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PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of the Intramural Sports program at The University of Georgia is to make participation in sports a meaningful part of a total education and to help produce a mentally integrated and socially adjusted individual by all-around participation in competitive and recreational activities.

The goal of the Department of Recreational Sports is to make participation in the intramural sports program safe, attractive, and desirable to a large number of students, faculty, staff, and spouses/domestic partners. Through our various programs, our goal is to create an inclusive environment for all participants to feel welcome.

TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NONCONFORMING (TGNC) POLICY

The Competitive Sports program recognizes and welcomes the UGA transgender and gender nonconforming (TGNC) student population to participate in our programs based off of their gender identity. Students may contact the Assistant Director for Competitive Sports for more information.

HEALTH, INJURIES, AND LIABILITY

The health of individuals participating in recreational sports is their own responsibility. Physicals and physician approval are not required by the University in order to participate. However, the Recreational Sports staff strongly suggests that each participant be aware of his/her own limitations and also be properly insured. It is recommended that all participants have a medical examination prior to participation. Intramural captains are responsible for informing teammates of the individual participants' responsibilities in this matter. Due to inherent risks involved in playing intramural sports, all participants will be required to sign a(n) individual / team waiver of liability before playing.

WAIVER LANGUAGE

I, _____, hereby acknowledge my awareness that my participation in a University of Georgia Department of Recreational Sports class, event, instruction or program, may involve activities which include, but are not limited to, the following: stretching, running, jumping, kicking, throwing, swinging, catching, swimming, martial arts, horseback riding, sliding, rowing, sailing, whitewater rafting, water skiing, and bodily contact with other players and with athletic equipment. It may also involve competitive sports which use various types of athletic equipment which include, but are not limited to, the following: balls, bats, racquets, helmets, cleats, pads, nets, Frisbees, goal posts, sticks, pucks, fishing equipment, boats or other water vessels, horses and horseback riding equipment, martial arts equipment and/or other athletic equipment.

I also understand that my participation in the aforementioned activities may expose me to risks of property damage and bodily or personal injury, including injury that may be fatal, and any one or more of the following: injury from slipping, tripping and falls; drowning; sickness; exposure to warm or cold water; foreseen and unforeseen inclement weather; cuts; abrasions and puncture wounds, broken bones; injury from uneven terrain on the fields; injury from contact with other players and from contact with athletic equipment; muscle strains and sprains; concussions; loss of consciousness; and heart attack. If my team must travel to/from events and/or travel to participate in team activities, I understand that there is a potential for accidents or illness. In addition, I understand that I may be exposed to other risks which may not be foreseeable. I have been informed and understand that there are inherent risks and dangers involved in this activity. I knowingly and freely assume any and all such risks and voluntarily participate in this activity. I understand that it is my responsibility, as the participant, to engage only in those activities for which I have the prerequisite skills, qualifications, preparation and training.

I acknowledge that I must follow the instructions of the activity leader at all times. In addition, I understand that none of the following entities provides insurance coverage for my participation in the University of Georgia Department of Recreational Sports program it is strongly recommended that I obtain my own accident and health insurance prior to participating: The University of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, Department of Recreational Sports, and any participating agency.

In exchange for the use of equipment, materials, supplies and for being allowed to participate in this program, I hereby release and forever discharge the University of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and all sponsoring agencies and their members individually and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, rights, expenses, actions, and causes of action, of whatever kind, arising from or by reason of any personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, or the consequences thereof, whether foreseeable or not, resulting from or in any way connected with my participation in this activity.

I hereby irrevocably consent to and authorize the use by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of the University of Georgia, its officers and employees of the undersigned's image and/ or likeness as follows: The University shall have the right to photograph, publish, re-publish, adapt, exhibit, reproduce, edit, distribute, display or otherwise use or reuse the undersigned's image and/or likeness in connection with any product or service in all markets, media or technology now known or hereafter developed in University's products or services. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of good and valuable consideration in exchange for this Release, which may be the opportunity to represent the University in its promotional and advertising materials.

I hereby waive the right to inspect or approve my image or any finished materials that incorporate my image. I understand and agree that my image will become part of the University's photograph file and that it may be distributed to other organizations or individuals for use in publication. I also understand that I will receive no compensation in connection with the use of my image.

I further covenant and agree that for the consideration stated above, I will hold forever harmless and will not take legal action against the University of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, and their officers, agents, and employees for any claim for damages arising or growing out of my participation in this activity whether caused by negligence or otherwise.

I certify that I am at least 18 years of age OR that my parent/legal guardian has also signed below because I am under 18 years of age.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

For all sports, registration will take place online or at the Ramsey Student Center with the Membership Services Staff Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:45pm. All Intramural Sport sign-ups are on a first come, first serve basis.

How to purchase the Unlimited Intramural Sports Pass online:

1. Go to shop.recsports.uga.edu
2. Click on the "Memberships and Passes" tab
3. Select the "Competitive Sports Unlimited Play Pass"
4. Click on "add to cart"
5. Click "Check Out" or "Continue Shopping"

How to create your team on IMLeagues:

1. Go to shop.recsports.uga.edu
2. Click on the "Intramural Sports" tab
3. Select "CAS" as your Login Method
4. Log in using your UGAID and Password, the same information that gets you into Athena
5. Click the "IMLeagues" logo to enter the website

6. Click the "Get Involved" button at the top of your User Homepage page
7. The current sports will be displayed, click on the sport you wish to join
8. Choose the league you wish to play in (Men's, Women's, Co-Rec, etc.)
9. Choose the division you'd like to play in (Monday 5PM, Tuesday 5PM, etc.)
10. Captains can invite members to their team by clicking "Team Options" and then "Invite Members" link on the team page. Any invited members must accept the invitation to be joined to your team
 - a. If they've already registered on IMLeagues: search for their name, and invite them
 - b. If they haven't yet registered on IMLeagues: scroll down to the "Invite by Email Address" box, and input their email address

How to join a team on IMLeagues:

1. Follow the instructions under "How to create your team on IMLeagues" until #6
2. You can follow either one of the following options to join a team
 - a. Find existing teams on the league page and click the "join team" button to send a request to join a team
 - b. Accepting a request from the captain to join his/her team
 - c. Finding the team and captain name on division/league page and requesting to join
 - d. Going to the captain's playercard page, viewing his/her team, and requesting to join

What is needed to sign up?

1. Each participant must have purchased the \$25 Unlimited Play Pass.
2. Day and time preference of when your team would like to play.

After each player purchases their \$25 Semester "Unlimited Intramural Sports Pass," players can either join or create a team in IMLeagues. Teams must be created in IMLeagues.com prior to the deadline to be guaranteed a spot in our leagues. **If a team does not have the minimum number of players signed up on their team by 5pm the day after the deadline (Wednesday), we may remove or replace your team.**

All captains will be required to complete and pass an online rules quiz prior to their team being eligible to participate. Captains will receive the quiz via email after registration has ended.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS & HB 280

In accordance with HB 280, commonly known as the "campus carry" legislation, concealed handguns are not permitted in the Ramsey Student Center as handguns are prohibited in buildings or property that are used for intercollegiate games at all times, not just during the events. Similarly, handguns are prohibited throughout the entire facility, not just those specific areas of the facility in which games are played.

For more information, please visit the University System of Georgia website: <http://www.usg.edu/hb280>

REFUND POLICY

1. Full Refund
 - a. If a participant purchases the \$25 Unlimited Play Pass and DOES NOT participate in ANY intramural sports activities/events, they may receive a refund.
 - b. If after a participant purchases the \$25 Unlimited Play Pass, they cannot participate due to a documented medical situation, they may receive a refund. All of these situations will be handled on a case by case basis with the Competitive Sports program making the final decision.
2. No Refund
 - a. If the team that the participant requesting the refund has forfeit a contest, no refund will be granted.
 - b. If a participant requests a refund after finals week has begun, no refund will be granted.

FREE AGENTS

A free agent is defined as a person who has a passion to participate in a particular sport, but currently does not have a team to join. Free agents are encouraged to attend the Free Agents Meeting at the beginning of each semester. We will hold the free agents meeting in August, November and February of each academic year. Details of each meeting can be found on our website.

How to create an account as a free agent on IMLeagues:

1. Follow the instructions under "How to create your team on IMLeagues" on page 3 under Entry Procedures steps 1-6
2. You can list yourself as a free agent in as many division within a league as you'd like. You will be visible to all members of the site and can request to join teams, or post information about yourself so teams can request to add you to their team
 - a. To register you must select the division you want to register as a free agent in
 - b. Select the green "Register/Sign Up" button on the top right
 - c. In the drop down menu select Free Agent
 - d. Follow the IMLeagues process from there
3. We strongly encourage that free agents attempt to form teams themselves by contacting others through free agents on IMLeagues
4. If a free agent team is formed, the procedures listed above in "How to create your team on IMLeagues" under Entry Procedures

The Intramural Sports program provides an opportunity for a participant to register his/her information as a free agent. If a team needs additional participants, a free agent can be contacted from the list as long as they have purchased the \$25 semester "Unlimited Intramural Sports Pass."

TEAM CAPTAIN

Each team entered in an Intramural Sport must have one designated captain who will act as a liaison between the team and the Department of Recreational Sports. A captain may only represent ONE men's / women's team and ONE co-rec team for any given sport.

Responsibilities of a team captain:

1. Find out the most convenient time for the majority of team members to play and register your team.
2. Complete and pass the online preseason captains quiz through IMLeagues.
3. Have teammates register on IMLeagues and added to the roster before games begin.
4. Check the eligibility of each participant before and during the season. Inform the participant that they may only play on one men's/women's team and one co-rec team.
5. Find out from players on your team if they are members of a UGA Club Sport team. The captains are responsible for making sure that their team is not breaking the club player rule (see page 7) – Club Sports Members and Intercollegiate Athletes.
6. Be familiar with the rules and regulations governing each sport, deadlines, mandatory meetings, and the policies of the intramural sports program concerning forfeits, defaults, sportsmanship, etc.
7. Keep the team informed about the game site, time, opponent, uniform color, and any other pertinent information.
8. Inform participants that they will have to present their UGA ID CARD before every game.
9. Be responsible for the conduct of participants, coaches, and spectators before, during, and after each contest.
10. If a participant is ejected, or a problem arises during the game, it is the captain's responsibility to inform that player of the penalty as it is stated in Disciplinary and Ejection Policy Section on page 14.
11. Inform participants they are responsible for all injuries incurred while participating in the program. Encourage injured participants to go to the University Health Center, however minor the injury may seem.
12. Check the contest schedule on a daily basis. This is particularly important if games have to be postponed due to inclement weather. Keep your team members well informed.
13. Act as a team spokesperson on and off the playing area. If there are any questions, please ask. The Competitive Sports staff is here to assist you.
14. Responsible for teams forfeit buy back fee of \$20.

TEAM NAMES

Each team must provide an **APPROPRIATE** team name consisting of less than 20 characters. Please note, the Competitive Sports Administrative Staff reserves the right to alter any team name or logo judged to be obscene, derogatory, vulgar, offensive, contains profanity or is not within the spirit of good sportsmanship.

1. If a team name is deemed inappropriate, the team's name will be changed to "Team" and the captain's first and last name (I.E. Team John Doe). If the Competitive Sports Staff has to alter a team name, there will be no opportunity to change it.
2. If a team name is repeated within the same sport it will be the team name followed by the captain's last name (I.E. Team X – Smith).

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

It is the responsibility of the intramural sports team captain to ensure that each member of his/her team is eligible to participate. Any questionable cases should be brought to the attention of the Competitive Sports professional staff so that an official ruling can be obtained.

The Competitive Sports office expects participation to be based on one's self-identified gender and that it is done in good faith and consistent with a player's expressed gender identity.

1. To participate in the Intramural Sports program, students must either be a fees paid student or a part time student with a Ramsey Membership. **Spouses/Domestic Partners** of a student may participate in intramural sports if a UGA Dependent ID Card is purchased at the Tate Student Center and they possess a Ramsey Center Membership.
2. To participate in the Intramural Sports program, Faculty/Staff full-time or part-time or retired University employees must have a membership to the Ramsey Student Center. **Spouses/Domestic Partners** of Faculty/Staff and retired staff may participate in Intramural Sports if a UGA Dependent ID Card is purchased at the Tate Student Center and they possess a Ramsey Center Membership.
3. In order to participate in the Intramural Sports program, an individual must have paid the activity/recreation fee for the current semester and the Unlimited Intramural Sports Pass. When they purchase the Pass, they will sign a participation waiver.
4. All participants are required to present his/her own UGA ID card or a government issued photo I.D. prior to every contest. A Ramsey Center membership or recreation/facility fee **AND** Intramural Sports Pass are required for all Intramural Sports.
 - a. A student that loses his/her UGA ID card must purchase another one at the Tate Student Center room 309. No replacements will be made after 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday.
 - b. If a participant loses their UGA ID card on the weekend, they will not be permitted to participate in a contest until a new card is purchased (this will affect any participant with a Sunday game).
5. Individuals may participate on one single sex league and one Co-Rec team.
 - a. All violators will be suspended from further participation in that sport for the remainder of that season, this includes postseason. Teams may also be penalized for using ineligible participants.
6. Any individual who participates on more than one team during any sport season and/or participates under an assumed name shall be suspended from participation in that sport for at least the remainder of the season. Participation on a team during a Preseason Tournament or during a scrimmage game will not constitute being on that team's roster. Any illegal participant and the team captain could be suspended from future Intramural Sports if it is deemed warranted.
7. A participant is not permitted to transfer from one team to another after participating in one scheduled regular season game.
8. Teams found to be playing with non-students who are ineligible, will forfeit any game with said participant(s), and will not be eligible for the postseason tournament. In addition, the team will be assessed the \$20 buy back fee.
9. Additions to a team's official roster may only be made prior to the time that the individual(s) participate in a game via IMLeagues.
10. League Rosters are limited to a specific number for each sport: (20) flag football, softball and kickball. (15) Volleyball, basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, dodgeball, team tennis and inner-tube water polo. (8) For all 4v4 sports. (4) For team golf.
11. Women are eligible to participate in men's intramural sports leagues only when a women's league is not offered for that particular sport.

12. Summer Sports: In order to be eligible to participate in a summer intramural sports program, they must meet the preceding criteria. In addition, all summer participants must be able to provide a valid UGA ID Card and be able to provide proof of registration for the previous spring, current summer or upcoming fall classes if asked by a member of the Recreational Sports professional staff.

IMPROPER USE OF IDENTIFICATION

1. If a Competitive Sports Staff member determines that an individual is attempting to check-in with false identification for any Intramural Sports contest, the ID will be confiscated, and that individual will not be allowed to play. The individual will be ejected and asked to show proper identification. If the individual refuses or fails to show proper identification or cooperate fully with the Competitive Sports staff on site, the team captain will also be ejected from the contest. If the Competitive Sports Staff determines that the team captain was aware of the individual's use of improper identification, then that team may forfeit its game and be subject to removal from the league.
2. Both parties involved will be suspended from **ALL** Competitive Sports participation as detailed in the updated disciplinary and ejection policy on page 15.
3. If the rightful owner of a confiscated ID wishes to retrieve the ID the same evening it was confiscated, they may do so at the site where it was taken by showing government issued identification to the Competitive Sports site manager to prove that the ID is being returned to the correct person. Otherwise, the individual may pick up his/her ID at the Competitive Sports Office inside the Ramsey Student Center beginning at 9am the business day following said confiscation. The owner must speak to a Competitive Sports professional staff member to retrieve the ID as well as provide proper identification to verify his/her identity.

CLUB SPORTS MEMBERS AND INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES

1. A club sports member is defined as any individual who is on the club sport's roster and participates in practices and/or plays in games. Once you are on or considered on the club team these restrictions apply for the entire school year (**August 1st through July 31st**). Those who violate this rule will be subject to further penalty outlined in the disciplinary section of the Participant Guide.
2. A club sports member shall be eligible for intramural participation in the sport of his/her specialty with the following restrictions. Volleyball, 4v4 outdoor soccer, and 4v4 volleyball teams are restricted to having only **ONE** such participant on its roster. All other IM Sports can have **TWO** such participants on its roster. All co-recreational teams can have one female club player and one male club player. No co-recreational teams can have multiple same gender club players on their roster.
3. Any recognized organizational team that travels and competes will be subject to the same rules as club sports members.
4. Intercollegiate teams will be defined as those teams sponsored by the Athletic Department. A member of an intercollegiate team (those listed on the current and/or previous year's roster) will not be allowed to participate in intramural activities in that sport or a similar sport (I.E. baseball & softball) during the academic year. A member of an intercollegiate team is defined as a person whose name is on the roster or is working out or participating with the team. If the athlete has sat out without practicing or playing with the intercollegiate team for at least one calendar year from their last participation they will become eligible to participate in the IM sport of their specialty.
5. A varsity athlete that played a team sport (football, soccer, etc.) at a NCAA Division I School during the current year is ineligible to participate in a similar sport. If after August 1st of that year, they are not on a Division 1 roster they will be eligible to participate. An individual that participated in an individual sport (tennis, golf, etc.) at any NCAA Division I School must sit out two years before becoming eligible for intramural competition.
6. Any team choosing to play with a former varsity athlete, who will be playing his/her specific or related sport, must sign up for the competitive league. All former athletes must still meet the required eligibility guidelines (See Eligibility Guidelines on page 6).
7. A former Olympic, National, Junior National or professional team member may not participate in the sport of his/her specialty or a similar intramural sport until four (4) years have elapsed since their Olympic, National, Junior National or Professional experience.
8. A former or current intercollegiate athlete or club sport member may appeal his/her status relating to restrictions in a particular sport.

LEAGUE SPORTS AND DIVISION PLAY

At the beginning of each semester, the Intramural Sports program will advertise the sport leagues and special tournaments that will be offered for the semester. At that time, a team captain will be responsible for registering his/her team for the day and time they are able to participate.

1. League sports normally take place Monday through Thursday from 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm and Sunday leagues run from approximately 1:00 pm – 11:00 pm; all days and times are subject to change.
2. Leagues are designed to provide an opportunity for our participants to compete against players with similar skill and interest levels.
 - a. Any league noted as “Competitive” is designed for participants who are looking for a competitive match up against other teams as well as to win games. Teams who enter a competitive league may have participants who played in varsity high school sports, hold practices, or may be looking to participate in extramural tournaments. These teams are playing to win.
 - b. Any league noted as “Recreational” is designed for participants who are looking to participate in games/matches for fun. A team who enters recreational leagues do not associate winning with the primary objective of its participation in the Intramural Sports program. These teams are playing for fun.
3. When registering a team, captains will select which league to join. Depending on the sport, the league format will adhere to one of the following:

A
Men's
Women's
Co-Recreational

B
Men's Competitive
Men's Recreational
Women's
Co-Recreational

C
Men's Competitive
Men's Recreational
Fraternity*
Sorority*
Women's
Co-Recreational

- a. To be eligible for the Fraternity and Sorority leagues, **ALL** participants must be active members and/or pledges properly recorded in the IFC/Pan-Hellenic/NPHC Office. As long as an individual has met all other participant guidelines he/she may represent a fraternity or sorority in this league. Fraternities and Sororities are only permitted to sign up one team in the fraternity and sorority leagues, additional teams may play in the Recreational, Competitive or Women's Leagues.
 - b. Open leagues can be added to any sport, if necessary.
4. After a captain has selected one of the above listed leagues, he/she will then be asked to select a division. These divisions denote which day and time the team would like to participate. Once in a division, a team will be scheduled against other teams for the regular season.
 5. Teams will be scheduled for at least three games during the regular season. The Competitive Sports staff cannot guarantee that all regular season games will be played due to the possibility of foul weather conditions, facility space, and time constraints within the semester. The department is not responsible for defaults or forfeits.
 - a. Games that are postponed due to rain or field conditions are not guaranteed to be rescheduled. The Competitive Sports staff will do their best to reschedule games cancelled due to inclement weather, but a guarantee may not be made due to facility space, time restrictions, and/or field conditions.
 - b. Any rescheduled games will be posted on the website and teams will be responsible for verifying their schedules.
 6. For all league sports, schedules will be made and posted to the intramural sport website after 1:00 pm on the Friday after the entry deadline has past. If any changes are made to the schedules after this time (before or during the season), the team captain will be notified immediately via e-mail or by phone.
 7. A team will be eligible for the postseason tournament if they:
 - a. Do not forfeit during the regular season
AND
 - b. Do not have more than one ejection during the regular.

POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

1. After the conclusion of an intramural sports season, there will be an online tournament bracket draw hosted on the IMLeagues website.
 - Log onto IMLeagues.com, through shop.recsports.uga.edu, before your scheduled time to pick your slot.
 - On your personal home page (if you don't think you are on the right page, just click your name in the upper right hand corner of the screen), a message should pop up with a countdown timer letting you know when it is your team's turn to pick.
 - Click on the countdown timer message.
 - Each team will have two minutes to choose their spot in the bracket before the next team is able to choose.
 - If you miss your time slot, you can log in any time after your time slot until a specified end time to make your choice.
 - After the specified end time we will automatically assign you a game time.
 - Please pay close attention to the time and day that you are picking, as well as the games following farther down the bracket. There are no changes allowed once you choose your place in the bracket.
2. Participant Eligibility – To be eligible for the postseason tournament, participants must be on the team's roster before the conclusion of the regular season. Participants who are on the team's roster must meet all eligibility guidelines.
3. Rescheduling due to weather - In the event of inclement weather and game cancellations, all tournament games may be moved to the next available day. Captains are responsible for checking the intramural sports website for updates. If games have been cancelled teams are encouraged to check the updated schedule because the tournament schedule may be affected. When possible, the game times and locations will remain the same but there is no guarantee.
4. **Teams are not allowed to default in the post-season.** If a team does not pull out of the playoffs prior to the bracket being scheduled and does not show up for their game, the captain will be charged a forfeit and suspended from all sports until the forfeit fee is paid.
5. **A team is ineligible for the post season tournament if their team has 2 ejections in one sport. If a team's second ejection occurs in the playoffs, the game will be ended at that time and their opponent will be credited with the win.**

POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1. The postseason tournament for all league sports will consist of one single elimination tournament per league. **If the number of teams permits**, sports offering Competitive and Recreational leagues will adhere to the following tournament format:
 - a. Division Breakdowns
 - i. If 96+ teams qualify for the tournament, it will be divided into three tournament brackets (A, B & C).
 - ii. If 4-95 teams qualify for the tournament, it will split into two tournament brackets with 4-0 Recreational League teams moving to the A Tournament and the 0-4 Competitive teams being dropped to the B Tournament.
 - b. Three League Format
 - i. During the regular season, teams who achieve a record of .500 and above (4-0, 3-1, and 2-2) in the competitive league will participate in an "A" league tournament.
 - ii. Competitive teams who finish with a record below .500 (1-3 and 0-4) will participate in the "B" league tournament.
 - iii. Teams who participate in the recreational league, and earn a record of above .500 (4-0 and 3-1) will participate in the "B" league tournament.
 - iv. Recreational teams who finish with a record of .500 and below (2-2, 1-3, 0-4), will participate in the "C" league tournament.
 - c. Fraternity League teams will be considered a men's competitive league.
 - d. If a team has received a win by default or forfeit and feels it should be considered for a different league tournament than the one its record indicates, the captain is responsible for notifying the competitive sports staff at least one week prior to the postseason captain's meeting. The competitive sports staff will evaluate each request individually. After a request is submitted there is no guarantee that the team

will be moved. The Competitive Sports staff has the final decision on the placement of teams in the tournament brackets.

2. All fall and spring semester leagues will follow a single elimination tournament format where the captain will select a contest time and location for his/her team at the postseason captain's meeting.

AWARDS

Championship T-shirts will be awarded in the following divisions: Women's, Men's, Co-Recreational and Open

FORFEITS

During all intramural sports activities, the onsite staff has the ability to declare a contest a forfeit. The Competitive Sports staff will have the official time for all contests and activities. **A forfeit is declared when a team fails to show for said contest or activity.** Forfeited games are un-played games that are recorded as a loss toward the teams' overall record.

1. Teams will be granted a five minute grace period from the original start time. After this period, all participants are required to be checked in with the Competitive Sports staff and ready for play. If no one from a given team is present at the site after this grace period, the contest will be declared a forfeit (I.E. If a game is scheduled for 6:00 pm, and the clock reads 6:05 pm the game is a forfeit).
 - a. If the game before your scheduled game runs past the five minute grace period, the conclusion of that game will become the next games forfeit time.
2. If a team is deemed to have forfeited a contest, the team must pay \$20 to "buy-back" into the league. Payment must be made with the Membership Services Staff at the Ramsey Student Center by 10:00am on the business day of the team's next contest. Teams that Forfeit during the regular season and buy back in will be eligible to compete in the postseason tournament. Sunday leagues must pay by the Friday prior to their scheduled game.
 - a. The only exception to the "buy-back" fee is if a team forfeits a game that is not scheduled on its regular day of play. A team that falls into this exception will receive a loss for the missed game, but no "buy-back" fee will incurred. The team will remain eligible for the postseason tournament.
3. If a forfeit has been declared, the teams involved may still use the game site to practice or scrimmage, until fifteen minutes prior to the start of the next contest. During this time, the competitive sports staff is not permitted to officiate or keep score, and participants will be playing at their own risk.
4. If a full team is present, it must sign in the minimum number of legal participants. These participants must be ready for play in order for the contest to be considered a win by forfeit. If a team leaves before a forfeit is declared by the competitive sports staff, the game will be declared a double forfeit. Make sure all new players at the game sign in to ensure that they are on the roster, making them eligible for the postseason. This needs to be done prior to leaving the fields. If a team is deemed to have forfeited a contest, the team must pay \$20 to "buy-back" into the league. Payment must be made with the Membership Services Staff at the Ramsey Student Center by 10:00am on the business day of the team's next contest. Teams that Forfeit during the regular season and buy back in will be eligible to compete in the postseason tournament. Sunday leagues must pay by the Friday prior to their scheduled game.
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6. A team will receive a forfeit if they do not show up for their playoff game. Teams do not have the option to default their playoff games.

NOTE: A refund request will not be granted for contests not played due to a default or forfeit. 2 Defaulted games will be treated the same as a forfeit.

DEFAULTS

During all intramural sports activities, the onsite staff has the ability to declare a contest a default. The Competitive Sports staff will have the official time for all contests and activities. **A default is declared when a team fails to have the**

minimum number of legal participants ready for play for said contest or activity. Defaulted games are recorded as a loss toward the team's overall record.

1. A team may default a game prior to the scheduled game time by contacting the competitive sports professional staff by 3:00 pm the day of the scheduled game. A team contacting the competitive sports professional staff after 3:00pm will be required to default its game at the game site.
 - a. Teams wishing to default a game scheduled on Sunday are required to contact the competitive sports professional staff by 3:00 pm on Friday prior to the game.
 - b. **TO DEFAULT A GAME, PLEASE CALL 706-542-5060 OR EMAIL compsports@uga.edu**
2. Teams will be granted a five minute grace period from the original start time. After this period, all participants are required **to be checked in** with the Competitive Sports staff and **ready for play**. If a team is present, yet fails to meet the minimum number of legal participants required for play after this period, the contest will be declared a default. This means if a game is scheduled for 6:00 pm, and the clock reads 6:05 pm the game is a default. Competitive Sports Staff has the official time.
3. Two defaults during the season is equivalent to one forfeit.
4. Any team that defaults three games during the regular season will be dropped from competition.
5. If a team has been granted a default and the contest is then cancelled due to weather or a scheduling issue, the default will be removed and the contest will be played normally if it is rescheduled.

NOTE: Refund requests will not be granted for contests not played due to a default, forfeit or weather cancelled games.

6. All activities listed below need the stated number of required participants to begin.
 - a. Softball
 - i. All leagues – 8
 - ii. Must meet gender requirements for co-rec games*
 - b. Kickball
 - i. All leagues – 6
 - ii. Must meet gender requirements for co-rec games*
 - c. 7-on-7 Flag Football (Co-Rec 8-on-8)
 - i. Men's & Women's leagues – 5
 - ii. Co-Recreational League – 6 (at least 2 women)
 - d. Outdoor Soccer, Indoor Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Dodgeball and Inner-Tube Water Polo
 - i. All leagues – 5
 - ii. Must meet gender requirements for co-rec games*
 - e. 5-on-5 Basketball, Battleship and Team Tennis
 - i. All leagues – 4
 - ii. Must meet gender requirements for co-rec games*
 - f. 4-on-4 Flag Football, 4-on-4 Volleyball, 4-on-4 Outdoor Soccer and 6-on-6 Volleyball
 - i. All leagues – 3

* Please follow the link below, or view the Recreational Sports Website to view sport rules:
(http://recsports.uga.edu/content_page/intramural-sports-rules)

INCLEMENT WEATHER/LIGHTNING POLICY

When participating in outdoor sports, the weather plays a large role in the ability to play. If there are any questions about the playing conditions for the night, please check the Intramural Sports website (www.recports.uga.edu) or the weather hotline (**706-542-8648**). The website and the weather hotline will be updated with the most current information by 3:00 pm of that day if possible. The Competitive Sports onsite staff has the ability to postpone or cancel outdoor sports at any time if deemed necessary. Intramural contests that are cancelled due to inclement weather may or may not be rescheduled based on field availability and time constraints. For further information on the rescheduling of games, please refer to league sports and division play (League Sports and Division Play page 8).

1. **Lightning:** At the Recreational Sports Complex, our facility is equipped with a lightning detector. If inclement weather occurs and lightning is detected within three to eight miles of the facility, participants will be asked to leave the playing areas and find cover. At this time, games will be suspended for *at least* thirty minutes. Games will

resume from the point at which they were paused if no lightning has occurred during this thirty minute time period. If the storm persists the Competitive Sports staff will make a decision on whether to cancel or continue waiting. The on-site staff will not know if games will be rescheduled. That decision will be made by the Competitive Sports Professional staff and teams will be notified of the decision.

2. **Site Conditions and Rain:** Recreational Sports staff reserves the right to cancel games due to standing water on the playing areas or other unsafe conditions. If games are cancelled due to inclement weather or poor field conditions, the fields will be closed and teams will not be allowed to use the fields.

PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

1. The playing field is not a venue for physical or verbal abuse and will not be tolerated.
2. Each team is responsible for the actions of each of its members and fans before, during, and after any game or activity. Failure of a team to cooperate with officials or to control and restrain any individual members is cause for suspension.
3. In the event an individual and/or spectator conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner during intramural competition, the Competitive Sports staff have the complete authority to take action as they deem necessary in order to keep the game under control. Depending on the severity of the incident, which would be left up to the staff's judgment, the Competitive Sports staff may take the following action: give warnings, ejection from the game and the area, and/or suspend the game.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct is unacceptable. Reports of such behavior will be investigated by the Competitive Sports staff. In doing so, the individual(s) and/or team(s) involved may be questioned and required to submit a written or verbal statement of the incident.
5. Fighting includes, but is not limited to combative acts such as:
 - a. An attempt to strike, punch or kick by using a fist, hands, arms, legs or feet regardless of whether contact is made.
 - b. An attempt to instigate a fight by committing an unsporting act that causes a person to retaliate by fighting (See NFHS Rulebooks).
6. Ejected participants and disruptive fans must remove themselves from the area immediately. Failure to comply within one minute will result in the team forfeiting the contest. If a team is behind and fails to comply, its next game will also be defaulted which results in being ineligible for the playoffs.
7. An ejected player is permanently ineligible until they meet with a Competitive Sports professional staff member.
8. A participant who commits two (2) unsportsmanlike penalties/fouls in a game will be ejected from the game and will be subject to sanctions found on page 15 in the Disciplinary and Ejection Policy section of this guide.
9. **A participant that receives their second ejection in a season** will result in that participant being suspended for the remainder of the season.
10. Unsportsmanlike behavior after a game may result in suspension and/or a default for the next game.
11. Any incident judged to be of serious concern will be referred to University Police and/or the Office of Student Conduct.

MERCY RULE

Intramural Sports aims to create an environment that is enjoyable and safe for all of its participants. **We currently do not have a mercy rule in place. If both teams are participating by the spirit of the game, play will continue. If one team begins making a mockery of the game, the Competitive Sports staff may end the game at that time.** The losing team may request the Competitive Sports staff to end the game prior to the expiration of the game clock.

PROTESTS

1. A captain may protest the eligibility of a participant at any time. To protest a participant's eligibility, the protest must include the specifics as to what is being protested and submitted via email to the Competitive Sports email compsports@uga.edu by 10:00 am the following day.
 - a. **During the regular season**, if a participant is found to be ineligible, all games in which they participated will result in a forfeit.

DISCIPLINARY AND EJECTION POLICY

The following suspensions result from a participant that is ejected from a contest.

Minimum Suspensions

1. All suspensions are immediate and **indefinite for all Intramural Sports programming** until the participant has met with a Competitive Sports administrative staff member. All suspensions listed below are minimums and can be increased at the discretion of the Competitive Sports staff.
2. Suspensions will not begin until the suspended player meets with a Competitive Sports administrative staff member. At the discretion of the Competitive Sports staff, suspensions may include loss of facility access.

Student Identification Card Infraction

Any participant who attempts to fraudulently use an UGA 81# ID Card will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) semester from all activities sponsored by the Competitive Sports program. The rightful owner of the UGA ID Card will also be suspended for one (1) semester from all activities sponsored by the Competitive Sports program. The confiscated UGA ID Card can be claimed from the Competitive Sports Staff in room 201 of the Ramsey Center.

Ejection Category	Minimum Suspension (1 st Offense)	Minimum Suspension (2 nd Offense)
Unsportsmanlike Conduct (UC1)	1 week	3 weeks
Unsportsmanlike Conduct - Contact (UC2)	2 weeks	6 weeks
Fighting or Threatening/Contact with official/ID Fraud	3 weeks	Semester

Reinstatement Meetings

- Ejected players must email the compsports@uga.edu account to set up a meeting with a Competitive Sports administrative staff member.