

Intramural Code

This code (in conjunction with sport specific modifications and accredited association rules) will govern all IM sports and events. The rules outlined in this code are subject to change at the discretion of the Intramural Director and/or Department of Recreation staff. The staff reserves the rights to amend, add to, or delete from this code with the overall success of the program in mind.

Statement of Risk

Before taking advantage of any of the recreational sports and fitness activities at Penn, we urge you to consult your physician regarding your ability to participate in the activities offered. The University assumes that all participants have verified their own health and fitness, have obtained proper health insurance, and realize they are responsible for the risks inherent in any recreational activity.

Eligibility

All University of Pennsylvania faculty, staff, and students (undergraduate & graduate) are eligible to play intramural sports. Additionally, community residents and alumni who have purchased recreation memberships are eligible to play in intramural sports. Please see the section below entitled "Divisions" for information regarding which division your team is eligible to be entered in. Staff members who are not issued PennCards (e.g. HUP staff) must obtain a Recreation ID prior to competing in intramural sports.

Rosters

Rosters are to be filled out and turned in prior to the start of a given sport's season. Rosters contain a lot of useful information, and therefore should be filled out in full. Players may be added to your roster throughout the regular season. However, each player must read and sign the waiver form prior to competing. Once the playoffs begin (league ties included) no new players may be added to your team's roster.

Playoffs

Only players who have competed in at least one regular season contest may participate in the playoffs. (I.e. if someone is on your roster, but has not played in a regular season game, that person may not compete in the playoffs.)

Sport Clubs

Sport club participants who are members of a traveling team are limited to two

players per team (in a same or "like" sport), and must participate in the high competition division. Members of an individual sport club (badminton, tennis) may not participate in the same or "like" sport.

Varsity, former varsity, and Professional athletes

Current varsity athletes may not participate in a same or "like" sport. Former varsity letter winners at this or another NCAA sanctioned institution must wait one calendar year from the time he/she was awarded the letter to participate in a same or "like" sport. Professional athletes may not participate in a same or "like" sport. Former professional athletes must wait one calendar year from the last time he/she competed professionally to be eligible to compete in a same or "like" sport.

One Team

Players may play on only one team in each sport. Exception: players may play on one single gender and one co-rec team in a given sport.

"Like" Sport

Refers to sports that require similar skills. For example, softball and baseball are "like" sports as are rugby and flag football.

ID Verification

PennCards will be checked at all IM contests to verify eligibility. Should you forget your PennCard, an alternate form of photo ID must be presented to the official or field supervisor prior to the game. This will be a one-time exception, should you forget your PennCard another time, you will not be permitted to play. Staff members who are not issued PennCards (e.g. HUP staff) will be required to obtain a Recreation ID card prior to participating in Intramural Sports. Please stop by the membership services office in Hutchinson Gym for details on obtaining a Recreation ID or call 215-898-6100

Divisions

All divisions (except Greek) will have Men's, Women's, and Co-Rec leagues.

Competitive Division

This division is for Penn students (undergrad & grad*). It is for highly skilled, experienced players and is designed to be a competitive league.

Recreational Division

This division is for Penn students (undergrad & grad*). It is for less skilled, beginning players and is designed to be a recreational league.

Open

This division is for Penn faculty & staff, non-membership (Pottruck Center) Graduate students, as well Community Resident and alumni recreation members. League format will depend on the number of teams entered.

Greek

This division is designed for members of Greek organizations (fraternities & sororities), and is limited to one team per charter. Additional teams must be entered in the high or low competition leagues. There will be two overall champions (fraternity & sorority) declared in this division, based on performance in each of the sanctioned IM activities.

*All graduate students competing in this division must have a Pottruck Center membership. Teams with graduate students who do not have Pottruck center memberships must compete in the open division.

Protests

Rules Protests

If you feel that a rule has been interpreted and/or applied incorrectly you must protest immediately. Ask the game official to get the IM supervisor. Calmly discuss the scenario, how the rule was applied, how you think it should have been applied, etc. The IM supervisor will then make a decision based on the information that has been presented. The supervisor's decision is final! No protests will be honored once play has resumed after the play in question. Note: Protests of officials' judgment calls will not be honored. IM supervisors will only honor protests of rules interpretations.

Eligibility Protests

If you think your opponent is using an ineligible player, or is violating our

eligibility rules in any way, please inform the game official or IM supervisor. The game will continue as normal, and the IM Staff will investigate the matter. If you discover the violation after the game is completed you can file a protest in the IM office by 12 Noon of the following day. Please have the player in question's name available, the IM office will not investigate every player on a team based on the notion that one player may be ineligible.

Responsibility

It is incumbent upon the captain of each team to take the time and make the effort to inform his/her team of all rules and regulations set forth in this set of rules, as well as any other set of rules that may apply to a given activity. These rules are designed to make intramural sports fun and enjoyable for everyone, while at the same time maintaining the competitiveness inherent to each sport that we offer.

Alcohol Policy

As per University policy the Department of Recreation prohibits "The consumption of alcoholic beverages by all University students and employees so as to adversely affect academic or job performance and/or endanger the physical well-being of other persons and/or oneself, and/or which leads to damage of property." Additionally, "...consumption of alcoholic beverages in outdoor public areas...is not permitted regardless of the age of the drinker."

Tobacco Policy

All recreation and athletic facilities are smoke free (including outdoor areas).

Forfeits

Performance bond

Each team will be required to pay a \$75 performance bond. Your team will lose this performance bond for any of the following:

- 1 Any forfeits
- 2 Missing a captain's meeting.
- 3 Missing deadlines.
- 4 Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 5 Disqualification from league.

Forfeit

A forfeit will be declared if your team fails to show up with a minimum number

of players. This number will vary from sport to sport, please see the sport specific rules for the sport in question for requirements of each sport. One forfeited game will result in loss of your team's performance bond. A second forfeit will eliminate your team from playoff contention. A third forfeit will be cause for disqualification from the league.

Rescheduling

Rainouts

Games canceled due to rain or other weather related reasons will not be made up. The results will be recorded as a win for both teams involved.

Rescheduling

As a general rule, we will not reschedule games. We accommodate preseason requests as best we can, but will not reschedule regular season games barring extenuating circumstances. During playoffs we will do what we can to accommodate all teams.

Mutual Agreement

This code, coupled with the sport specific rules and sport association rules, will govern all intramural events and activities. The rules governing intramurals, to include this code, sport specific, and association rules, may not be changed or ignored by mutual agreement of team captains or individual competitors.

IM Council

The Intramural Council will consist of representatives from different areas of the university. There will be representatives from each of the following groups: Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, Graduates, Greeks, and Faculty/Staff. The council will be an advisory board to Department of Recreation staff; advising on programming and disciplinary matters. Participants who violate rules or policies may be required to appear before the council prior to reinstatement.

Employment

The Department of Recreation offers various employment opportunities, including Intramural Officials, Supervisors and Office Assistants. If you are interested, please visit our web site www.upenn.edu/recreation.