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**Intramural Sports**  
Participant Guide



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## **I. ENTRY PROCEDURES**

For all sports except those listed below, registration will take place at the Cashier's Window at the Ramsey Student Center. Special two day registration period will take place for 7 v 7 Flag Football, 5 v 5 Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, Indoor Soccer, Softball, and Team Tennis in the spring semester. All Intramural Sport sign-ups are on a first come, first served basis.

What is needed to sign up?

1. The completed front portion of the registration form.
2. The entry fee in full (cash or check only)
3. Day and time preference (when your team wants to play)

Teams will need to have the front portion of the registration form completed, the entire entry fee (cash or check only), and what days/times work the best for the team to participate. League spots will no longer be available once the maximum number of teams has signed up for that time slot. Registration will run from 8:30am – 4:00pm on the special registration days. Captains are encouraged to arrive early on the first day of sign-ups in order to have a preference as to what league and when their team will play.

## **II. FREE AGENTS**

A free agent is a person who has a passion to participate in a particular sport, but does not have a team with whom to participate.

The Intramural Sports website has a link for a free agent to register his/her information so that if a team needs additional participants, a free agent can be contacted. It is strongly encouraged that free agents attempt to form teams themselves by contacting others listed on the free agents website. If a free agent team is formed, the procedures listed above must be followed for a team to be entered. Free agents are encouraged to attend the Captains' meeting for the sport they are interested in playing. The intramural sports staff will *attempt* to help a free agent find a team.

## **III. TEAM CAPTAINS**

Each team entered in an intramural sport must have a designated captain or manager who will act as a liaison between the team and the Department of Recreational Sports. A captain may only represent ONE team for any given sport and he/she must be an active participant on that team.

Responsibilities of a team captain:

1. Attend the MANDATORY captains' meeting (or ensure your team has a representative present) at the beginning of each season, as well as the post season tournament meeting. The team representative must sign in. If a team is not represented at the captains' meeting, that team could potentially lose its league spot or be completely removed from the league.
  - ❖ Any unrepresented team will lose its forfeit fee but will still be eligible to participate in the post-season tournament (see section XII – Forfeits).

2. Check the eligibility of each participant before and during the season. Inform the participants they may only play on one team unless one is co-recreational.
3. Inform participants they are responsible for any injuries incurred while participating in the program. Encourage any injured participants to go to the University Health Center, however minor the injury may seem.
4. Find out the most convenient time for the majority of team members to play. Turn in the entry form during sign-ups in room 226 of the Ramsey Student Center or at the cashier's window before the deadline and sign the team up for a day and time (most team sports).
5. 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.
6. Keep the team informed as to the game site, time, opponent, uniform color, and any other pertinent information.
7. Inform participants a UGA ID CARD will have to be presented before every game.
8. Be responsible for the conduct of participants, coaches, and spectators before, during, and after each game. If hesitant to fulfill this responsibility, identify a friend or faculty/staff member who the team respects to help monitor the behavior of the team and spectators.
9. Act as a team spokesperson on and off the playing area.
10. If a participant is ejected, or a problem arises during the game, it is the captain's responsibility to contact the Assistant Director or Coordinator for Intramural Sports the following day.
11. Check the tournament schedule on a daily basis. This is particularly important if games have to be postponed due to inclement weather. Try to keep your team members well informed.
12. If there are any questions, please ask. The Intramural Sports staff is here to assist you.

#### **IV. TEAM NAMES**

1. Each team must provide an appropriate team name consisting of less than 20-characters.
2. Team names must be deemed appropriate by the Intramural Sports staff. 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 Intramural Sports Staff has to change a team name, there will not be an opportunity to change it.

## **V. ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

1. It is the responsibility of the intramural captains to ensure that each member of his/her team is eligible to participate. Any questionable cases should be brought to the attention of the Intramural Sports professional staff so that an official ruling can be obtained.
2. In order to participate in the intramural sports program, an individual must have paid the activity/recreation fee for the current semester. Spouses of students may also participate in intramural sports if a UGA Dependent ID Card is purchased at the Tate Student Center and the student facility fee is paid at the Ramsey Student Center cashier's window.
3. All participants are required to present his/her own UGA ID card before every game. A Ramsey Center membership is required for all indoor sports. Staff cannot make an exception to this rule. Please do not ask them to do so.
4. If a participant is suspected of using another person's UGA ID card, the Intramural Sports staff will confiscate the suspected UGA ID card. Both the person attempting to use the UGA ID card and the person who is on the card will be suspended indefinitely and must schedule a meeting with the Assistant Director and Coordinator for Intramural Sports. If contact has not been made within 48 hours of the incident, additional penalties may be incurred. The person who appears on the UGA ID card may schedule a time to claim the UGA ID from the Recreational Sports office.
5. If a participant is caught using another person's UGA ID and refuses to reveal his/her true identity, the participants' team will be asked to provide the necessary information. If a team fails to provide this information it may result in the forfeit of that game, as well as all participants being suspended from the Intramural Sports program. In addition, the participant refusing to provide his/her information will face a more severe penalty than if he/she had cooperated originally.
6. A student that loses his/her UGA ID card must purchase another one at the Tate Student Center Cashier's Window. No replacements will be made after 4:30p.m., Monday - Friday. There is a \$15.00 fee for this service.
7. All participants are permitted to participate on one men's or women's team and one co-rec team. Fraternity and sorority teams are considered to be men's and women's leagues respectively. All violators will be suspended from further participation in that sport and must set up a meeting with the Assistant Director and Coordinator for Intramural Sports. Teams may also be penalized for participating with ineligible participants.
8. 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 will constitute being on that team's roster and changing teams will be prohibited. The illegal participant and the team captain could be suspended from future Intramural Sports if it is deemed warranted.

9. A participant is not permitted to transfer from one team to another after participating in one scheduled regular season or preseason game.
10. All team members names must appear on the entry form filed in the Recreational Sports office. Rosters must contain the individual's name, UGA ID#, and signature. A participant whose name does not appear on the roster will be considered ineligible. Rosters will be checked at random by the Intramural Sports professional staff.
11. Additions to a team's official roster may only be made prior to the time that the individual(s) participate in a game. All participants must participate in one regular season game in order to be eligible for the postseason tournament.
12. Rosters are limited to a specific number for each sport: flag football (20), volleyball (15), basketball (15), softball (20), outdoor/indoor soccer (15), and team tennis (15).
13. Women are eligible to participate in men's intramural sports leagues only when a women's league is not offered during that particular season or sport.
14. 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 post season tournament.
15. In order for a participant to be eligible to participate in a summer intramural sports program, he/she must meet the criteria stated above. In addition, all summer participants must be able to provide a valid UGA ID Card and be able to provide proof of registration for spring, summer or fall classes if asked by a member of the Recreational Sports professional staff.

One of the following criteria must also be met in order to be eligible as a student for Intramural Sports in the summer...

- a. A student must have been enrolled in the spring semester prior
- b. A student must currently be enrolled in summer session classes
- c. A student must be enrolled in classes for the upcoming fall semester.

## **VI. CLUB SPORTS MEMBERS AND INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES**

1. Club sports members shall be eligible for intramural participation in the sport of their specialty, but a team is restricted to having only **ONE** such participant on its roster. A club sport member is defined as any individual who is on the club sport's roster and participates in practices and/or plays in games. Those who violate this rule will be suspended for one calendar year from the date of infraction and may be subject to further penalty as deemed appropriate by the Assistant Director and Coordinator for Intramural Sports.
2. Any recognized organizational team that travels and competes will be subject to the same rules as club sports members.

3. 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 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.
4. Former Olympic, National, Junior National or professional team members may not participate in the sport of their specialty or a similar intramural sport until four (4) years have elapsed since their Olympic, National, Junior National or Professional experience.
5. An athlete that played a team sport (football, soccer, etc) at a NCAA Division I School during the previous academic year is ineligible to participate in a specific or related sport for intramural sports during the current academic year. 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 set forth by intramural sports.
7. A former or current intercollegiate athlete or club sport member may appeal his/her status relating to restrictions in a particular sport. Such an appeal must be submitted to the Assistant Director for Intramural Sports. Any athlete or club member found breaking the above rules will be suspended from intramural sports in that sport for one calendar year.

## **VII. FACULTY/STAFF**

The purpose of the faculty/staff league is to build camaraderie among eligible University of Georgia faculty and staff.

1. All faculty and staff who are permanent University full- or part-time employees (minimum of 20 hours per week and benefits eligible) are eligible to participate within this division. Ramsey Center membership is required for all indoor sports.
2. Faculty and staff may participate in the student league OR in the faculty/staff league.

## **VIII. LEAGUE SPORTS AND DIVISION PLAY**

1. In the beginning of each semester the intramural sports program will advertise the sport leagues and special tournaments for the semester that will be offered. At that time, a team captain will be responsible for registering his/her team for the day and time they are able to participate. League sports normally take place Monday through Thursday from 5:00pm – 11:00pm and Sunday leagues run from approximately 1:00pm – 11:00pm; all days and times are subject to change.

2. These leagues are designed to provide an opportunity for our participants to compete 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 participated in varsity high school sports, hold practices, or may be looking to participate in extramural tournaments.
  - b. Any league noted as “Recreational” is designed for participants who are looking to participate in games/matches for fun. Teams who enter these leagues do not associate winning with the primary objective of their participation in the intramural sports program.
3. When registering a team, captains will be asked to select which league their team would like to participate in. 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 Competitive
Co-Recreational Recreational

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

❖ To be eligible for the Fraternity and Sorority leagues, all participants must be active members and/or pledges properly recorded in the IFC/Panhellenic/NPHC Office. As long as the individual has met all other participant guidelines they may represent their fraternity or sorority in this league.

4. After a team has selected one of the above listed leagues, it will then be asked to select which division to participate. 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 four games during the regular season. Teams will be guaranteed three games of regular season play which is dependant upon weather conditions, facility space, and time remaining in the semester.
 

*Games that are postponed due to rain or field conditions are not guaranteed to be rescheduled. If a league has experienced more than one cancellation, the first cancelled night may be rescheduled. However, the second night will definitely be rescheduled. Rescheduled games may or may not take place during a team's regularly scheduled day and time.*
6. For all league sports, schedules will be made and posted to the intramural sport website after 1:00pm 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 that does not forfeit during the regular season and meets the sportsmanship requirements (maintaining an average of a 3 or better during the regular season) will be eligible for the post season tournament. (see section XVI – Sportsmanship)

## **IX. POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES**

1. For all team sports, there will be a MANDATORY post season Captains' Meeting at the end of regular season play. At this meeting teams will select a spot in the tournament bracket which correlates to specific dates, times, and locations for tournament games.
2. To be eligible for the post season tournament, participants must have participated in at least one regular season game. Participants must be on the team's roster as well as meet all eligibility guidelines.
3. 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 an updated schedule. If games have been cancelled *all* teams are encouraged to check the updated schedule because their tournament schedule may be affected. *When possible, the game times and locations will remain the same but this is not a guarantee.*

## **X. 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. 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. Competitive teams who finish with a record below .500 will participate in the "B" league tournament. 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. Recreational teams who finish with a record of .500 and below (2-2, 1-3, 0-4), will participate in the "C" league tournament.
  - b. 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 league coordinator at least one week prior to the postseason captains' meeting. The intramural sports staff will evaluate each request individually. After a request is submitted there is no guarantee that the team will be moved.
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 their team.

## XI. AWARDS

1. Championship T-shirts will be awarded in the following divisions: Women's, Men's, and Co-Recreational All Campus; A-League, B-League, and C-League (where applicable).
2. An individual or team must be scheduled participate in a minimum of 3 games or matches before T-shirts will be awarded.
3. T-shirts are limited to six participants over the number required to field a full team.

## XII. FORFEITS

During all intramural sports activities, the onsite staff has the ability to declare a contest a forfeit. The Intramural 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 unplayed 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 teams are required to be checked in with the intramural scorekeeper/supervisor 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.
  - a. *If the game before your scheduled game runs past the five minute grace period, the conclusion of that game will become your teams' forfeit time.*
2. If a forfeit has been declared, the teams involved may still use the game site to practice or scrimmage, until ten minutes prior to the next contest. During this time, the intramural staff is not permitted to officiate or keep score.
  - a. *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 intramural staff, the game will be declared a double forfeit.*
3. A team will automatically be removed from the league if it receives two forfeits during that particular season.
4. Teams that forfeit during the regular season will not be eligible to compete in the postseason tournament.
  - a. *The only exception is if a team forfeits a game that is not scheduled on their regular day of play. Teams who fall into this exception will lose their forfeit fee and receive a loss for the game that was missed, but will be eligible for the postseason tournament.*
5. A team that forfeits at any point during the season will lose its forfeit fee. The forfeit fee is a \$10.00 charge that is added to the entry cost for most intramural sports. Any team that does not forfeit will be eligible to receive its forfeit fee after the completion of the playoff tournament. Team captains will have three weeks following the championship game of that sport to collect these fees. Forfeit fees may be picked up at the Ramsey Student Center cashiers window during its regular business hours.

### **XIII. DEFAULTS**

During all intramural sports activities, the onsite staff has the ability to declare a contest a default. Intramural 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 intramural sports professional staff by 1:00pm the day of the scheduled game. A team contacting the intramural sports professional staff after 1:00pm 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 intramural sports professional staff by 1:00pm on Friday prior to the game.*
2. Teams will be granted a five minute grace period from the original start time. After this period, all teams are required to be checked in with the intramural scorekeeper/supervisor 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.
3. All activities not listed below need the number of required participants to begin. The minimum number of participants for each sport to begin is as follows:

#### **7-on-7 Flag Football**

- Men's & Women's Leagues – 5
- Co-Recreational League – 6 (at least 2 women)

#### **Indoor Volleyball, Arena Football, 5-on-5 Basketball, Wiffleball, Floor Hockey**

- All leagues – 4
- Must meet gender requirements for co-rec games \*

#### **Outdoor Soccer, Indoor Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee**

- All leagues – 5
- Must meet gender requirements for co-rec games \*

#### **Dodgeball, Softball**

- All leagues – 8
- Must meet gender requirements for co-rec games \*

#### **Team Tennis**

- To start the match – 2
- To complete the match – 6

\* Please follow the link below, or view the Recreational Sports Website (<http://www.recsports.uga.edu>). Once at the site, click on Intramural Sports, then Rules/Flyers, and proceed to choose the sport of interest. Click here to go directly to the [Sport Specific Rules](#).

During the regular season of said sport, a team that defaults twice will not be eligible for the postseason tournament. Also, that team will not be eligible to receive its forfeit fee back.

#### **XIV. 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.recsports.uga.edu](http://www.recsports.uga.edu)) or the weather hotline (706-542-8648). The website and the weather hotline will be updated with the most current information by 3:00pm of that day. The Intramural 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.

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 are asked to leave the playing areas and find cover. At this time games will be postponed 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.
2. **Site Conditions and Rain:** The amount of rain incurred throughout the day may have an impact on the ability to play outdoor sports. The Intramural Sports professional staff checks the Recreational Sports Complex playing areas to ensure the safety of our participants and fields. 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 bad field conditions, the fields will be closed and teams will not be allowed on the fields.

#### **XV. PARTICIPANT CONDUCT**

1. Clearly, sports are important to the participants but that importance should not become so overriding that participants lose sight of civilized behavior. The playing field is not a venue for physical or verbal abuse.
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 expulsion.
3. In the event an individual and/or spectator conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner during intramural competition, the officials of the game 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 officials' judgment, the official may take the following action: give warnings, ejection from the game and the area, and/or suspend the game. All disciplinary problems except for warnings will be reported to the Intramural Sports staff for further action. Any intramural professional staff member or student supervisor has the right to ask a participant or spectator to leave the facility if his/her behavior is unruly.

4. Unsportsmanlike conduct is unacceptable. Reports of such behavior will be investigated by the Intramural Sports staff. In doing so, the individual(s) and/or team(s) involved will be questioned and required to submit a written statement of the incident. Statements will also be obtained from the Intramural Sports staff on duty. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Intramural Staff will rule on the individual(s) and/or team(s) involved. Penalties could include suspension from game(s) or season, temporary or permanent probation, and/or suspension from intramural sports for a given time period.
5. Fighting is constituted as a flagrant act and can occur when the ball is dead or live. 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 (Rule 4-18, 2008-09 NFHS Basketball Rules).
6. "Barry's Rule:" Ejected participants and disruptive fans must remove themselves from the area (out of sight and sound) immediately. Failure to comply within one minute will result in a team's default. If a team is behind and fails to comply, the next game will also be defaulted.
7. Any participant ejected from a game faces a minimum one game suspension from the program and is not allowed at the program site for that game. The ejected participant has two days to call or e-mail and make an appointment with the Assistant Director and Coordinator for Intramural Sports to discuss the incident. The participant will remain on suspension until this appointment is completed.
8. Failure for an ejected participant to attend a scheduled meeting will result in a more severe suspension.
9. Individuals striking another participant or official or threatening an official will be suspended indefinitely. Officials are employees of the University of Georgia. Abusing an official, verbally or physically, will result in serious consequences.
10. A participant who commits two (2) unsportsmanlike penalties/fouls in a game will be ejected from the game and be ineligible to play in the team's next game. However, if an unsportsmanlike penalty is deemed flagrant, the participant will be ejected for one unsportsmanlike foul/penalty. Three in a season will result in that participant being suspended for the remainder of the season.
11. Unsportsmanlike behavior after a game may result in suspension and/or a default for the next game.
12. A participant who is ejected from the game and returns to abuse the officials or other staff members will be suspended for at least the remainder of the season.
13. Reinstatement in the program will be made when the student or organization shows a willingness to support the basic principles of the program.

14. Any incident judged to be of serious concern will be referred to University Police and/or Judicial Programs.
15. Any team that forfeits a game due to unsportsmanlike conduct faces a minimum one semester suspension from the Intramural Sports program. The captain of this team has two days to make an appointment with the Assistant Director and Coordinator for Intramural Sports to discuss the incident. If a representative of this team has not completed this appointment, the team is automatically suspended from participation during the next semester.

## **XVI. SPORTSMANSHIP RATINGS**

Each team will receive a sportsmanship rating from each official at the conclusion of the game. The scale will be: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

The officials will rate each team using the following guidelines:

**(5 pts) Excellent** – Given to a team which demonstrates good sportsmanship and maintains an attitude of complete cooperation.

**(4 pts) Above Average** – Given to a team when there is no incident of poor sportsmanship.

**(3 pts) Average** – Given to a team when unsportsmanlike conduct is not present in the game except for rare minor infractions.

**(2 pts) Below Average** – Given to a team:

**a.** If participant(s), other than the captain, persist in questioning the officials' decision; and/or are repeatedly arguing with the officials.

**b.** For frequent use of profane and/or vulgar language.

**c.** If spectators, clearly related to the team, fail to cooperate with the Intramural Sports staff and the team is not supportive of the staff's efforts.

**(1 pt) Poor** – Given to a team:

**a.** When a participant is ejected and the team does not assist the officials in removing the participant from the facility.

**b.** If participants disregard warnings of unnecessary roughness, unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive language or action, etc.

**c.** If the team refuses to attempt to control their fans after a request to do so from the Intramural Sports staff.

A team must have a **3.0 average** in order to be eligible to compete in the postseason tournament. A team must have at least a 3.0 rating for each game in the tournament in order to advance to the next round. Ejections, verbal abuse toward the Intramural Sports staff, altercations with an opposing team member or team, and/or any other unsportsmanlike acts are grounds for an automatic rating lower than a 3.0. When this occurs the game will be immediately stopped and the offending team will forfeit. The rating will be determined by the officials and supervisors at the venue. Professional discretion will be used when necessary.

## **XVII. MERCY RULE**

Intramural Sports aims to create an environment that is enjoyable and safe for all of its participants. With this said, most leagues that are offered have a “mercy rule” that defines when the intramural sports staff will end the game without penalty. The mercy rules for each sport are located in the sport-specific rules.

## **XVIII. 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, submitted in writing, and turned in to the Intramural Sports professional staff in room 201 of the Ramsey Student Center by 1:00pm the following day.
  - a) **During the regular season**, if a participant is found to be ineligible, all games in which they participated will be defaulted.
  - b) **During the playoff tournament**, protests regarding eligibility must be filed before 1:00pm the following day. If a team is found to be in violation of the eligibility guidelines it will be removed from the tournament. The team faced prior to the protest will advance in the tournament; all prior rounds will remain the same.
    - i) If a protest is filed after the championship game, and is upheld, there will be no champion declared for that league and the game will not be replayed or rescheduled.
- 2) Protests may be filed regarding the rules at the game sites. During a play, if a protest is wanted by a team it must be filed with the official or supervisor on site using the word “protest” BEFORE the play resumes. Once play has continued a protest will not be honored.
- 3) **Protests may not be filed in regards to judgment calls.**

## **XIX. APPEALS**

1. If a team captain wishes to appeal the decisions made by the Intramural Sports professional staff regarding the eligibility of a participant, an appeal may be made with the Associate Director for Programs.
2. An appeal must be in writing and submitted before 5:00pm the day after the decision was made. The appeal letter must describe the intent of the appeal as well as the important details of the event in question.
  - a. The team captain or individual requesting the appeal should be aware that only one appeal may be made.
  - b. During the appeals process the participant in question, will NOT be eligible for participation in any intramural sport event.
3. All decisions regarding an appeal may be upheld, modified, or overturned by the Associate Director for Programs. Appeal decisions made by the Associate Director for Programs will be final and no other appeals may be made.

## **XX. SPECTATOR PASSES**

Those persons who are not members of the Ramsey Student Center and wish to watch an intramural contest in the facility must obtain a spectator pass through a member of the facility. The member must come with his/her UGA ID Card to the Rec Sports Office in 201 Ramsey Student Center during office hours (8:00am - 5:00pm) to obtain a pass. A person who does not obtain a spectator pass during office hours must pay the required guest fee to enter the facility.

## **XXI. ADDITIONAL POLICIES**

1. No alcohol or tobacco products are allowed at any intramural sports site. A team and its spectators found in violation of this policy are subject to suspension from the Intramural Sports program.
2. No animals or bikes are allowed on the playing fields. Teams found in violation will be subject to suspension from the Intramural Program.
3. All vehicles must be parked in a marked lane space in the surface lot or the parking deck. The parking deck gate will open at 3:30pm daily. Park at your own risk. Parking services will ticket and/or tow vehicles parked illegally.
4. Wearing jewelry is forbidden during all intramural activities. Participants reserve the right to choose not to play if they do not want to remove all jewelry. Participants wearing medical tags must tape them down if they wish to play.

## **XXII. PROFESSIONAL DISCRETION**

The Associate Director for Programs, Assistant Director, and Coordinator for Intramural Sports will use professional discretion when necessary to make exceptions to these policies and guidelines.

## **XXIII. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### *Intramural Sports Official:*

A student is encouraged to apply to be an intramural sports official if he/she possesses a love for sports and is willing to work and develop a skill that can be very rewarding. Only students are hired and trained to officiate in the UGA Intramural Sports program. Officials are needed for flag football, volleyball, basketball, softball, soccer, and dodgeball. No experience is necessary to become an intramural sports official. Training sessions will be held to teach the necessary skills through classroom sessions and on-the-field experiences that will enable officials to improve as the season progresses.

Training clinics will be held for all the team sports in the weeks leading up to the season. Attendance is mandatory for all sessions per sport in order to be eligible to officiate that sport. Throughout the season several clinics will be held to help improve mechanics and to answer questions that will inevitably arise.

Intramural Sports official pay rates may range based on skill level and experience. If interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact the Intramural Sports Office at (706) 542-5060 and ask for the Coordinator for Intramural Sports.

*Intramural Sports Scorekeeper:*

The Intramural Sports program also hires students to work as scorekeepers for various sports. If interested in becoming an intramural sports scorekeeper, please contact the Intramural Sports office at (706) 542-5060 and ask for either the Coordinator for Intramural Sports or the Assistant Director for Intramural Sports.

**XXIV. HEALTH, INJURIES, AND LIABILITY**

Some of the recreational sports activities are quite strenuous; others are only moderately so. The health of individuals participating in recreational sports is their 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 can assist teammates by reminding them of the individual responsibilities in this matter.