guidelines are set forth to protect the interests of all participants. All actions and comments, whether to officials, supervisors, participants, or spectators should be constructive, if offered at all. The following guidelines for participants and spectators should assist teams in reinforcing the right atmosphere:

- Participants and spectators are expected to behave in a cooperative, positive manner, which contributes to the Intramural philosophy for the Spirit of Competition.
- All vulgar, obscene, abusive, derogatory, and demeaning comments or gestures create a hostile environment, generate ill will, and contribute to a negative Intramural experience. **THIS BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** The game may be cancelled without warning to those teams demonstrating poor sportsmanlike behavior. Their opponents will advance to the next round.
- All instances of unnecessary roughness, attempting to injure another person, threatening another person, provoking an altercation, or fighting will result in severe disciplinary action. Students may be directed to the Dean of Students for severe cases. Depending on the severity of the case a player may be given an one game suspension, two game suspension, a whole quarter suspension, an entire year or ARC privileges be taken away if a player can not follow the Intramural guidelines.
- Participants and spectators are expected to comply with the requests and directives of all Intramural personnel in a respectful, pleasant manner.
- The role of spectators is to provide support and encouragement, which is beneficial to the participants, the game, and the Intramural program. Spectators must remain in their designated areas and may not encroach the playing field. Failure to comply may result in a cancellation of the game or spectator ejection. Teams may be penalized for the actions of their spectators as well as their team members. Spectators and fans will follow the same guidelines as a active participant.
- Individuals and teams that violate these guidelines will be disciplined at the discretion of the Intramural Sportsmanship Advisory Board and the Director of Intramural Sports.
- **Campus Recreation and Intramural Staff reserves the right to deny participation to anyone (player or spectator) that fails to demonstrate proper sportsmanship.**

Disciplinary actions include:

Any player ejected from a contest will, at minimal, not play in their next scheduled contest in that sport. They must meet with the Intramural Sportsmanship Advisory Board on Friday morning to review their case. Depending on the severity of the case a player may be suspended for one game, the entire season, or the entire year and face disciplinary actions from the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students will be notified and ARC privileges may also be suspended as well.

A player (s) will be suspended for:

- Physically assaulting an opponent or staff member/officials.
- Threatening to make an assault on a player or staff member
- Verbally abusing the officials, spectators, or opponents
- Vandalizing campus recreation equipment
- Making racial remarks towards an opponent, spectators or IM staff member
- Spitting at an opponent, spectator or IM staff member
- Players ejected during a tournament will be ejected from the game and the rest of the tournament.
- The Intramural staff has the right to forfeit any game at any time due to any unsporting behavior.
- Warnings shall be given before the ejection but if necessary the IM staff will eject a player without warning for unsporting behavior.
- Players or spectators may be handed over to the custody of Campus Police and/or sent to the Dean of Students if need be.

ALCOHOL & TOBACCO

At no time during any Campus Recreation sponsored activity is the consumption of alcoholic beverages allowed or the use of any form of tobacco. Individuals suspected of being under the influence will not be allowed to participate and will be asked to leave the premises. Each team is responsible for enforcing this policy with team members and spectators. Violators are subject to disciplinary action by the Campus Police. Sportsmanship Ratings will be lowered for team fans violating this rule.

PETS

Pets are not allowed on the ARC fields no matter the size of the animal. Failure to cooperate with IM Staff may result in suspension of the game, banned from ARC premises or UCI campus police being called to escort the party out.

SPORTSMANSHIP RATINGS

Playing with class, along with safety are the most important elements in Intramural participation.

The sportsmanship rating system is meant to assist officials and supervisors in evaluating the sportsmanship of participants and spectators. The system will allow officials and supervisors to rate teams and spectators on communication, respect for opponents and officials, and their conduct.

Teams will be rated on a 4.0- 0.0 point scale (four (4) being excellent and zero (0) being poor in sportsmanship). Teams will be rated at the conclusion of each game by either the officials or the supervisor. It is the responsibility of the manager or team captain to find out the team's sportsmanship rating for each game.

Sportsmanship Ratings

- 4: Shows excellent sportsmanship and cooperation with officials and opponents.
- 3: Moderate complaining.
- 2: A team fails to show respect for officials or opponents. There's constant profanity towards officials and opponents. **One player is ejected from a game.**
- 1: A team is verbally abusive to officials and/or opponents, a player threatening to harm or attempts to harm opponents/ officials, player or team vandalizing campus recreation equipment, team playing with illegal players knowing or not knowing, player or fans under the influence of alcohol or consuming alcohol during the sporting event, more than one player on the same team ejected from the same game, or fans/ Fans, spectators and non players encroaching the field/court while taunting or displaying unsportsmanlike behavior such as throwing objects on to the court/field, hand gestures, fighting, etc.)
- 0: Player(s), teams, or spectators are out of control. No cooperation with officials. In the game there's constant verbal abuse, profanity, disrespect and/or racial remarks towards officials, opponents and spectators. A player or their fan physically assaults opponents, spectators, or IM staff members. A player spits at the opponents, fans, IM staff member. The game has to be called off. Teams receiving a 0 rating are subject to further disciplinary action such as removal from the IM Sport league or ARC privileges suspended.

INTRAMURAL SPORTSMANSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

It is the goal of the Intramural Sportsmanship Advisory Board to increase and promote fair play, and to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all Intramural Sports participants and Campus Recreation employees. The main responsibility of the Sportsmanship Board is to handle ejection reports which include: fighting, game protests, policy violations, unsportsmanlike behavior, and physical or verbal abuse of employees or participants.

- IM Sportsmanship Board will meet every Friday at 11:00am.
- Ejected participants are not allowed to participate in any intramural events until the Sportsmanship Board reaches a decision on their case.
- Ejected participants will have the opportunity to present their case to the Sportsmanship Board.
- Ejected participants must write a letter to the Sportsmanship Board petitioning reinstatement to their league.
- Ejected participants will be given an EJECTION REINSTATEMENT NOTICE from the on-site supervisor that will outline all the important details of regaining Intramural eligibility.
- A decision will be made regardless of the participant's attendance at Friday's board meeting.
- Decisions arrived by the Sportsmanship Board may be protested. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Intramural Director by the following Thursday at 5:00pm.
 - The ejected participant may only appeal if he/she attended the Sportsmanship Board meeting on Friday.
 - The ejected participant must present "NEW" evidence to the case.

Any protest or player ejection ruling will be reviewed by the Intramural Sportsmanship Advisory Board. The Intramural Director will make the final ruling on these issues and matters not covered in the UCI Intramural Rule Book or in the Intramural Player Handbook.

PLAYOFFS

To qualify for playoffs, your team must meet all the following conditions listed:

- Have a game winning percentage of .500 or above in league play. (win half your games)
- Have an overall sportsmanship average of 3.0 or better at the end of the season.
- No forfeits during the regular season. A team may only have one default during the regular season. Two or more defaults give your team a forfeit.
- To continue in playoffs the team's sportsmanship must be above 3.0 in every playoff game. Any team that drops below the 3.0 average in playoffs will be disqualified. Their opponents (win or loss in that game) shall advance to the next round. IFC is included in this policy. IFC must meet 3.0 or higher in all of their playoff games.

Any team receiving a zero during playoffs will lose the rights to play in next quarter's sports. If a team receives a zero in the SPRING quarter playoffs they will lose the rights to play in the SUMMER and FALL quarter.

- Teams that average a 4.0 at the end of the season will be automatically be given a playoff berth.

ALL University Brackets and seeding will be arranged by the Intramural Sports staff and the following criteria will be used:

- Overall Record
- Sportsmanship Rating
- Points Differential (Total points scored minus total points allowed. The team with the highest points is seeded higher).
- Head-to-Head Competition
- In some sport leagues IFC teams will join the All University teams during playoffs. The playoff bracket will consist of IFC teams going up against ALL U teams by the order of record, sportsmanship rating, head to head and then point differential. In some cases the IM staff will try to pair up teams from different leagues giving teams an opportunity to play against other competitive teams.

The tiebreaker for teams with identical records from two different leagues will be sportsmanship rating.

It is the responsibility of the team manager to verify all correct standings and scores. He/she must call the Intramural Office or check the Intramural web page for their next scheduled game or playoff game. The Intramural Staff will try to notify the team's manager and their players either through phone or by email. But it's the sole responsibility of the manager to find out their playoff game.

AWARDS

Intramural Sports Champion T-Shirts will be awarded to the championship teams only in the Competitive and the Open divisions. Other division champions will receive the Intramural Sports Champion Towel. Champions at all divisions (comp, intermediate, rec) will have their team photo placed on the Intramural Wall of Fame and the Web site.

PROTESTS

If a team feels that an official has MISINTERPRETED A RULE or suspect that their opponents are using an illegal player, the team must lodge a protest immediately upon discovery. A protest may be made after the game has ended. Judgment calls can not be protested (out/safe, in/out, block/charge, etc). A protest can only be made if it's a misinterpreted ruling or teams using illegal players. All other situations will not be admissible.

Steps to Protesting a Game:

1. **For a Protest on a IM Ruling/ Policy: A team representative (the captain of the team) must call a time out and notify the officials and IM Supervisor a protest is warranted.** Judgment calls can not be protested. The IM supervisor will hear the case and if the IM supervisor agrees with the officials' ruling, the call shall remain the same and a time out is charged to the team making the protest. If a ruling is changed it will be corrected before the next play and the time out charged will be an official's time out. Several options are available to correct the situation. 1.) A replay shall be issued at the moment the ruling was issued. 2.) If a replay can not be issued the officials and IM Supervisor will make the final ruling to correct the situation. In a matter concerning rule interpretation, if the game can be resolved or corrected before the next play the ruling shall be made and no forms will be needed to filled out. If the ruling can not be made a protest form must be filled out and the game will be played under protest. Both captains must sign the protest form and the team making the protest must submit a letter in writing to the Intramural Director of this protest later that night.
2. If the letter of protest is not written 24 hours after the verbal protest, the protest will be voided and the result of the game will not change.
3. **For a protest on Illegal Players:** A team representative must notify the officials and IM Supervisor during a time out, half time or at the end of the game and must complete an Eligibility Status Form before their next scheduled contest. The eligibility status form maybe downloaded from the Campus Recreation website ([www.campusrec.uci.edu/Intramurals/IM handbook/ Player Eligibility Status Form](http://www.campusrec.uci.edu/Intramurals/IM%20handbook/Player%20Eligibility%20Status%20Form)). A follow up will be made and both teams will be contacted after the investigation. If its during a playoff game the situation will be investigated and if the case is upheld the team with the illegal player will be disqualified and the team making the protest will advance to the next round.
4. The information such as the game situation, when it happened, time outs used, the score at that time and who was involved will be collected for the Intramural Sportsmanship Advisory Board to review.
5. Game shall resume after the information has been collected but will be played under protest.
6. If the team has followed the instructions a meeting will be set up. The intramural Sportsmanship Advisory Board will meet on Friday to discuss the protest. Every effort will be made to resolve the protest. At the conclusion of the Board's meeting both teams will be contacted and if need be the game will be replayed at the point where the

protest was made.

FORFEITS & DEFAULTS

Forfeits are games when a team does not show up for their regular scheduled game and has not notified the Director of Intramural Sports of their cancellation.

A team must be ready to play by their scheduled time. This includes signing in all players on the score sheet.

If a team is not ready to play at their scheduled time, a team will be penalized. After 10 minutes and the team does not have the required number of players to start the game, the game will be cancelled/defaulted.

If a team is not ready to play *ten minutes* after the scheduled time (lack of players, players being late, etc.) the game will result in a default.

There are no exceptions.

The team late will receive a deduction in their sportsmanship rating. Half a point (.5) will be deducted and the team may receive no higher than a 3.5 in their sportsmanship rating.

One forfeit makes a team ineligible for playoffs.

Two defaults are considered one forfeit.

Defaults are a way of alleviating a forfeit. To avoid a forfeit in which you know your team will not be able to make the game, **call the IM Director, 824-6935, 24 hours before your scheduled game** and notify the office that you can not attend and explain why. By doing so, your team receives a default (i.e. a loss) which keeps you eligible for playoffs.

The result of a team that does not have the minimal number of players required to participate in their scheduled game is a default. For example, a team in 5-on-5 basketball can not begin a game unless they have at least four eligible players. If only three members show up and the 10 minutes have elapsed that team will receive a loss by default. If you have a second default, it will equal forfeit and your team will not be eligible for playoffs.

In the interest of all teams having a chance to play their games, forfeits are greatly discouraged. Please be considerate and call us as soon as you know your team can not make a game. This gives us enough time to contact the other team, our officials, and other relevant parties.

During Playoffs or Tourney Format: In case of defaults or forfeits the other team automatically advances to the next round. If an illegal player played in multiple playoff games, the most recent team which lost will advance.

RESCHEDULING

Due to the number of teams, the short playing season, and limited playing facilities, rescheduling will be kept to an absolute minimum.

- A game may be rescheduled only by mutual consent of both team managers and by approval of the Director of Intramurals. If a team can not agree on the new date the game will be played on the original date. No exceptions!

Procedure to Rescheduling a Game:

1. A team is allowed a maximum of two (2) reschedules during the season for each sport.
2. The team captain wanting to reschedule is responsible for contacting the other team contact for rescheduling. Both teams must have agreed on the new game date prior to 48 hours from the original game date.

For example:

Team A and Team B is scheduled to play on Thursday at 6pm. Team A wants to reschedule and calls Team B. Both teams agree and call the IM Director. Both teams confirmed by either emailing or calling the IM Director prior to Tuesday at 6:01pm. Any attempt to reschedule a game less than 48 hours will not be allowed. Saturday is not a working day. So if you have a game on Sunday at 7pm the two teams confirming the new date must be before Thursday at 7:01pm and not Friday at 7:01pm. If you have a game on Monday at 9pm; confirmation from both teams must be made before Friday at 9:01pm and not Saturday at 9:01pm.

Team A and Team B has used one of their reschedules. Even though Team B was not the team who originally wanted to reschedule they still agreed to do so and therefore used up one of their reschedules.

In the future if Team B needs to reschedule and does so they will have used up all their rescheduling opportunities. Any team wanting to reschedule with Team B will not be allowed to do so.

3. Both captains must call or email the IM Director to confirm this new schedule before the 48 hours. DO NOT ASSUME that this game is rescheduled. When both teams receive confirmation from the IM Director the game will be rescheduled. Again do not assume the game will be rescheduled. The other team does not have to reschedule the game if they do not want to for any reason.
- Playoffs: Due to some leagues playing on different days some playoff games will be played on a different day. Do not assume a team with the best record will always be playing on the day they registered their team. Please check the entire playoff schedule and make sure your entire team knows exactly what time they play if they advance to the next round.
 - Rescheduling playoff games is difficult. The IM staff will try to accommodate both teams but once the playoff schedule is set teams do not have to reschedule if they don't want to. Again both teams must agree on the new date. The 48 hour notice does not apply when rescheduling playoff games. If the two teams cannot come to an agreement on a date/time the game will be played on the day it was scheduled.

Postponements:

Facility conflicts and rain-outs are unfortunate realities of Intramural Sports. We will try to keep all participants well-informed. Please contact the weather hotline 949-824-8194 after 3pm.

Rain Outs:

Never assume that a game will be canceled because of rain. The Campus Recreation staff will determine if games are to be postponed due to inclement weather. The factors that will be considered are field conditions, weather conditions, and participant safety. Call the intramural hotline at (949) 824-8194 for current playing status on inclement weather days.

Make-Up Games:

Every effort will be made to reschedule games that are postponed or rained out. If a reschedule time is not available, both teams will receive automatic playoff berths. If a reschedule time is available, but is not convenient to either team, the teams must decide on a time that the game can be played. They will not receive automatic playoff berths.

UNIFORMS & ATTIRE

All recommendations and requirements of proper attire are for the safety of the participants, and the enhancement of the games. All jewelry should be removed and not be worn during participation.

Footwear:

Indoors:

- Only basketball or tennis shoes allowed in the main gym!
- Every participant must wear athletic-type shoes.
- No open-toed sandals; no bare feet
- All shoes must be non-marking, soft-soled rubber.

Outdoors:

- Cleats must have molded or rubber soles. Absolutely no metal, hard plastic, or screw-in cleats of any kind will be allowed on the ARC field during Intramural events.

Shirts (for identification purposes in ALL sports):

- Shirt color to be worn to participate will be determined by the location of your team's name and number on the schedule.
- If your team is listed FIRST, you are the VISITING TEAM, in which case you will wear DARK colored shirts.
- If your team is listed SECOND, you are the HOME TEAM, in which case you will wear WHITE colored shirts.
- **Do NOT wear gray.**
- Teams may wear their own uniform if it clearly differentiates them from their opponent. If it does not they will dress according to the schedule. A team will have not different colored dark or light jerseys. All jerseys must be like colors. For example: Players wearing light colored jerseys will wear all yellow jerseys. Different players on the same team may not have different light colored jerseys, such as light yellow, light blue or white. All players either will wear light yellow or white, not a combination.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND INSURANCE

The Intramural Sports program includes several sports that can be physically demanding and that have the potential for injury. It is strongly recommended that all participants undergo a routine physical exam by a physician.

It is also strongly *recommended* that all participants carry their own health insurance. In the case of an emergency situation needing immediate medical attention, Campus Recreation does not take responsibility for medical costs.

- Each individual participating in Intramural activities assumes the responsibility for their own health. Those who have had previous injuries that may recur, or who are not physically suited to an activity are urged to reconsider their participation for their own safety.
- The Campus Recreation office assumes no responsibility for injuries received in sponsored activities. Each individual should check their own policies to ensure adequate coverage.
- Intramural Contests are supervised by staff that have training in emergency procedures.

Here are some guidelines, provided by the Student Health Service, to assist you in securing adequate health insurance & emergency medical coverage.

Undergraduate Students:

Beginning with the Fall quarter 2001, all UCI undergraduate students will be required to have sufficient Health insurance coverage. The cost of the UCI insurance premium will automatically be included in student fees (\$166 per quarter). However, students with comparable coverage (either equal to or exceeding campus guidelines) will have the option to apply for a waiver to opt out the University's plan. Students may apply for the waiver online.

For students who are covered by the UCI plan, their primary care center is UCI Student Health. Student Health is open from 7:30am - 5:30pm Monday through Friday. For medical situations that occur after hours, the following facilities are considered preferred providers for the UCI coverage:

- Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach
- UCI Medical Center in Orange
- St. Joseph Hospital in Orange
- Irvine Medical Center in Irvine

For lesser emergencies, the Woodbridge Walk In center on Barranca in Irvine is open from 8am – 8 pm everyday.

ALL participants should carry an insurance ID card or identification information that is readily available which includes the company name, the address for claims, the group number, any individual ID number, and the name under which the policy is issued.

Graduate Students:

By vote of the Associated Graduate Students, health insurance coverage is mandatory for all graduate students. The premium for this insurance is assessed each quarter on your registration fee statement and the insurance provides year-round (12 month) coverage. If you're already covered by an approved health insurance plan through your work, a parent, or a

spouse you may apply to waive this insurance by completing a waiver form available from the Student Health Insurance Office.

In the event of an injury sustained during an Intramural activity:

The student will be assisted by an Intramural Supervisor and/or Operations Manager, and referred to the appropriate medical service.

In the case of a serious injury, emergency assistance will be called unless otherwise advised by the injured participant. Please be prepared to provide proof of insurance at all Intramural activities. If an ambulance is requested or required, the injured party does incur those related costs.

All injuries should be reported promptly to the on-site Intramural Supervisor.

Brochures detailing the features of The Recommended Student Health Insurance Plan, as well as other plans, are available from the Student Health Service.

Faculty and staff (and all non-students in summer Intramurals) are not covered through the Student Health Service and should secure their own coverage.