PARTICIPANT POLICIES PRESENTATION

2014-2015
SOCIAL MEDIA

• For up to date information and activity pictures

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It is highly recommended that all participants review this presentation as it contains important information regarding intramural sport policies and sport rules.

As additional supplement, the Intramural Participant Handbook and sport rules are viewable at:

- Intramural Sports Website
- IMleagues website: click on the info link on the left side of page, then click handbooks and manuals

Unawareness is not an excuse
INTRAMURAL SPORTS STAFF

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+ 6 Supervisors, 16 Officials
CONTACT AND TIMES

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

• 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 staff 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
LEAGUE SPORT QUIZZES

- To ensure that intramural team participants have a good understanding of our policies and procedures, league sport team captains are now required to complete a captains quiz to register their team.
- This quiz must be passed with a 80%.
- The quiz is based on the intramural handbook/presentation/rules and provides important information that will aid each team during their intramural sports season.
IMLEAGUES

• www.imleagues.com/wcu
• All players must have an imleagues account to be listed on a team.
• Pre-registration is required for all intramural sports unless otherwise stated
• Look up schedules, scores, rosters, standings, policies and rules
• Most leagues and tournaments require a team to have a minimum # of players joined on imleagues by registration end.
IM LEAGUE NOTABLES

- Always click Western Carolina University at the top to see a current list of sports and their league/tournament information.
- Game notifications can now be sent to your phone or email. Click your name top right, then notifications.
- Click HOME at the top of the page to see a list of your game times and a calendar of upcoming sports and registration deadlines.
TIME PREFERENCES

- 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 ensure you make the tournament

• Check your imleagues schedule frequently and daily
2014-2015 UPDATES

• Major league sport captains must take quiz before team can be created. 80% passing rate

• Reschedules can now be completed and approved by noon day of the game

• Player release policy (see next slide)
PLAYER RELEASE

- A player may only be released from a team if they first played for a team in their first regular season game and have not since played for another team or in another game.
- They must notify an Intramural Sports professional staff member before they participate with another team.
- Failure to notify will result in the second team they played for forfeiting the game, and the player will be required to play with the first team. Possible suspension may be served.
ASSUMPTION OF RISK & INJURIES

• Strive to provide safe and well-supervised activities and facilities, however 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)
TEAM CAPTAINS

• As a captain or player, I agree to and are fully responsible for the following regarding my team:
  • Teams schedules
  • Eligibility of players
  • Behavior of myself, players and spectators
  • Knowledge of rules and policies
  • Communication and cooperating with all IM Staff
  • Being a team leader
INTRAMURAL FACILITIES

• Camp Lab Intramural Fields
  • Across the creek from Football Stadium and Ramsey Center

• 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.
WEATHER

- CRW Adverse Weather Line updated by 3pm and throughout the evening
- Call: 828-227-8808
  - Do not call the rec center, AD, or GC asking about weather
- Depending on facility and time availability, rained out games may or may not be rescheduled
CHECK IN REQUIREMENTS

• All players must present their CatCard to the IM Supervisor prior to playing in each game

• No ID = No play

• Other forms of Identification will not be accepted

• Captains responsibility to make sure all players are checked in
MIS-USE OF ID

• Any person caught misusing a University ID or falsifying name is subject to suspension from Intramural Sports

• Incidents may be reported to Student Community Ethics as it’s a violation of student code of conduct

• Either of the above could also result in game forfeit and suspension from Intramural Sports and the Campus Recreation Center
ELIGIBILITY

• Only current WCU student, faculty/staff or faculty/staff spouse/partner
• Playing with ineligible players will result in forfeit and suspension of players involved
• Teams can’t agree to play with an ineligible players
• Ask up front with all eligibility concerns to avoid a forfeit in season
FACULTY/STAFF AND SPOUSE/PARTNERS

• Faculty/Staff
  • Must show Faculty/Staff CatCard

• Spouses/Partners
  • Must have and show a Spouse/Partner CatCard
  • Pay a $10 Intramural Fee at the Rec Center
  • IM sticker is put on CatCard at Rec Center
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, etc.

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

• 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 waiver form**

• Varsity and Club Sport Coaches
  • Coaches may play in their corresponding sport, but they will be considered a club sport player.
• 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 the only team they can play for.

• 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 permanently on your team. (new exception on 2014-2015 slide)
ROSTER SIZE

- All sports have a max roster 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.
- Captains responsibility
RESCHEDULES

• Check with Associate or Assistant Director or if there are any available times open
• Contact the other teams captain and agree on one of the open times
• Contact the Associate or Assistant Director, once agreed upon
• We have to receive confirmation from both captains before a reschedule game is approved
• All reschedules must be fully approved by noon the day of the original game. Friday by 4pm if a Sunday game
PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

- Participants are expected to treat Intramural Sport staff and fellow participants with respect.
- Teams and captains are responsible for their own behavior.
- Please only have captains speak with officials and do so in a respectful manner.
- Baiting and verbal abuse of supervisors or officials will especially not be tolerated!
- Supervisors and officials have every right to end any game if they deem it necessary.
PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

- Examples of unsporting behavior
  - Taunting, cursing or gesturing lewdly at other teams or IM Staff
  - Insubordination
  - Continuously arguing with an official
  - Unsportsmanlike spiking or damage of sports equipment
  - Physical contact/altercation with other players or IM Staff
  - Anything else deemed unsporting by IM Staff

- Failure to compose players or comply with requests from the Intramural Staff will result in a forfeited contest and further disciplinary actions
PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

• Physical contact directed towards an Intramural Sport staff member or involving participants will result in severe consequences.
• All participants are governed by the Intramural Sport Handbook and the WCU Student Code of Conduct
• Any incidents may be reported to DSCE as a violation of the code
• Additionally, participants may have CRC facility access privileges revoked
SPORTSMANSHIP RATING

- Team Conduct Rating System
  - Zero to four scale
  - Must have 3.0 cumulative score to qualify for playoffs
  - Game officials/supervisors give ratings at end of game
  - Given ratings are NOT NEGOTIABLE

- One and Zero Ratings:
  - Team is suspended from season play until Captain talks with the Associate Director
  - Depending on severity, one or zero ratings could result in a team being dropped from the league
UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

• Teams that receive 4 UC’s total, 3 UC’s on 3 individual players or or have two ejections in their game will forfeit that game

• Unsportsmanlike conduct (UC’s) penalties are tracked and rolling throughout a student’s intramural career

• Players receiving three UC’s during a semester will have to speak with the Associate Director before they are eligible to play again
EJECTED PLAYER

• Must leave fields/facility immediately

• Automatically suspended from all Intramural Activities

• CRC is access is denied

• Must set up an appointment with Associate Director before eligible to play

• Game suspension is dependent upon incident 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 make the protest with the IM supervisor/official at the instant the question occurs.

• If you disagree with IM Supervisor’s final decision, a protest form will then be filled out.

• 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
- Bring a warm up ball if desired

*All equipment and attire decisions are at the discretion of the supervisor on duty*
LEAGUE TEAM SPORTS

• Competitive and Recreation Divisions
• Men's, Women’s, CoRec Leagues
• Four or five game regular season
• Single elimination playoffs
LEAGUE 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 Associate or Assistant Director
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 # of teams and participants
• Played in one evening or a Friday/Saturday tournament
FREE AGENTS

• Don’t have a team?
  • Sign up as a free agent on imleagues
  • Come out to the intramural facilities
  • Facebook
    • WCU Campus Recreation and Wellness
    • WCU Intramural Sports Free Agents
• Captains use these resources to pick up players
• 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!