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General Player Eligibility — Currently-enrolled, fee-paying students of Florida State University are eligible for Intramural Sports leagues and events. Faculty and full-time staff (A&P and USPS only) are also eligible. TCC and FAMU students, part-time staff, and FSU alumni are NOT eligible. A participant who terminates his/her ties with the University immediately relinquishes his/her right to participate in the Intramural Sports program.

Players in Single-Gender Leagues — For sports in which the standard number of players for a game is 4 or less and in which gender-specific leagues are offered for both men and women during the same season, no players of the opposing gender are permitted on a team in a single-gender league. For sports in which the standard number of players to participate is 5 or more, the maximum number of players of the opposing gender that a team may have on its season roster is 30% of the standard number of players for a game in that sport.

Summer Eligibility — During summer terms, continuing FSU students (those returning for fall classes) may purchase a pass for participation in IM sports.

More Information — Additional restrictions apply to student, faculty, and staff spouses, and Greek organization members. Please review the complete guidelines online at campusrec.fsu.edu/sports/im/principles/safety.

PARTICIPATION
Providing Equitable Opportunities for Participation

To best ensure appropriate use of our programs by eligible participants, numerous guidelines regarding individual and team eligibility, team rosters, and participant pregame check-in and identification have been established.

Valid ID Required — Each participant must present his or her valid FSUCard to check-in prior to each intramural contest. The IM staff may request photo ID from any participant at any time before, during, or after a contest. A participant attempting to register or sign-in for a contest when using a different student’s FSUCard for identification or other form of fraudulent ID will be barred from participating in the contest and may face additional penalties.

Prohibited Players — Current FSU varsity athletes and current & former professional athletes are prohibited from participating in related IM sports. A player is considered a varsity athlete if he/she participates in a varsity practice or contest or receives any aid or equipment from the Athletics department.

Restricted Players — Current FSU varsity practice squad members, current student-athletes from any college or university, and ex-student-athletes are considered restricted players.

Limited Players — Sport Club Members — Sport club members are considered limited players in related IM sports. A player is considered a club player if he/she has appeared on the club’s roster at anytime within the last 12 months. A maximum number of limited players is permitted on a team’s season roster.

Team Rosters — A team’s official season roster is comprised of those eligible players who properly check-in (present proper ID) at the game site prior to the game in which they wish to join the team. Additions may be made to the season roster throughout the regular season and during the playoffs (prior to the day of the league championship). Team rosters lock at 12 Noon on the day of the league or division’s championship game. A team’s game roster is comprised of those players on the team’s season roster who have properly checked in at the check-in area prior to participating in that particular game.

Number of Teams — Players are NOT allowed to participate on two teams in the same league (men’s, women’s, or co-rec) within a sport at the same time.

Players may participate on 1 single-gender team (men’s, women’s, fraternity, or sorority) AND 1 co-rec team within a sport at the same time.

Eligibility Violations — A team which is participating with an ineligible player as discovered by IM staff at the game site shall immediately forfeit the game or match. This includes failure to produce valid FSUCard upon request of an IM staff member before, during, or after an IM contest. Eligibility violations discovered through post-game administrative review can result in the violating team being assessed a forfeit, dropped from the league, or eliminated from a tournament or the playoffs, and possible action by the Dean of Students Office.

FACILITIES
Maintaining Quality Recreational Facilities for the FSU Community

Intramural Sports is charged with maintaining quality outdoor recreational sports facilities for the FSU community. Guidelines have been developed to best preserve these facilities for use by current FSU students, faculty, and full-time staff.

Inclement Weather — In the event of inclement weather, teams should call the IM RainLine at 850-645-RAIN (7246), check our Twitter feed @fsuimrainline, or visit the Intramural Sports web site for information regarding the status of their game. Games or matches postponed due to inclement weather during the regular season are generally NOT rescheduled. Playoff games affected by inclement weather will be rescheduled by the IM Sports staff as soon as possible. In the event of bad weather during the playoffs, team captains should visit the IM Sports web site during the next business day for reschedule details.

SAFETY
Ensuring the Safety of Participants, Patrons, and Staff

Intramural Sports is committed to providing a safe environment for participants, spectators, and staff by reducing unnecessary risks.

Injuries and Insurance — Florida State University does not provide insurance coverage for any injury or accident related to participation in intramural sports or activities or any “practice” or “free play”. Each individual participant should provide his/her own coverage either through family policies or through the student accident and sickness insurance available through University Health Services. All injuries, including those which might occur during “free play”, should be immediately reported to the intramural supervisor on duty.

Complete details available online in the Seven Principles of Intramural Sports at campusrec.fsu.edu/sports/im/principles
The Sportsmanship Rating System is intended to be an objective scale by which teams’ attitude and behavior can be assessed throughout the intramural season. Forfeit Fine
A team is responsible for the actions of the individual team members and spectators related to it. The team captain’s efforts in assisting officials/staff to calm difficult situations and to restrain troubled teammates are key to controlling team conduct. Supervisors shall make decisions on whether to warn, penalize or eject players or teams for poor sportsmanship. These decisions are final. The Intramural Sports administrative staff will rule on further penalties as a result of unsportsmanlike conduct. Each participant should choose his or her team members carefully, as all team members will suffer the consequences of any disciplinary action taken by the Intramural Sports staff against that team for violation of the intramural rules and sportsmanship guidelines. The Intramural Sports administrative staff reserves the right to review any rating given to a team.

Additional information regarding the rating method, factors, & scale can be found in the Sportsmanship section of the Seven Principles of Intramural Sports. Player Ejections — A player, spectator, or coach may be ejected by game officials or the Intramural Sports personnel for any conduct deemed unsportsmanlike or for not staying within the spirit of the rules. Any person ejected from a game or game site must leave the game site immediately. An ejected person is immediately ineligible for ALL intramural sports and activities, both in the sport of the ejection and all other intramural sports. Ejected persons must complete the reinstatement procedure within 7 days from the date of the ejection or will be subject to additional penalties including suspension from other Campus Recreation facilities and further action by the Dean of Students Office. An ejected person who does not complete the required steps in the reinstatement procedure will remain ineligible for all Intramural Sports leagues and events for the remainder of his/her collegiate career.

Team Sport Playoff Qualification
All teams with an average regular season sportsmanship rating of 3.0 or better and without an outstanding forfeit qualify for the playoffs. Each men’s, women’s, and co-rec team qualifies for a particular level of the playoffs based on its regular season performance prior to the time of the playoff draw meeting or designated playoff scheduling day.

Postseason Playoff Division Assignments — While the number of teams in a particular regular season division for a league varies based on the preseason registration preferences of teams and is often uneven, the number of teams in postseason playoff divisions is set by the Intramural Sports Program to produce a more even distribution for tournament play. The percentage (or number) of teams to be assigned to a particular division varies by sport based on the historical competitiveness and traditional talent level of the teams in the sport at FSU. Specific percentages and quotas for each sport and league type are available online in the Involvement section of the Seven Principles of Intramural Sports.

Assignment Method — All teams from a particular league type (men’s, women’s, or co-rec), are placed into a pool to be assigned to a postseason playoff division. Teams are ranked in the pool by total standings points which are earned in three ways during the regular season: (1) Teams earn points based on the regular season division in which they registered with more points for upper level divisions (D-I) and fewer points for lower level divisions (D-III). (2) A team also earns points based on its overall winning percentage at the time of the playoff draw meeting or designated playoff scheduling day. And, (3) a team can earn points for big wins or lose points for big losses. The margin of victory or defeat to qualify for bonus points or a point deduction varies by sport. The detailed playoff assignment formula is available online in the Involvement section of the Seven Principles of Intramural Sports.

Administrative Promotion or Demotion — Following the initial playoff division assignments based on the established formula, the Intramural Sports Program reserves the right to further promote or demote teams among postseason playoff divisions, as necessary and without consent, to enhance the competitiveness of a division and/or the enjoyment of the other teams in the division.

Playoff Draw Meetings — Team sport playoff draw meetings are typically held during the final week of the regular season. The playoff meeting date and time for each league is typically listed on the team’s regular season schedule, available online at the Intramural Sports web site. For sports with a draw meeting, teams may view their postseason playoff division assignments online by 12 Noon on the day of the draw meeting. Team captains have the opportunity to select their team’s road to the championship including playing dates and times at this meeting only. Teams without a representative participating in the draw session are placed into the playoff bracket at random. There is no rescheduling of playoff games once the tournament brackets have been set.