INTRODUCTION

• It is highly recommended that all participants review this presentation as it contains important information regarding Intramural Sports policies and procedures
• Unawareness is not an excuse
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

• Detailed information concerning policies and procedures can be found in the Participant Handbook

• The Participant Handbook is viewable at:
  • Intramural Sports webpage (reccenter.wcu.edu)
  • www.imleagues.com/wcu, click on the info link on the left side of page, then click handbooks and manuals
2013-2014 UPDATES

- 3.0 avg. sportsmanship rating now required to make playoffs
- Eligibility protests must be filed in writing by the protestor
- League Sport Captains must now pass a sport quiz to make playoffs
- Rosters maximums have changed for all sports
- Detailed updates can be found further in this presentation
INTRAMURAL STAFF

• Assistant Director for Intramural Sports
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• Graduate Coordinator for Intramural and Club Sports
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• 6 supervisors and 18 officials
CONTACT AND TIMES

• Assistant Director
  • 9-12 and 1-5pm Monday-Friday
  • In and out of the office during the day

• Graduate Coordinator
  • Monday and Wednesday: 1-4pm
  • Tuesday and Thursday: 9-noon

• Calls and emails
  • If received after 5pm during the week, you will not get response until next day
  • If received after 5pm on Friday, you will not get a response until Monday
INTRAMURAL SUPERVISORS

• Policies?
• Sport Rules?
• Facility Concerns?
• Employee Concerns?
• Protest?
• Eligibility?
• First Aid?

• Ask an Intramural Supervisor!
STUDENT OFFICIALS

• The success of the Intramural Sports program is contingent upon the quality of its sports officials and participants.
• Intramural contests are officiated by fellow Western Carolina students. They are not professionals and are paid minimum wage for the service they perform.
• They deserve and expect your cooperation, respect and sportsmanlike behavior.
• They are trained to perform these jobs and we expect them to officiate to the best of their ability.
• We invite you to apply for the student officials' job available with our Intramural Sports Program
TEAM CAPTAINS

- Fully responsible for their team including:
  - Eligibility of players
  - Behavior of players and spectators
  - Knowledge of rules and policies
  - Communication and cooperating with all IM Staff
  - Being a team leader
NEW SPORT QUIZ

• To ensure that intramural team participants have a good understanding of our policies and procedures, we have created the Intramural Sports Captain Quiz. This quiz must be taken and passed with a 100% score by the individual listed as the captain for any team sport. The quiz is based on the intramural handbook and provides important information that will aid each team during their intramural sports season.
IMLEAGUES

• All players must have an imleagues account to be on team.
• Pre-registration is required for all intramural sports unless otherwise stated
• Look up schedules, scores, rosters, standings, policies and rules
• Highly recommended that all players join the team online as game check-in is so much easier
• To be approved and scheduled for the basketball league, teams must have a minimum of three players joined on imleagues by registration end.
TIME PREFERENCES

• Now including time preferences for league sports
• Each division has different time options
• Input your teams time preferences before league registration closes
• System will best fit your preferences within your teams schedule
• Not 100% guaranteed
• Time preferences will not apply in playoffs
SCHEDULES

• Leagues
  • Schedules are typically posted the Wednesday/Thursday before the season begins.
  • Everyone makes playoffs

• Tournaments
  • Schedules are posted a day or two before the tournament
  • On-site registration is not always possible so sign up before to insure you make the tournament

• Check your imleagues schedule frequently and daily
INTRAMURAL FACILITIES

• Camp Lab Intramural Fields
• Reid Building
  • Main Gym – gym on bottom floor
  • Upstairs Gym – Entrance on the backside of reid near commuter lot
  • Pool – Access through the locker rooms
• UC/Campus Rec Lawn
• Football Stadium
FACILITY POLICIES

• Pets
  • All pets must be attended to at all times.
  • Intramural Sport Staff CANNOT fill the role of pet babysitter.
  • It IS NOT acceptable to bring a pet and tie it to a fence or pole while participating in intramural sports leaving it alone
  • No pets in football stadium

• Please help keep our facilities clean
TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, DRUG USE

- Tobacco (chewing or smoking) is not allowed on the Intramural fields or other activity areas as well as 50 feet from any structure on campus per university policy 45.
- Alcohol/Drugs are not allowed on the intramural fields/facilities
- If a player or spectator is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, they will be removed from the contest.
ELIGIBILITY

• Must be a current WCU student, faculty/staff or faculty/staff spouse/partner
• Must show your valid Cat-Card every time to play
• Falsifying name or using another students card will result in forfeit
• Playing with ineligible players will result in forfeit
• Teams can’t agree to play with an ineligible players
• Ask up front with all eligibility to avoid a forfeit in season
FACULTY/STAFF

• Faculty/Staff
  • Must show Faculty/Staff CatCard
  • Must sign liability wavier before playing
  • Wavier only needs to be signed once

• Faculty/Staff Spouses/Partners
  • Must have a Spouse/Partner CatCard
  • Pay a $10 Intramural Fee at the Rec Center
  • IM sticker is put on CatCard
RESTRICTED PLAYERS

• Corresponding sport varsity (WCU or other universities) athletes must be two full semesters (summers don't count) removed from playing to be eligible and includes all divisions, red shirts, practice squads, working out with them, etc.

• Athletes are allowed to play in non-corresponding sports but are limited on numbers. Full list can be found in the participant handbook.

• If Athletics recognizes a player as a varsity athlete in this academic year, then they will be identified as such during the entire academic year.

• Ask up front to avoid a forfeit in the season.
RESTRICTED PLAYERS

• Professional and semi-professional players are not allowed to play in corresponding sports

• Club Players
  • **Allowed two club players on the entire roster**
  • Clubs players are identified as those who have appeared on the roster or waiver form and considered as such **one semester after their last appearance on roster or waavier form**

• Varsity and Club Sport Coaches
  • Coaches may play in their corresponding sport, but they will be considered a club sport player.
ROSTERS

• Rosters
  • Players may only play on one CoRec team and one men’s/women’s team
  • Once a player checks in for a team that’s it.

• Adding
  • Add any players at any time on IMLeagues and game site
  • Ask all players if they have played with another team

• Removing
  • You can remove players if they haven’t checked into a game, once they check in, they are permanent on your team.
ROSTER SIZE

- All sports have a minimum player requirement to register
- Additionally, all sports have a max team size
- Different for each sport, so double check
- Can add if spots available on game sheet
- If no space available, you can scratch out a player who has zero games checked in and add a new player. That player will then be deleted from the team.
RESCHEDULES

• Check with Assistant Director or Graduate Coordinator if there are any available times open
• Communicate with other captain and agree on one of the open times
• Needs to be fully completed/approved by 5pm the day before the original game. Friday by 4pm if a Sunday or Monday game
• We have to receive confirmation from both captains before a reschedule game is approved
ASSUMPTION OF RISK & INJURIES

• Strive to provide safe and well-supervised activities and facilities, there is an inherent potential for physical injury or death in all sport activities.
• All participants are strongly encouraged to have a yearly medical examination and to carry medical insurance coverage.
• Participation in sporting activities may cause injury and exposure to blood borne pathogens.
• First Aid Care (IM Supervisors)
SPORTSMANSHIP

• Teams and captains are responsible for behavior
• Failure to comply with requests from the Intramural Staff will result in a forfeited contest and further disciplinary actions
• Examples of unsporting behavior
  • Excessive touchdown celebrations
  • Cursing or gesturing lewdly at other teams or IM Staff
  • Insubordination
  • Taunting, or spiking the football
  • Anything else deemed unsporting by IM Staff
SPORTSMANSHIP RATING

• Team Conduct Rating System
  • Zero to four scale
  • Must have 3.0 cumulative score to qualify for playoffs
  • GAME OFFICIALS give ratings at end of game
  • Ratings given at the game site are NOT NEGOTIABLE

• One and Zero Ratings:
  • Team will be notified and captain will need to meet with the Assistant Director before next game
  • Depending on severity, one or zero ratings could result in a team being dropped from the league
SPORTSMANSHIP

• Forfeits, defaults, and eligibility affect your rating
• Poor sportsmanship towards each other will not be tolerated
• Verbal abuse of officials will especially not be tolerated!
• Supervisors and officials have every right to stop any game if they deem it necessary
EJECTED PLAYER

- Must leave fields/facility immediately
- Automatically suspended from all Intramural Activities
- CRC is access is denied
- Must set up an appointment with Assistant Director before eligible to play
- Minimum suspension of one game depending on severity and case by case
FORFEITS/DEFAULTS

- **Forfeits**
  - 10 minute grace period with penalty
  - Clock starts at game time
  - Losing team = 2 and winning team = 4

- **Defaults**
  - Call by 2 pm the day of the game to default
  - Losing team receives a 3 and winning team a 4

*Once a team forfeits or defaults twice or has one forfeit and one default they will be removed from the league.*

*Do not call other teams telling them you are forfeiting!*
LATE PENALTY

• All league sports have a late penalty applied to those teams who are not ready to play at game time
• Late penalties can be found in the participant handbook or sport specific presentation
• Tournaments and events are game time forfeit time
PROTESTS

• A team captain must file the protest with the IM supervisor/official at the instant the question occurs.
• Protests may only be filed concerning rule interpretations, policies or procedures and player eligibility.
• Protests that challenge the accuracy of a judgment call by officials or supervisors will not be accepted.
ELIGIBILITY PROTEST

• All eligibility protests must be filled in writing with a protest form
• Phone calls, hear say, or emails will not be taken as formal eligibility protests
• In the regular season, eligibility protests can be filed before, during, or after the contest
• In playoffs, eligibility protests must be filed before the game starts, if player arrives mid game, then protest may be filed then
ATTIRE

• Only athletic style pants, shorts and shirts are allowed and must be worn in all intramural sports
• All players must wear gym appropriate shoes. No sandals, boots, boat shoes or other scuffing shoes can be worn
• Certain sports have attire restrictions
• Teams are encouraged to wear similar colored shirts or wear the provided intramural jerseys
JEWELRY

- No hoop/bar/ring style earrings
- No rings or necklaces
- Stud earrings and bracelets must be taped down or taken off
- If a supervisor deems any jewelry unsafe, you will have a choice to take it off or not play
- Tape will not be provided by IM Staff
EQUIPMENT

- Casts or splints of any nature are not allowed
- Game balls will be provided, but teams may bring their own
- Bring a warm up ball if desired
- All equipment and attire decisions are at the discretion of the supervisor on duty
WEATHER

• IM Rain Line updated by 3pm and throughout the evening
• Call: 828-227-8808
  • Do not call the rec center, AD, or GC asking about weather
• Rained out games will not be rescheduled unless its playoffs
LEAGUE TEAM SPORTS

- Competitive and Recreation Divisions
- Men’s, Women’s, CoRec Leagues
- Four game regular season
- Single elimination playoffs
- Minimum player requirement to be approved and scheduled
TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS

• Individual, dual and team sports
• Pre-registration is required, unless otherwise stated
• Tournament structure options are single or double elimination, and pool play depending on participants #’s
• Played in one evening or a Friday/Saturday tournament
PLAYOFFS

All teams make playoffs if they fit the following criteria

• Teams must have an avg. 3.0 conduct rating. (NO EXCEPTIONS)
• Must maintain 3.0 through playoffs or dropped from competition
• Brackets will be posted soon after regular season ends
PLAYOFF PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

• Rosters lock after the last night of regular season.
• Players must have participated in at least one regular season game
• Must have an imleagues account and be listed on the printed imleague’s roster
• If not listed on game site playoff roster, will not be allowed to play that night
• Adding players can only be done through the Assistant Director or Graduate Assistant
PLAYOFF SEEDING

- 1st – Winning %
- 2nd – Head to Head
- 3rd – Point differential
- 4th – Sportsmanship Rating
FREE AGENTS

- Don’t have a team?
- Sign up as a free agent in each division and sport on imleagues
- Captains use this resource to pick up players before and during the season
- We will attempt to make a free agent team if there are enough free agents
- Free agency is not a guarantee as captains make the choice to pick up free agents
EXTRAMURAL TOURNAMENTS

- Looking for extra games and competition?
- How about representing WCU and the Intramural Sports Program?
- Well compete against other universities at a NIRSA Regional Flag Football or Basketball Tournament
- Great experience and high level competition
- Team entries cost $200-300
- NIRSA Tournament info
- Teams must get prior approval before attending tournaments
EXTRAMURAL TOURNAMENTS

• Championship teams of Men’s Competitive, CoRec (FF only), and Women’s divisions in Flag Football and Men’s Competitive and Women’s divisions in Basketball will receive a paid team entry into a NIRSA Regional Tournament
FINAL REMINDERS

- Register yourself or team on imleagues.com/wcu
- Tell teammates to register on imleagues and join your team!
- Double check player eligibility
- Review over detailed rules and policies
- Double check registration and event dates
- Pre-registration is required for most events
- Any questions please come ask
GOOD LUCK!