

MISSION STATEMENT

Campus Recreation offers students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville recreational and educational opportunities that instill a sense of value for health and fitness, and provides a practical means by which participants can apply this knowledge. Campus Recreation is committed to providing quality programs and facilities that meet the changing needs of the University community. Campus Recreation strives to create an atmosphere that enhances campus life, supports the mission of the University, and provides opportunities for interaction which foster intellectual development and cultural harmony.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS PROGRAM

It is the goal of Campus Recreation through Intramural Sports to fulfill the desire of its participants to engage in social interaction through competition at various levels. Intramural Sports provides opportunities for individuals to participate in recreational play in a social setting. Intramural Sports promotes experiences that lead to greater understanding of personal goals and relationships to other individuals.

Common Terms featured in this handbook:

SFC: Student Fitness Center ; **VC:** Vadalabene Center ; **IM:** Intramural Sports ; **IMLeagues:** website for team/student registration. **REC IT:** IMleagues mobile app for smartphone

Statement on Inclusive Language for Intramural Sports Department

SIUE Campus Recreation is dedicated to providing a positive intramural sports experience for students of all abilities. Please contact Natalie Hawkins at nrosale@siue.edu or 618-650-3242 at the Student Fitness Center, Room 1526, to discuss options should you require an accommodation to fully participate in the Intramural Sports program because of a disability or impairment.

INTRAMURAL AND CLUB SPORTS PROGRAM STAFF

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Section I. General Information

Article I. **Every student must bring their student I.D. to every intramural contest to be eligible to play.**

Article II. **Assumption of Risk:** Warning, you may suffer physical and/or mental injury from participating in these activities. There are certain risks of injury that are inherent to participation in sports and recreational activities. These types of injuries may be minor or serious and may result from the actions or inactions of themselves or others. Therefore, each participant will be required to sign a Waiver of Liability or an Informed Consent Form prior to participation in IM Sports activities.

- Article III. Health:** It is understood that most activities require a certain level of fitness and health, and that each person has a different capacity for participating in these activities. Participants of Campus Recreation activities do so at their own risk. Campus Recreation does not provide health insurance, and it is recommended that students carry medical coverage.
- Article IV Open Wounds & Lacerations:** Whenever an IM Sports participant suffers a laceration or wound where oozing or bleeding occurs, the competition shall be stopped at the earliest possible time, and the participant will be required to leave the field of play. The participant will not be allowed to return to the competition until the wound has been covered and the oozing or bleeding has stopped.
- Article V. IM Website:** The IM Sports website: www.siu.edu/crec/intramural and www.imleagues.com/siu will be an official source of information pertaining to IM Sports activities. These websites shall contain current information regarding schedules, deadline dates, entry forms, playing conditions, etc. Participants and team captains are urged to check the website daily to keep posted on current notifications. All rules for Intramural Sports can be found on SIUE IMLeagues webpage.
- Article VI. Mobile Apps:** You may also access pertinent registration and game information through the FREE IMLeagues mobile app, called [REC IT](#). This mobile platform is available for FREE download on your smartphone's app store. The app allows you to view your upcoming schedule, join a team, message teammates, and receive alerts from the IM Sports department regarding cancelations, upcoming events, or last minute changes.
- Article VII. Rec-Sports Advisory Council:** The purpose of the RSAC shall be to serve as the student organization charged with providing recommendations and direction to the Intramural Sports Office concerning the IM Sports program. The organization shall work with the Intramural Sports Office in establishing rules for IM Sports, and ensure that all student organizations are aware of programs being offered. RSAC shall also serve as the hearing panel for all IM Sports appeals. In addition, RSAC will be a means to help the community, SIUE, and student development by volunteering, providing programs on campus, and attending conferences as well as extramural events.
- For all disputes or processes please contact the Graduate Assistant to Intramural Sports at the information provided above to coordinate a date and time to discuss the matter in further detail
- Article VIII. Smoking/Alcohol/Illegal Drugs**
Smoking/Alcohol/Illegal Drugs:
 SIUE is designated as a smoke/tobacco/alcohol/drug-free campus. The use of these products by an intramural participant, fan, or spectator during any activity is strictly prohibited. No individual will be allowed to participate in any activity if it is suspected that they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol. A team, participant, fan or spectator caught using any of the above mentioned at an intramural event may be immediately asked to leave the venue. The game in which the violator is participating (playing/watching) will not continue until that person removes themselves. Failure for the team captain to assist the Intramural Staff in helping to remove the violator, may result in a forfeit of the contest. Any team that has a participant, fan/spectator removed for a violation of this policy, or is found possessing or consuming the above mentioned at an activity site shall automatically receive an unsatisfactory sportsmanship rating for that contest and could face probation or suspension for the remainder of the season.

- Article I.** **Schedule of Events:** Each semester's schedule of events, entry deadlines, captain's meetings, and the starting dates are published before the start of the upcoming semester. Additional activities and information are announced periodically through the Campus Recreation bulletin boards, IM Sports flyers, IM Leagues, REC IT, Instagram, Twitter, and the IM website.
- Article II.** **How to Register:** Groups wishing to enter a team or individuals who wish to enter an event may do so by completing online registration at www.imleagues.com/siue. Select the sport of interest by clicking on the sport icon of choice. Then select join team.
- Article III.** **Free Agency:** "Free Agents" are individuals that are not members of an organized team but would like to join one. If there are enough interested players, a team of these unaffiliated players may also be formed. Every effort will be made to find a team for each individual. There will be no fee for any individual who signs up as a free agent. Individuals may post information on the "Free Agent" tab for a given sport to notify captains of their status. If further assistance is needed, please contact the Intramural Sports Office.
- Article IV.** **Entry Fees:** An entry fee is to be paid at the time of registration for each sport. Teams will not be able to hold a place in any league without paying the team fee. A forfeit fee deposit may also be required, depending on the program. If the Intramural Sports Office does not receive sufficient registrations and the activity is canceled, the entry fee and forfeit fee (if applicable) will be refunded.
- Campus Partnerships:** Some campus partners offer discounted codes for students. Below is a list of current partnerships with Campus Recreation:
- University Housing: Paid entry fee for students creating a team comprised of at least 75% residence hall students. "U Play – We Pay"
 - SIU School of Dental Medicine: Paid entry fee for students creating a team comprised of 100% SDM students
- Participants requesting these codes are responsible for paying the refundable forfeit fee deposit at time of registration.
- Article V.** **Entry Deadlines:** Registration deadlines are established to allow enough time to schedule the games and playoffs. These deadlines will be strictly adhered to. If the deadline has passed for an event in which you are interested, please contact the Intramural Sports Office to be placed on the waiting list for that program. If a team drops from the league or competition, waitlisted teams will be entered into that slot on a first come, first serve basis.

Section III. Eligibility

- Article I.** **Eligibility Liability:** Team captains and participants are responsible for their own, and the team's eligibility. The Intramural Sports Office does not assume responsibility for the investigation of the eligibility of all participants. Questionable cases should be referred to the Intramural Sports Office.
- Eligible Participants:** All students, faculty, and staff of the University, which are members of the SFC, are eligible to participate in the IM Sports program except where noted. In addition, any member of the Student Fitness Center is eligible to participate. Alumni who are not members of the Student Fitness Center are NOT permitted to participate in the IM Sports

program, except where noted. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of IM Sports programs, events and/or leagues may be categorized by age, gender, or ability.

- The Recreational Sports Programming Office reserves the right to put into immediate effect any rule changes or modifications regarding eligibility.

Article II. **Liability Waiver:** All participants must sign a paper liability waiver at their first intramural sport of the school year. **Note:** this is different from signing up on IMLeagues. This waiver only has to be signed **one time each school year**. For example, (*Eddie Cougar signs the Liability Waiver in September for Flag Football, he does not have to sign again to play basketball in January*).

Article III. **False Names:** Any person competing under an assumed name shall be declared ineligible from all Intramural programming until a suspension meeting is held with the Intramural Coordinator to determine further action. A team guilty of using such a player may be dropped from the league for the remainder of the season.

Article IV. **Professional, Collegiate, Red Shirt, and Prop 48 Athletes:** Any person who has appeared on a game roster for a sport collegiately or professionally, or is a Red Shirt or a Prop 48 athlete from a collegiate varsity team shall, be ineligible to participate in that sport or in a related sport (*ex. NCAA baseball player may not participate in Intramural Softball*) for a period of 1 year from the date of their last intercollegiate or professional competition.

After this period, these individuals are eligible to participate in IM Sports programs, but teams are limited to only 2 such participants on their roster. Furthermore, no more than 40% of a teams' roster may have competed either collegiately or professionally ever before. Athletes may apply in writing for exceptions to this rule to the Coordinator of Intramural Sports or the Graduate Assistant of Intramural Sports. Each athlete must submit his or her own individual letter requesting an exception to this rule.

Article V. **Sport Club Members:** No more than **3** members of a Sport Club may participate on the roster of an Intramural in a related sport. For example: Club Softball or Club Baseball would be restricted in IM Softball. If a team is discovered playing with more than the allotted club players, that team will forfeit all games that they played those club players.

- For sports that require 4 or less people to field a full team, only the roster is limited to 1 member of a Sport Club for that related sport. For example: 4v4 Sand Volleyball is limited to 1 player on the roster from the Club Volleyball team.

Article VI. **Violation:** Any team or individual found guilty of violating any of the eligibility rules shall forfeit all games they have violated eligibility rules for. The Intramural Sports Office shall interpret the individual's eligibility to engage in further contests.

Article VII. **Alumni Participation Fee:** All alumni of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville will be required to pay a **\$30.00 participation fee to participate in any Intramural activity per semester**. After paying this fee, alumni will be eligible to participate in all Intramural Activities for the applicable semester. Alumni also must have a current Student Fitness Center Membership which will allow them to access all Campus Recreation Facilities.

Article VIII. **Multiple Rosters:** Players can only participate on one gender specific team and one co-rec team per sport. Players are locked to the roster that they first participate on, once a player participates

on a roster they cannot be removed from that roster. Players may not participate in any official Intramural game without signing in with the Intramural Supervisor, if a player participates without signing in, that game is subject to forfeiture. It is the responsibility of the players and captains to check with the Intramural Sports department for player eligibility, it is not the responsibility of the Intramural Sports staff to notify each team and player of a team's eligibility.

Section IV. Rosters

Article I. **Roster Information:** Players may be added at any time during the regular season, provided the new players meet all eligibility requirements. Contests, in which a team is granted a win by forfeit, will result in all players on the roster prior to that contest being credited with a game played. Games also canceled due to inclement weather that cannot be made up will count as long as the person was on the roster when the game was canceled.

- Official rosters will be listed on IMLeagues. Players not listed on the IMLeagues roster are not considered a part of that teams' roster. Changes to rosters can be made until the end of the regular season.

Article II. **Roster Size:** Team roster capacities are limited to two times the number of players it takes to field a full team. For example, in 7v7 Women's Flag Football, it takes 7 players to field a full team, therefore the roster is limited to 14 players.

Article III. **Playing on Multiple Teams:** Players must remain with the same team for each sport for the duration of that sport's season. Any player wishing to change teams after they have already established a place on a roster will not be eligible to change teams.

Article IV. **Playoff Rosters:** After the final regular season game, no changes may be made to team rosters. To be eligible for playoffs, a player must participate in at least one regular season contest for that team.

Section V. Captain's Responsibilities

Article I. **The Captain:** Each Intramural team will have a designated captain. The captain's responsibilities include:

1. Reviewing the rules presentation and completing the IMLeagues captains quiz for the respective sport.
2. Becoming familiar with the IM Sports Handbook rules and policies, and ensure that they are followed.
3. Ensuring the proper eligibility of all players on the roster.
4. Notifying team members of playing schedules and schedule changes.
5. Ensuring that the team does not forfeit any contests.
6. Notifying the Intramural Sports Office if their team will not be showing for a scheduled contest.
7. Representing the team in the case of a protest.
8. Keeping their address, phone number, and email up to date on IMLeagues.
9. Promoting fair play and assisting with any sportsmanship issues.
13. Ensuring all players have signed one liability waiver each school year.

Article II. Contest Rules: Rules and regulations are designed for the safety and protection of participants. It should be understood that by participating in Intramural Sports contests, each individual has agreed to abide by all rules and regulations and is responsible for their behavior.

Section VI. Forfeits & Defaults

Article I. Forfeits: Any team or individual failing to play, or have the minimum number of players required, at the scheduled time of the contest shall forfeit the contest to the opponent.

- **Game time is forfeit time.** If there are fewer than the required number of players, the opposing captain, who must have the minimum number of players in attendance, has the option of taking the win or waiting 10 minutes for the minimum number of players required to show. If the opposing captain does decide to wait, this action is irreversible and game clocks will be adjusted accordingly. If they chose to wait, they will be required to wait until the opposing team has the minimum number of players or the full 10 minutes. Play will start as soon as the opposing team has the minimum number of platers present. If a team or individual(s) does not appear, or does not present the minimum number of participants required by the allotted grace period time, a win by forfeit will be awarded to the opponent.
- *Teams no longer pay a forfeit deposit. If a forfeit occurs, a team will have a hold of \$15 on their account and must be paid in order to play the following week. One forfeit automatically disqualifies a team from playoffs. 2 Forfeits in the same league will result in a removal from the league, in addition, another \$15 hold on the Captain's account. Until that hold is paid off that player is ineligible to play in any other Intramural Sport*
- The minimum number of participants allowed is listed on the specific rules sheet for each program. During coed competition, the difference between the number of male participants and female participants on the court or the field may only be one more or one less than the other gender. Exception: Co-Rec Flag Football where the difference can be 4 and 2.
- Forfeits shall be assessed for the following reasons: use of an ineligible player, player(s) who participate under an assumed name, nonappearance at a scheduled contest (nonappearance is defined as not having the minimum number of players present and ready to play), and unsportsmanlike conduct.

Article II. No Rescheduling: Any contest ending by forfeit, will not be rescheduled.

Article III. Defaults: Any team or individual knowing in advance that they will not be able to play a regularly scheduled contest is provided the opportunity to default that contest. A loss will be assessed for the default. A team is allowed to default only two contests during a sports season. The Third default will be considered a forfeit, and will result in a forfeit fee and disqualification from playoffs.

- In order for a game to be considered a default, the team captain must contact the Intramural Sports Office by 4 PM the day of their game, or 4 PM the Friday before a Sunday game.
- Defaults will be given a sportsmanship rating of 3.0.

Article IV. Replacement Games: In any case where a game is terminated due to the team forfeiting out of the league, another interested team may be given the opportunity to play an extra game in that teams place (not in effect during playoffs). This is not guaranteed.

Article V. **Organizational Billings:** Organizations who compete in three or more events each semester have the privilege of having their fees billed to them at the end of the semester. Ask the Intramural Sports Office for an IMLeagues coupon code. If an organization forfeits three times throughout the semester, the billing privileges will be revoked for that organization and all future fees will have to be paid at the time of registration for the remainder of that semester and possibly the next semester.

Section VII. Protests

Article I. **Protest Stipulations:** Protests can only be made in the case of a rule interpretation; no protest shall be entertained which concerns judgment calls on the part of an official. Protests that are approved shall be replayed from the point of protest, excluding time limit infractions.

Article II. **Protest Procedure:** Team captains must announce their intentions of protests on the field of play to a designated official immediately following the incident in question and before continuation of a new play, except those regarding player/team eligibility. Once a team/captain clearly declares they would like to protest a rule interpretation, the game will be stopped and a protest form will be filled out by the team and Intramural Sport Supervisor. Protests are to be filed on forms provided by the Intramural Sports Office. Teams involved in a protest will be contacted by the Intramural Sports Coordinator or Intramural Sports Graduate Assistant within 48 hours of the filing of the protest.

Article III. **Staff Procedure:** The IM Sports Supervisor attending to a contest must be notified of any possible protest regarding eligibility of a player(s). The Intramural Supervisor will stop the game in protest, and have the team/captain's of both teams and have them fill out the protest form. This form will be filed in the Intramural Sports Office.

Article IV. **Protest Ruling:** The Graduate Assistant of Intramural Sports and the Coordinator of Intramural Sports will rule upon all protests. All decisions made regarding a protest may be appealed to the RSAC (*if active*) by appealing in writing to the Intramural Sports Office within 48 hours of notification. The Graduate Assistant of Intramural Sports will notify the President of the RSAC who will call an emergency meeting to be held no more than seven (7) days from the date of the appeal. During the appeal, two members from each team in question, the official(s), and the Graduate Assistant of Intramural Sports will have the right to make a statement and to answer any questions regarding the incident. Once the RSAC renders its decision, the case will be closed.

Article V. **Eligibility Protests:** Protests regarding the eligibility of a participant must be filed prior to the end of the game in which the participant in question is playing. If the captain is not available, then any player from the opposing team may file the protest.

Article VI. **Non-officiated Protests:** In a case of disagreement between individuals in matches without officials, the participants will file a protest with the Intramural Supervisor on Duty.

Section VIII. Schedule of Contests

Article I. **Leagues:** Most team sport competition will be offered as a league. Each team will be scheduled for four regular season games, and a single elimination post-season tournament consisting of all teams with at least a 3 sportsmanship rating and a .300 or greater winning percentage, and not have forfeited any regular season games. All game schedules will be released on IMLeagues.

Article II. **Playoff Tournaments:** Upon completion of regularly scheduled league play in an individual, dual, or team competition, a playoff schedule will be posted on IMLeagues. The captain is responsible for communicating when their team will play next to their respective teams.

- Matches not completed before the given match deadline may count as a forfeit for both parties involved, except for postponements because of inclement weather conditions or facility scheduling conflicts. Failure to report the completed matches can also result in double forfeits.
- The Graduate Assistant or Coordinator of Intramural Sports reserves the right to extend any given match deadline.

Article III. **Playoff Seeds:** At the conclusion of the regular season, playoff seeding will be determined by:

1. Win Percentage
2. Head to head contests between teams with tied records
3. Sportsmanship rating
4. Point Differential

Article IV. **Postponement:** With the exception of inclement weather and facility scheduling conflicts, no contests shall be postponed without the approval of the Graduate Assistant of Intramural Sports. Any contest postponed without formal approval shall be recorded as a loss for one or both teams.

Article V. **Inclement Weather:** Decisions regarding inclement weather will be made by 4 PM the day of the game. Team captains are responsible for checking IMLeagues, their emails, and social media for the status of games. Teams should always assume that scheduled contests will be played unless official notice has been given. The game official or supervisor has the authority to postpone a contest in the event the field or weather conditions become unsafe for play.

- Games or matches postponed due to inclement weather during the regular season will be rescheduled if there is field availability. The Intramural Sports staff will reschedule playoff games affected by inclement weather as soon as possible. In the event of bad weather during the playoffs, team captains should contact the Intramural Sports Office during the next business day for reschedule information.

Section IX. Officials

Article I. **How to Become an Official:** Intramural Sports provides students with exciting and flexible employment opportunities as a sports official. Experience is not necessary, Intramural Sports Staff will provide training to all officials. Every official will be required to attend training sessions, which may include:

1. Officiating clinics and meetings
2. Rules examination
3. Scrimmages
4. Observation of games
5. Continual evaluation and performance feedback

- Officials are employed through The Student Work and Financial Assistance Office. All Intramural Sport Officials are SIUE students. Their role is to produce a healthy sportsmanlike game and to enforce sport rules. Any student who wishes to work in a fun environment as an

official should contact the Intramural Sports Office (SFC 1524), the Intramural Sports Coordinator, or the Intramural Sports Graduate Assistant.

Section X. Sportsmanship

Article I. Coach, Player & Team Conduct:

- A. Fighting and abusive language will not be tolerated. Coaches and fans are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Players or coaches who use abusive language will be ejected from the game and will be suspended from participation and/or coaching for a minimum of one contest. Before any individual who has been ejected from a game can be reinstated, that person must meet with the Coordinator for Intramural Sports.
- B. Post-game incidents involving verbal or physical abuse of employees, opponents, or property shall be dealt with as an extension of the contest. The nature of these penalties shall be based upon the severity of the actions.
- C. The use of alcohol and/or drugs will not be tolerated at or in the vicinity of a contest site. Anyone suspected of being under the influence of drugs/alcohol, whether as a participant or spectator will be asked to leave the premises with the possibility of further repercussions.
- D. SIUE prohibits possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on University property, this includes the Intramural Fields, Vadalebene Center, and the Student Fitness Center. If a team or their spectators is found to possess or consume alcoholic beverages at an Intramural contest or event, that team will be forfeited from the event and suspended from all Intramural activities. If the team's participants or spectators fail to comply with the request of the supervisors, SIUE Police will be called.

Article III. Unacceptable Conduct:

- A. Captains and coaches are responsible for the actions of teams and spectators before, during, and after each contest. Unacceptable conduct will not be tolerated, and includes but is not limited to:
 1. Any action with an intent to physically injure a participant, spectator, or official
 2. Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
 3. Any action which shows disregard for the rules or policies of the Intramural Sports Program, or the dignity of an individual(s)
 4. Any participant, coach, or spectator that initiates physical contact with, or attempts to initiate actions, with or without contact of, a Campus Recreation employee in any manner will be suspended from participation in all intramural sports activities for a MINIMUM of one calendar year. Further disciplinary actions may also be pursued.
 5. Any intentional damages to equipment or the facility will be charged to the offending person. They will be financially responsible for any deliberate or negligent destruction to the building, fields, or equipment and further actions.
- B. In the event that a participant is found to have committed any unacceptable conduct, that individual will be immediately suspended from all Intramural Sport activities and unable to participate until they meet with the Intramural Sports Coordinator.

Article IV. Ejection Procedures: If a player is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct, the team captain must provide the official with the ejected player's name. The ejected player is expected to leave the playing and surrounding area or the contest will be forfeited. If a player who is under suspension participates in a game, the game will be forfeited without protest.

Article V. Teammate Refusing to Cooperate: A team captain, player, or coach refusing to divulge the name of an ejected player or any player from their team involved in an incident which falls within actions described above will be considered guilty of misconduct and may face suspension from the Intramural Sports program.

Article VI. Reinstatement Procedures: Any player, coach, or spectator who is ejected from an intramural contest is automatically suspended from all Intramural activity until official reinstatement. Any player who purposely touches an official during an activity may be automatically suspended from all intramural activities for one year. The guidelines, which apply to reinstatement, are as follows:

1. To be reinstated, the ejected individual must schedule an ejection meeting with the Intramural Sports Coordinator.
2. The Coordinator of Intramural Sports will determine if the case is sent to the Recreational Sports Advisory Council. The minimum suspension for any ejection is one game from the date of the ejection meeting, and that player will be on probation for the remainder of the academic year.
4. The Recreational Sports Advisory Council shall consider appeals by appointment only. Individuals wishing to appeal a staff decision must submit a written request after notification of the decision.

Section XI. Sportsmanship Rating System

Article I. Sportsmanship points will be awarded to each participating team after every contest. The Intramural Sports staff will assign a sportsmanship rating to each team after every game. An average of the points accumulated during the year will be used to determine a winner. All games, league and tournament, will be included.

The following scale will be used to rate all teams in all contests played:

- 4: Exemplary sportsmanship, goes above and beyond to cultivate great sportsmanship.
- 3: Average sportsmanship, little to no issues with the other team or officials.
- 2: Unreasonable comments and conduct.
Any team receiving a UC, Technical Foul, Red Card (2 Yellow Cards), or any other warning of similar rank by an official will receive an automatic 2 in sportsmanship.
- 1: Continuous verbal dissent, unreasonable conduct.
Any team with an ejected participant(s) will receive an automatic 1 in sportsmanship.
- 0: Fighting, vulgar language, unreasonable conduct.

Method of Rating:

- The officials working that game and/or any Intramural Staff will rate each team on a 0-4 rating system in each contest on sportsmanship.
- To qualify for the playoffs under the sportsmanship guidelines, a team **MUST average a 3 over the course of the season to be included in the playoffs.**
- Contests, which are postponed and not rescheduled due to weather, power failure, etc - both teams will receive a 3 for sportsmanship

- A team winning by forfeit or default will receive a 3 for sportsmanship. A team that forfeits will receive a 2 for sportsmanship. A team that defaults will receive a 3.

Article II. **Playoff Requirements:** In order to participate in the playoffs, a team must have a .300 or even record and have an average sportsmanship rating of 3 or greater for the regular season, and no forfeits. This 3 average must be maintained in the playoffs otherwise the team will be dropped. If during the playoffs a team receives a sportsmanship rating of a 2 or below, the team will automatically be dropped from the playoffs.

Article III. **Tournaments:** In the tournaments where there is no regular season, teams will have to average a 3 for the first two games, and then maintain at least a 3 for the rest of the tournament.

Section XII. Awards System

Article I. **Male and Female IM Athletes of the Year** are selected by the IM Sports Supervisors at the conclusion of the Spring Semester. This award is to be given to the top 5 male and female individuals who, throughout the year, demonstrates such qualities as good sportsmanship, leadership, enthusiasm, reliability, dependability, etc., while participating in the Intramural Sports programs. The recipient of this award participates in a variety of individual and team programs and fosters high ideals for such participation.

Section XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Article I. **Uniforms:** Each team is encouraged to have some type of dress, which provides uniformity in color for all participants. In cases where teams do not have uniforms, all players will be required to wear pinnies supplied by the Intramural Sports Office. The participants I.D. will be taken in exchange for the pinnie, and the I.D. will be returned once the jersey is returned. Any participant failing to return the jersey is financially responsible for that jersey. Any player that uses a jersey provided by IM Sports must wear a shirt under the jersey. If the player does not comply with this, they will not be able to participate in the contest.

- If a team provides their own jerseys, single or double digit whole numbers must be put on them and each player must have a different number. Any other type of number will be prohibited. In the event two teams have the same colors, one team may be asked to wear scrimmage vests.

Article II. **Footwear & Attire:** All participants are required to wear proper or appropriate footwear for competition. At no time will any combat boots, dress shoes, or metal-tipped cleats be allowed. Open-toed sandals, bare feet, or just wearing socks is prohibited. For gym sports, all shoes must be non-marking, soft-soled rubber. It is the discretion of the intramural staff to ban the use of any footwear or equipment that they may deem hazardous to participants.

Participants must be in some sort of athletic attire (no jeans, dress pants, dress shirts, etc.) Some attire such as hats or pants with pockets may be illegal or suggested not to be worn. Check specific sports rules for prohibited apparel.

Article III. **Jewelry:** Jewelry is NOT allowed to be worn by any participant during an Intramural event.

Medical alert bracelets are permitted, but must be securely taped to the participant. The officials and supervisors on duty have the authority to prevent a participant from playing who they feel would endanger the person wearing the jewelry or their opponents.

Article IV. Extramural Tournaments: Some sports (basketball, football, softball) will have state, regional, or national tournaments. Campus Recreation may pay the entry fee for either the state or regional tournament for the winner of the men's, women's, and coed leagues. All teams have the opportunity to participate in the state and regional tournaments, however, they must pay their own entrance fee, not to be reimbursed by Campus Recreation. Lodging and travel expenses are not included in any fees paid by Campus Recreation. Some tournaments limit the number of entries from one university, therefore winners and runner-ups have priority.

Article V. Intramural Team Names: The following are guidelines for team names:

- ✓ No vulgar language.
- ✓ No reference to alcohol or other drugs.
- ✓ No reference to sexually explicit, invasive, or violent activities.
- ✓ No discriminatory reference (race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, height, weight, marital status, handicapped, veteran).

Article VI. Sponsorships: Teams are allowed to have a sponsor. These uniforms must comply with (Section VIII, Article III) in the Intramural Sports Handbook.

Questions/Comments

The Coordinator of Intramural Sports reserves the right to make effective immediately any and all changes for the safety of participants and in the best interests of the program. They shall inform the team managers or individuals of any changes before their next contest.

Any matter not covered by this handbook shall be left to the discretion of the Coordinator of Intramural Sports.

Feedback from our participants is necessary to making this department better able to serve you. Please refer any comments, concerns or questions regarding IM Sports to Intramural Sports Office by calling 650-650-3274 or emailing siueimsports@gmail.com.