

SAFETY | Ensuring the Safety of Participants, Patrons, & Staff

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

Alcohol

Florida State University **PROHIBITS** possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on University property. This includes the Rec SportsPlex, Main Campus Fields, Westside Courts, Tully Gymnasium, Speicher Tennis Center, Leach Center, Fitness & Movement Clinic, and the FSU Lakefront Park & Retreat Center. If a team, either its participants or spectators, is found to possess or consume alcoholic beverages at a sponsored event, that team may be forfeited from the event and suspended from all Intramural activities. If the team, either participants or spectators, fail to comply with the request of the supervisors, FSU Police will be called to handle the situation. For further information on the Florida State University alcohol policy, please refer to the General Bulletin and Student Code of Conduct for the complete policy.

Tobacco

The use of tobacco products (including but not limited to cigarettes, vapes, e-cigarettes) is prohibited at all indoor and outdoor Intramural activities including at the Rec SportsPlex, Main Campus Fields, Westside Courts, Speicher Tennis Center, and the FSU Rez Lakefront Park. A team, participant, fan, or spectator caught using tobacco products at Intramural events at these facilities will be immediately asked to leave the venue. The game in which the violator is participating (playing/watching) will not continue until that person removes themselves. Failure for the team captain to assist the Intramural staff in helping to remove the violator may result in a default of the contest.

Weapons

Possessing weapons or firearms at a University-sponsored event or on University property is strictly prohibited. Possession of a weapon is a violation of Florida Statute 790.115 and the FSU Student Code of Conduct. If any person - participants, spectators, other patrons, or staff - is found to possess a weapon at any time at a Campus Recreation facility or event, the FSU Police will be contacted to handle the situation appropriately including possible arrest and prosecution.

Headgear & Safety Equipment

Campus Recreation strongly encourages the use of personal safety equipment when appropriate. Select Intramural Sports require personal safety equipment such as helmets or mouth-guards for all participants as outlined in the specific sport's rules, available in the Rules Section of the Intramural Sports webpage.

While personal safety headgear and other safety equipment are acceptable, certain other forms of headgear are not permitted. For indoor sports, prohibited headgear consists of any hats, bandanas, baseball caps, winter/wool hats, and any other such similar headgear. The following pieces of headgear are permissible: yamikas, turbans,

and one-piece head/sweat bands that do not have to be tied. This also applies to outdoor sports with the following exceptions: winter/wool hats and unknotted bandanas are also allowed. Caps are permitted for participants of tennis, golf, pickleball, softball, kickball, and ultimate frisbee only. The officials and supervisors on duty have the authority to disallow any participant from participating which they feel would endanger the person wearing the headgear or their opponents. Protests involving headgear will not be accepted by the Intramural Sports Office.

Head Injuries

Any participant who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion, such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems shall be disallowed from further participation in any Intramural contest or activity at a supervised facility. Once such a determination has been made by any Campus Recreation or Intramural Sports staff member, such injured participants may not return to participate in any activity for the remainder of the day or night and are advised to seek professional medical attention. The approval of a medical professional to return on the same day shall not override this provision. Appeals of concussion-related decisions made by Campus Recreation or Intramural Sports staff shall be considered eligibility appeals and will be reviewed by the Intramural Sports administrative staff on the next business day.

Jewelry

Select jewelry is allowed to be worn during intramural competition. Below is a list of jewelry that is not allowed:

- Hard plastic / metal jewelry including rings, watches, bracelets, etc.
- Jewelry with loose hanging loops / hoops
- Non-stud piercings

If a finger could fit through the space of a loose piece of jewelry, then it must be taken off. Sport specific jewelry policies may still apply. There is absolutely no jewelry allowed beneath the elbow in the following sports:

- Flag football (7v7 & 4v4)
- Basketball (3v3 & 5v5)
- Volleyball (Indoor & Sand)

If necklaces are worn, they must be tucked in and always remain tucked in. Individuals wearing religious or medical alert jewelry will be allowed to participate while wearing jewelry containing necessary information. In such cases, the jewelry should be taped to the skin with the medical information visible. The Intramural Sports Staff and Supervisors have the final say on approved jewelry for each sport.

Insurance

Florida State University does not provide insurance coverage for any injury or accident related to participation in Intramural Sports activities, or any "practice" or "free play". Each individual participant should provide their 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. The supervisor will handle the incident according to FSU Campus Recreation and Florida State University emergency policies and procedures.