Saint Joseph's University
Intramural Manual
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General Information

Intramural Code
Sport activities find their origin in the basic need for the spirit of play. Winning and losing are mere outcomes of this play spirit. Part of the game is the pure satisfaction of participation, getting fit, and enhancing friendships. Without your opponent, you have no game, no contest, and no fun. Upholding high standards of integrity and fair play acknowledges this idea of cooperative competition.

The Intramural Sports Program is designed to encourage the SJU community to participate in organized sport activities. These activities promote participation and socialization between groups and individuals, enhance physical fitness, and foster a spirit of fair play and sportsmanship among participants and spectators.

This code (in conjunction with sport specific modifications and accredited association rules) will govern all IM sports and events. The rules outlined in this code are subject to change at the discretion of the SJU Campus Recreation Professional Staff. The staff reserves the rights to amend, add to, or delete from this code with the overall success of the program in mind.

Assumption of Responsibility
I have read and understand the Intramural eligibility rules and have verified that each player on my team complies with these rules. If there is an error or discrepancy I will assume full responsibility. Failure to comply with these rules will result in sanctions being levied against the individual and/or team in violation as set forth in the IM Code.

Statement of Risk
A. Before taking advantage of any of the recreational sports and fitness activities at SJU, we urge you to consult your physician regarding your ability to participate in the activities offered.
B. The University assumes that all participants have verified their own health and fitness, have obtained proper health insurance, and realize they are responsible for the risks inherent in any recreational activity.
C. Complete the online waiver. No one can play without signing the waiver form.

Mutual Agreement Clause
A. This code, coupled with the sport specific rules and sport association rules, will govern all intramural events and activities.
B. The rules governing intramurals, to include this code, sport specific, and association rules, may not be changed or ignored by mutual agreement of team captains or individual competitors.

Player & Spectator Conduct
A. Teams are responsible for their spectators, as such both players and spectators are expected to remain under control during an intramural event and are expected to treat all other players, officials, and intramural staff with respect.
B. At any time an official or supervisor may eject a player or spectator for any reason they deem reasonable.
C. If a player is ejected, they must leave the premises immediately and will be ineligible to play the following game. If a spectator is ejected, the spectator must leave immediately and the team will face consequences.
D. The player or spectator must meet with the Department of Recreation Professional Staff before they are eligible to play/watch again.
E. Two ejections will result in a player being disqualified from the league.

ID Verification
A. SJU ID Cards will be checked at all IM contests to verify eligibility. If participants do not have their SJU ID Card present, they will not be permitted to play.
B. SJU Faculty & Staff members may use their work ID Cards to check in for contests as long as they are eligible to play in that league if it is open to SJU Faculty & Staff.

Alcohol/Substance Policy
A. All intramural events fall under the Student Code of Conduct enforced by Saint Joseph's University. Anyone affiliated with an intramural contest or event must follow Saint Joseph's University Student Code of Conduct guidelines for Alcohol/Substance policies. This includes, but not limited to: participants, coaches, spectators, and visitors.
B. Anyone in violation of the Alcohol/Substance policy will be immediately reported to Public Safety, no questions asked. Campus Recreation workers, officials, and professional staff members have and will exercise the right to prohibit participation of an individual under suspicion concerning influence of substances.
C. No alcohol/substances/tobacco/smoking is permitted at or near intramural activity sites.

Intramural Office Information
The Intramural Office is located in the lower gym of the O'Pake Recreation Center. All students are welcome to stop in with any questions or concerns or set up an appointment. The Intramural Coordinator can be reached by phone at 610-660-1703 or by email at akissing@sju.edu.

Intramural Facility Information
SJU intramural games are held on campus and include but are not limited to the following facilities:
A. Berwick Lawn
B. Curran Field
C. O'Pake Upper & Lower Gyms
D. Sweeney Field

Online Information
Please check the following online platforms for updates and added information:
A. Website- https://sites.sju.edu/recreation/
C. Facebook- https://www.facebook.com/SJURecSports/
D. Twitter- https://twitter.com/SJU_Recreation
E. Instagram- https://www.instagram.com/sjucampusrec/
Eligibility

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If you are a current student, faculty, or staff member, you are eligible to participate in the intramural program. Members of the intercollegiate squads are ineligible to participate on an intramural sport on a team in the sport (or related sport) in which they are a member listed on the official team roster as of the first game of the season. A red shirt athlete is also considered a squad member. Partial and non-qualifiers may participate in their designated sports, however only one (1) such player may play per team. Such a player is eligible upon registration for the duration of the league. Non-qualifiers are not eligible to participate in the City 6 events featuring the sport (or related sport) they play. Partial and non-qualifiers may participate in a related or special event but will not be eligible for prizes or placement. Club members are ineligible for participation in their related sport.

League Eligibility
It is standard practice within university campus recreation programs that men compete in Men and Co rec leagues and women compete in Women and Co rec leagues. Exceptions are made solely at the discretion of professional staff if a league is not available to a specific gender due to facility or participation constraints.

Inclusion of Gender Non-Conforming Students
Saint Joseph’s University intramural program, in keeping with the University’s policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of gender identity, will allow students to participate in any sport division with which they identify. Once an individual has participated as a particular gender, they must compete according to that gender for the remainder of that sport’s season.

Captains Responsibilities
A. It is incumbent upon the captain of each team to take the time and make the effort to inform his/her team of all rules and regulations set forth in this set of rules, as well as any other set of rules that may apply to a given activity.
   a. You will be expected to know and comply with all rules and guidelines that may apply to the sport that you are participating in. Copies of sport specific rules, the IM Code, and accredited association rules are available in the IM Office an online at www.imleagues.com/sju.
B. These rules are designed to make intramural sports safe, fun, and enjoyable for everyone, while at the same time maintaining the competitiveness inherent to each division that we offer.
C. Ignorance of a rule or policy is not an excuse to break them.
**Rosters**

A. Rosters contain a lot of useful information, and therefore should be filled out in full. Players may be added to your roster throughout the regular season.
B. Once a player plays on a team, they are unable to play on another team in that league.
C. No game time additions will be allowed. Once the playoffs begin (league ties included) no new players may be added to your team’s roster.

**Sport Clubs**

A. Sport club participants who are members of a traveling team are limited to two players per team (in a same or “like” sport), and must participate in the high competition division if available.
B. Members of an individual sport club may not participate in the same or “like” sport.

**Varsity and Professional Athletes**

A. Current varsity athletes may not participate in a same or “like” sport. Former varsity athletes at this or another NCAA sanctioned institution must wait one calendar year from the time he/she was last on the roster to participate in a same or “like” sport.
B. Professional athletes may not participate in a same or “like” sport.
C. Former professional athletes must wait one calendar year from the last time he/she competed professionally to be eligible to compete in a same or “like” sport.

**One Team**

Players may play on only one team in each sports league. Exception: players may play on on single gender and one co-rec team in a given sport.

**“Like” Sport**

Refers to sports that require similar skills. Examples: Baseball & Softball.

**Eligibility Protests**

A. If you think your opponent is using an ineligible player, or is violating our eligibility rules in any way, please inform the game official or Intramural Supervisor.
B. The game will continue as normal, and the IM Staff will investigate the matter.
C. If you discover the violation after the game is completed you can file a protest in the Intramural Office within 24 hours of the completion of the contest.
D. Please have the player in question’s name available, the Intramural Office will not investigate every player on a team based on the notion that one player may be ineligible.
League Policies

Registration
A. Sign up online at http://www.imleagues.com/sju.
B. Pay the required league fee via the Marketplace portal, accessed by clicking here. You will get this back if your team holds a good sportsmanship rating and does not forfeit a game throughout the season.
C. A Captain, Co-Captain and/or team representative must attend ALL of the required meetings for that particular sport. Failure to attend the meetings will result in forfeiture of your league fee, and could affect your team’s eligibility.

Waitlist Policy
A. Due to limitations on facility space, most leagues and special events will have a cap on how many teams are allowed to participate. Once a league fills, any future teams will be placed on a Waitlist. In order to be considered for movement from the Waitlist into a league, teams must complete the following:
   a. Have the minimum number of players on their roster
   b. Attend all mandatory meetings
   c. Turn in the appropriate league fee
B. Once a team has met these requirements, they are eligible to be moved into any openings in a league.
C. Preference will be given based on when the team was created on IMLeagues, using the time stamp function on the website.

Scheduling Games
A. In order for a team to be scheduled games in a league or special event, the following procedures must be followed:
   a. Registered on IMLeagues before the registration deadline
   b. Registered in the appropriate league
   c. Have the minimum number of players on their roster
   d. Attend any mandatory meetings
   e. Turn in the appropriate performance bond
B. Failure to meet any of these stipulations will result in the team being dropped from the league.

Rescheduling Games
A. Rainouts- Regular Season games canceled due to rain or other weather related reasons will be made up on a case by case basis.
B. Rescheduling- As a general rule, we will try reschedule regular season games the best we can. We will try to accommodate preseason requests and reschedule weekly games if absolutely necessary and if given at least five days notice. During playoffs we will do what we can to accommodate all teams.
**Playoffs**
A. Only players who have competed in at least two regular season games may participate in the playoffs.
B. Depending on facility availability and the number of competing teams, all teams with a record of over .500 AND are in good standing with the Intramural Program will be eligible for playoffs. Teams .500 and below will only make playoffs if their team evens out a playoff bracket.
C. Each Intramural Sports League and respective Division may have its own policies for playoff eligibility based on the total amount of teams.

**Divisions**
A. Competitive: This division is for undergraduate & graduate students. It is for highly skilled, experienced players and is designed to be a competitive league. When offered, this league competes in the Philadelphia City 6 Tournament.
B. Co-Rec-: This division is comprised of teams with the required number of male and female participants as set by each league. The number of participants differs from sport to sport so please see each sport’s rules for further clarification. Skill levels in this league vary.
C. Faculty & Staff: This division is for SJU faculty & staff. The league format will depend on the number of teams entered. Skill levels in this league vary.
D. Men’s- This division is for male participants of undergraduate and graduate student status. Skill levels in this league vary.
E. Recreational- This division is for undergraduate and graduate students. It is designed to be a less competitive league with the intention of having fun in an organized sport setting.
F. Women’s- This division is for only female participants of undergraduate and graduate students. Skill levels in this league vary.

**Rule Protests**
A. If you feel that a rule has been interpreted and/or applied incorrectly you must protest immediately. A protest must be made immediately after the incident in question and can only be filed by the captain.
B. Once play resumes, no protest can be filed. Ask the game official to get the Intramural Supervisor to calmly discuss the scenario, how the rule was applied, how you think it should have been applied, etc. The Intramural Supervisor will then make a decision based on the information that has been presented.
C. No protests will be honored once play has resumed after the play in question.
Note: Protests of officials’ judgment calls will not be honored. IM Supervisors will only honor protests of rules interpretations.
Forfeits

A. Each team will be required to pay a league fee to register their team. Your team will lose this league fee for any of the following:
   a. Last minute forfeits
   b. Missing a captain’s meeting
   c. Unsportsmanlike conduct
   d. Disqualification from league

B. Forfeit: A forfeit will be declared if your team fails to show up with a minimum number of players.
   a. This number will vary from sport to sport, please see the sport specific rules for the sport in question for requirements of each sport.
   b. One forfeited game will result in loss of your team’s league fee and will eliminate your team from playoff contention.
   c. A second forfeit will be cause for disqualification from the league.

Equipment

All participants are required to wear proper recreational attire. This includes t-shirts, gym shorts, wind or sweat pants, and athletic closed toe shoes. Jewelry should not be worn, using tape to cover jewelry is not acceptable. Metal cleats and participants wearing casts are prohibited from intramural play. At the discretion of the IM official and/or supervisor, players may be asked to remove clothing or accessories that may be dangerous to him/herself or competitors.

The recreation department will provide sporting equipment unless otherwise noted. This includes footballs, flags, basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, softballs, bats, etc. Note: softball gloves are not provided but are required to play.

Philadelphia City 6

Information

The Philadelphia City 6 Extramural Classic is the nation's only association of college recreation departments offering undergraduate intramural teams from participating schools an opportunity to compete for a city championship each year. The Extramural Classic has been a frequent focus at regional and national conferences and serves as a model for other programs and institutions. City 6 is composed of the following colleges: Drexel University, LaSalle University, Saint Joseph's University, Temple University, University of Pennsylvania and Villanova University. The City 6 championships are organized for flag football, volleyball, basketball and softball. For more information, please click here.