

THE STATE OF INTRAMURAL SPORTS

2023 Survey - All Responses as of July 31, 2023

	ALL		FREE		PAY
Respondent Information					
<i>Total Respondents</i>	156		89		67
Average Student Population Size	21,680		17,705		26,960
Average Number of Teams in Largest IM League	96		72		126
Free or Fee?					
<i>Total Respondents</i>	156		89		67
Most IM Events are Free to Participants	89	57.1%	89	100.0%	0 0.0%
Most IM Events Require a Fee to Participate	67	42.9%	0	0.0%	67 100.0%
Forfeit Deposit or Fine Charged?					
<i>Total Respondents</i>	119		73		46
Team Must Pay a Refundable Forfeit Deposit Prior to Season	10	8.4%	6	8.2%	4 8.7%
Team is Assessed a Fine When It Forfeits During the Season	64	53.8%	42	57.5%	22 47.8%
No Deposit or Fine (No Financial Penalty) for a Forfeit	45	37.8%	25	34.2%	20 43.5%
Competitive vs Recreational					
Average Score on Scale of 1-10 (1 Recreational to 10 Competitive)	6.75		6.52		7.05
Overall, Our Program is Seeking...					
<i>Total Respondents</i>	156		89		67
... More Competitive Participants	31	19.9%	18	20.2%	13 19.4%
... More Recreational Participants	125	80.1%	71	79.8%	54 80.6%
Team Registration Method					
<i>Total Respondents</i>	154		87		67
Online Registration System Available for Major Sports	153	99.4%	86	98.9%	67 100.0%
Email Registration Utilized for Major Sports	12	7.8%	8	9.2%	4 6.0%
Written Registration is Available in a Designated Location (Office) Only	1	0.6%	0	0.0%	1 1.5%
Team Registration Time Period					
<i>Total Respondents</i>	135		74		61
Registration is Available on Specific Days / Times for 3 Days or Less	2	1.5%	1	1.4%	1 1.6%
Registration is Available for Designated Period of 4 to 7 Days	21	15.6%	9	12.2%	12 19.7%
Registration is Available for Designated Period of 8 Days or More	111	82.2%	64	86.5%	47 77.0%

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Team Registration & Playing Schedule						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	109		62		47	
Instant Scheduling Offered at Registration (Confirmed Day/Time)	55	50.5%	27	43.5%	28	59.6%
Preferred Scheduling Offered at Registration (Day/Time Requests Accepted)	54	49.5%	35	56.5%	19	40.4%
Captains Meetings						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	156		89		67	
Captains Meeting Materials Available Online (Video or Handouts)	44	28.2%	26	29.2%	18	26.9%
Captains Can Take Online Quiz to Complete Preseason Requirements	79	50.6%	45	50.6%	34	50.7%
Captains Have the Option to Complete on Online Test or Attend an In-Person Meeting	8	5.1%	5	5.6%	3	4.5%
Captains are Required to Attend a Meeting at a Single Designated Time	29	18.6%	19	21.3%	10	14.9%
Captains are Required to Attend a Meeting with a Choice of Multiple Times	8	5.1%	3	3.4%	5	7.5%
Captains are Required to Complete Paperwork to Confirm Attendance at Meeting	12	7.7%	6	6.7%	6	9.0%
No Captains Meetings are Held or Attendance is Not Required	24	15.4%	14	15.7%	10	14.9%
Team Schedules						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	149		83		66	
Schedules are Posted to a Web Site	146	98.0%	80	96.4%	66	100.0%
Schedules are Emailed to Captains and/or Participants	31	20.8%	18	21.7%	13	19.7%
Schedules are Physically Posted in a Public Location (Facility / Office)	6	4.0%	2	2.4%	4	6.1%
Schedules are Distributed to Captains or Participants at a Designated Location	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Roster Management						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	150		85		65	
Teams are Required to Submit a Roster at the Time of Registration	42	28.0%	30	35.3%	12	18.5%
Teams are Required to Make Roster Changes at a Designated Location (Office)	3	2.0%	1	1.2%	2	3.1%
Teams May Make Roster Additions at the Game / Match Site	122	81.3%	74	87.1%	48	73.8%
Teams May Make Roster Deletions at the Game / Match Site	61	40.7%	35	41.2%	26	40.0%
Team Rosters are Locked Prior to or at the End of the Regular Season	97	64.7%	56	65.9%	41	63.1%
Team Rosters are Locked at a Predetermined Point in a Postseason Tournament	46	30.7%	24	28.2%	22	33.8%
Roster Changes are Permitted in the Regular Season and During a Portion of the Playoffs	33	22.0%	16	18.8%	17	26.2%
Roster Size						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	147		83		64	
An Unlimited Number of Players are Permitted on a Team's Roster in Most Sports	55	37.4%	31	37.3%	24	37.5%
A Maximum Number of Players on a Team Roster is Set in Most Sports	92	62.6%	52	62.7%	40	62.5%

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Game Site Check-In						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	156		89		67	
Each Participant is Required to Present Valid School ID to Check-In Prior to Each Game	76	48.7%	44	49.4%	32	47.8%
Each Participant is Required to Present Any Photo ID to Check-In Prior to Each Game	73	46.8%	40	44.9%	33	49.3%
Participant IDs are Electronically Verified as Valid During the Check-In Process	19	12.2%	9	10.1%	10	14.9%
Participant IDs are Matched to the Team Roster During the Check-In Process	72	46.2%	42	47.2%	30	44.8%
ID is Not Required or No Response Was Given in This Section	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Team Jerseys						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	155		88		67	
Participants are Required to Provide Their Own Similar Colored Jerseys for Their Games	15	9.7%	6	6.8%	9	13.4%
Participants are Required to Provide Their Own Numbered Jerseys for Their Games	5	3.2%	3	3.4%	2	3.0%
The IM Program Provides or Checks Out Reusable Jerseys for Team Use	140	90.3%	82	93.2%	58	86.6%
Personal Safety Equipment						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	156		89		67	
Participants are Required to Provide Personal Safety Equipment in Select Sports	44	28.2%	22	24.7%	22	32.8%
The IM Program Provides or Checks Out Personal Safety Equipment in Select Sports	67	42.9%	39	43.8%	28	41.8%
Playoff Qualification & Sportsmanship Ratings						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	153		86		67	
Teams are Required to Qualify for the Playoffs Based on Regular Season Performance	80	52.3%	38	44.2%	42	62.7%
Teams are Seeded for the Playoffs Based Solely on Regular Season Performance	86	56.2%	44	51.2%	42	62.7%
Good Sportsmanship is Promoted Through the Use of a Sportsmanship Rating System	127	83.0%	71	82.6%	56	83.6%
A Minimum Sportsmanship is Required to Continue Playing or Advance to Playoffs	136	88.9%	75	87.2%	61	91.0%
Staff are Instructed to Review Sportsmanship as Part of the Pregame Captains Meeting	111	72.5%	57	66.3%	54	80.6%
We Offer a Team or Individual Award Based on High Sportsmanship Ratings	13	8.5%	5	5.8%	8	11.9%
Officials Training Methods						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	150		84		66	
We Utilize In-Person Trainings Led by IM Staff for the Majority of Our Training Sessions	150	100.0%	84	100.0%	66	100.0%
We Utilize a Hybrid Model of In-Person and Online Trainings for Rules/Mechanics Content	59	39.3%	32	38.1%	27	40.9%
We Utilize Online Training Resources from External Providers (Paid or Free)	18	12.0%	9	10.7%	9	13.6%
We Utilize Local Experts/Officials from Outside of Our Department	19	12.7%	9	10.7%	10	15.2%
We Team Up with Other Local Institutions to Provide Joint Training Sessions	7	4.7%	4	4.8%	3	4.5%

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Participant Restrictions						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	154		88		66	
<i>In Related IM Sports, Participation by Current or Former Professional Athletes...</i>						
... is Prohibited	87	56.5%	57	64.8%	30	45.5%
... is Restricted in Number per Team	21	13.6%	10	11.4%	11	16.7%
... is Restricted to a Specific League	39	25.3%	16	18.2%	23	34.8%
... is Restricted in Number per Team and to a Specific League	8	5.2%	4	4.5%	4	6.1%
... Not Restricted or No Policy is Written for This Group	15	9.7%	9	10.2%	0	0.0%
<i>In Related IM Sports, Participation by Current Varsity Athletes...</i>						
... is Prohibited	66	42.9%	37	42.0%	29	43.9%
... is Restricted in Number per Team	32	20.8%	18	20.5%	14	21.2%
... is Restricted to a Specific League	66	42.9%	37	42.0%	29	43.9%
... is Restricted in Number per Team and to a Specific League	14	9.1%	8	9.1%	6	9.1%
... Not Restricted or No Policy is Written for This Group	4	2.6%	4	4.5%	0	0.0%
<i>In Related IM Sports, Participation by Former Varsity Athletes...</i>						
... is Prohibited	5	3.2%	3	3.4%	2	3.0%
... is Restricted in Number per Team	68	44.2%	32	36.4%	36	54.5%
... is Restricted to a Specific League	75	48.7%	41	46.6%	34	51.5%
... is Restricted in Number per Team and to a Specific League	24	15.6%	13	14.8%	11	16.7%
... Not Restricted or No Policy is Written for This Group	30	19.5%	25	28.4%	0	0.0%
<i>In Related IM Sports, Participation by Current Varsity Practice Squad Members...</i>						
... is Prohibited	22	14.3%	13	14.8%	9	13.6%
... is Restricted in Number per Team	48	31.2%	21	23.9%	27	40.9%
... is Restricted to a Specific League	62	40.3%	30	34.1%	32	48.5%
... is Restricted in Number per Team and to a Specific League	13	8.4%	5	5.7%	8	12.1%
... Not Restricted or No Policy is Written for This Group	35	22.7%	29	33.0%	0	0.0%
<i>In Related IM Sports, Participation by Current Sport Club Players...</i>						
... is Prohibited	2	1.3%	2	2.3%	0	0.0%
... is Restricted in Number per Team	127	82.5%	70	79.5%	40	60.6%
... is Restricted to a Specific League	42	27.3%	24	27.3%	1	1.5%
... is Restricted in Number per Team and to a Specific League	35	22.7%	18	20.5%		0.0%
... Not Restricted or No Policy is Written for This Group	18	11.7%	10	11.4%	0	0.0%

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Gender & League Offerings						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	156		89		67	
We Offer Gender-Specific Leagues (Divisions) such as Men's and Women's	128	82.1%	70	78.7%	58	86.6%
We Offer Co-Rec Leagues That Have a Required Number of Players Based on Gender	127	81.4%	68	76.4%	59	88.1%
We Offer Mixed or Open Leagues That Have No Gender Requirements	142	91.0%	83	93.3%	59	88.1%
We Offer Mixed or Open Leagues, But No Co-Rec Leagues	29	18.6%	21	23.6%	8	11.9%
We Have Policies That Expand Opportunities for Transgender Participants	71	45.5%	41	46.1%	30	44.8%
Our Ability to Expand Opportunities for Transgender Participants is Restricted by Law	22	14.1%	13	14.6%	9	13.4%
Length of Sport Offerings (Regular Seasons)						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	145		83		62	
We Have Lengthed Our Sport Seasons, Offering More Games per Team	25	17.2%	14	16.9%	11	17.7%
We Have Shortened Our Sport Seasons, Offering Less Games per Team	29	20.0%	20	24.1%	9	14.5%
Our Sport Seasons Have Largely Remained Unchanged in Length / Format	91	62.8%	49	59.0%	42	67.7%
Format of Sport Offerings (Leagues and/or Tournaments)						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	143		82		61	
We Have Begun Offering More Tournaments (One-Day, Weekend, Limited Time)	83	58.0%	53	64.6%	30	49.2%
We Have Begun Offering More Leagues (Regular Season Play)	37	25.9%	21	25.6%	16	26.2%
We Offer About the Same Number of Leagues & Tournaments (Unchanged)	44	30.8%	20	24.4%	24	39.3%
Team Composition in Sport Offerings						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	120		64		56	
We Have Begun Offering More Sports with Fewer Numbers of Required Players (3v3)	50	41.7%	35	54.7%	15	26.8%
We Have Begun Offering More Sports with Larger Numbers of Required Players	2	1.7%	2	3.1%	0	0.0%
We Have Not Largely Changed Our Offerings Based on Number of Required Players	68	56.7%	27	42.2%	41	73.2%
Outlook for Intramural Sports						
<i>Total Respondents</i>	155		89		66	
I Anticipate Strong Growth in Participation and Involvement	22	14.2%	14	15.7%	8	12.1%
I Anticipate Some Growth in Participation and Involvement	86	55.5%	48	53.9%	38	57.6%
I Anticipate Holding at a Steady Level of Participation and Involvement	36	23.2%	21	23.6%	15	22.7%
I Anticipate a Slight Decline in Participation and Involvement	9	5.8%	5	5.6%	4	6.1%
I Anticipate a Concerning Decline in Participation and Involvement	2	1.3%	1	1.1%	1	1.5%