

Welcome to Campus Recreation and the Intramural Sports Program.

The Intramural Sports Program offers a broad spectrum of activities for the members of the UIC community interested in competition, personal challenges, and fitness, as well as enjoyment and satisfaction of participation.

The Intramural Sports Program offers the opportunity to enjoy friendly competition while at the same time providing a healthy and fun contact with a diverse group of individuals within the UIC community.

The success of the Intramural Program depends a great deal on the Team Captain and/or organizational Intramural Chairs. The program could not function without these people organizing teams. They have an extremely important role as the liaison between the staff members of the Intramural Program and the members of a team and/or organization.

The Intramural Sports Policy Manual has been designed to provide students with the information necessary to fulfill the duties as a Team Captain. The manual contains policies and procedures that are essential for a team participating in the Intramural Program. The Team Captain should read this manual thoroughly and be familiar with the policies and procedures of the Intramural Program. They must also pass the captain's quiz (when applicable) prior to creating a team to receive pertinent information for a particular sport.

Intramural Sports are fun and exciting. They offer a great opportunity for meeting new people and building relationships. The Intramural Sports Program prides itself on the opportunities and challenges it provides for the students, faculty and staff of UIC. We hope you take full advantage of every opportunity and wish you the best during the school year.

Sincerely,

Intramural Sports Administration

## THE INTRAMURAL PROGRAM (Article 1)

Intramural sports complement the entire recreation program by providing organized competition in a variety of sports and events. Activities come in three different forms: leagues, tournaments, and individual events. Sports and events will be offered at the Student Recreation Facility (SRF), the Sport and Fitness Center (SFC), the Outdoor Fields Complex (OFC), and the Outdoor Recreation Courts (ORC).

- I. The intramural program is open to all current students, faculty and staff of the UIC community. The intramural program provides Men's, Women's, Co-Rec, and Open opportunities. The Co-Recreational events are designed for male and female participants who wish to play on a team together. The open events have no team gender requirements.

When possible, Leagues will be divided into two divisions, Competitive and Recreational.

- II. For league sports, it is best to put a team together with people you know from classes, residence halls, campus organizations, etc. However, if you do not know many of your classmates yet, there is no better way of making friends than by forming and/or joining an intramural team. Participants have the ability to sign up as a free agent on the IMLeagues website if they do not have a team to join. Captains are able to view the free agent list and encouraged to invite free agents to their team. Free agents are also encouraged to reach out to captains and request placement on their roster. Signing up as a free agent does not guarantee a spot on a roster.
- III. The intramural program seeks to meet the needs and interests of the diverse campus population. Games are provided for play in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. **There is no place, in recreation or athletic competition, for derogatory or harmful comments or behavior that is intimidating or**

**threatening. Please treat all participants and officials with respect. Severe repercussions will be taken against offending parties. All Intramural and campus recreation employees have the right to remove anyone from a game/match/competition if they are displaying inappropriate or unsportsmanlike behavior.**

**a. If a player is removed from a game for behavior, they must contact the Intramural Sports Administration to set up a conduct meeting.**

- IV. The Intramural program continues to grow in the types of activities offered and individuals who participate. Your continued support of the program is the main factor for the relative success of this aspect of campus life. All individuals are encouraged to participate at a level that best meets their recreational needs. The Intramural Sports Administration reserves the right to change the division of teams based on capability.
- V. Participation in any intramural activity is voluntary. Each individual participating assumes the responsibility for their own health and insurance needs. It is strongly suggested that all participants undergo a physical examination prior to participating in any sports or activity. The University of Illinois at Chicago and Campus Recreation assume no responsibility for insurance coverage or payment of property damage or medical bills incurred due to injury while participating in intramural sports.

#### **PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY (Article 2)**

- I. Only current UIC students, faculty, and staff are eligible to participate in intramural activities. Faculty and staff members are encouraged to participate in intramural sports. There is no fee for individual participation in intramural sports for fee-paying students; however, participants must have a

facility/staff membership or pay the daily facility entrance fee to participate in indoor events.

- II. A person may only represent one (1) gender specific team and one co-recreational team during each sport season. The UIC Intramural Sports program recognizes and encourages the UIC transgender student population and enables students to participate in divisions based upon their personal gender identity. It is highly encouraged transgender students contact the Intramural Sports Administration for more information prior to participation, to avoid any miscommunication at game time.
- III. An individual's first participation in a team sport limits participation to that particular team throughout the sport season. If a person plays for a second team during that sport season, they will be placed on the first team that the person registered for and/or removed from league play for the remainder of the season. If participation on the secondary team continues and/or is during post-season play, person will be suspended indefinitely, and games played with the second team will be forfeited.
- IV. Sport club members are eligible to participate in their related sport, but there is a limit to the number of club players that can be listed on a single roster. This limit is dependent on the number of players competing on the court/field for that sport, as the maximum number of club players per roster is half the number of players that are competing at one time. For example, if the game is 6v6 Volleyball, then 3 club players in that specific sport (in this case Volleyball) are allowed to be on the roster. If it is 7v7 soccer, then 3.5 sport club players from the soccer club are allowed to be on roster, which rounds into 4. In the event of an odd number of players as outlined in the example above with soccer, the number is rounded up from a half number to the nearest whole number. Sport Club members are defined as those whose names are recorded on

the club rosters, currently practicing with the team or have competed with the club as a member during the academic year. Please note: the IM staff will not address this issue unless it is protested by the opposing team. After investigation by the IM Administrative staff, if team is found in violation that game will be considered a forfeit. If not found in violation, that game will be as it stands.

- V. Intercollegiate squad members are ineligible to participate in intramurals in their sport or a related sport for the entire school year. A squad member is defined as someone whose name is recorded on the official team roster. Transfer students (athletes who played on an intercollegiate team at a previously attended college/university) and academically ineligible athletes are eligible to participate in intramurals if they meet all of the following criteria:

1. Their names are not listed on any official squad roster
2. They are not practicing with the team
3. They are not receiving an award/scholarship from the athletic department
4. They did not receive a varsity award the previous academic school year

A participant who has received a varsity award as a member of an intercollegiate team at a Division I school is ineligible to participate in that sport until one academic year has passed after the academic year of their last competition. A professional player is ineligible to compete in the sport or related sport in which amateur standing was broken. Please note: the IM staff will not address this issue unless it is protested by the opposing team. After investigation by the IM Administrative staff, if team is found in violation that game will be considered a forfeit. If not found in violation, that game will be as it stands

- VI. Player i-cards will be checked prior to each game, and held by the Intramural Supervisor for the remainder of the game. A valid photo ID can be used in place of an i-card if the person is listed on the active roster. The staff will not keep any identification other than an i-card. Falsification of names on the scorecard or participation under an assumed name will lead to suspension from all intramural sports during that academic term. Games played with illegal players will be forfeited.

### **TEAM ELIGIBILITY (Article 3)**

- I. Eligibility status is the responsibility of each individual and team captain. All registered teams must have a complete roster on [www.IMLeagues.com](http://www.IMLeagues.com) in order to be considered eligible to participate. If a team does not have a complete roster after registration has closed, they will be placed on a waitlist and will not be allowed to participate. Individual members of a team must create their own IMLeagues account and add themselves to their desired team roster. Without creating this account, the individuals will not be able to add themselves to any roster. Players must register on site if they do not have an account or are not listed on the teams active roster. Individuals will not be allowed to participate until they verify their status on the team roster.

As stated previously, participants are only allowed to participate on two teams per event, one gender specific and one Co-Recreational.

### **CAPTAIN'S MEETING (Article 4)**

- I. Each team captain will be responsible for attending a mandatory captain's meeting in order to be considered eligible to participate. The captain's meeting is offered on multiple days during the final registration week. The team captain or a team representative must attend this meeting in order to secure

their team's spot in their division. If a team is on the waitlist and their captain attends the meeting, they can take the place of the team who failed to attend.

#### **ROSTER ADDITIONS (Article 5)**

- I. Teams may make roster additions throughout the course of the season. Rosters will lock on the first day of playoffs for all leagues within that play session. A player can be added to the roster during post-season play at the discretion of the Intramural Sports Administration. Roster additions must be done the same way creating a team is done. Individuals who would like to place themselves on a roster prior to playoffs must create their own IMLeagues account. After an individual has done this, they will be allowed to add themselves to the roster that they desire. The captain of a team may also send a request to the individual to be added to their team roster. Go to [www.IMLeagues.com](http://www.IMLeagues.com) to create an account.

#### **FORFEITS (Article 6)**

- I. **Game time is forfeit time.** Teams must be ready to play and have the minimum number of required players for the sport present to play at game time to avoid a forfeit. Intramural Sports will operate under the statement that "game time is forfeit time". Players should show up at least ten minutes prior to the scheduled contest. All players should begin to check in at the conclusion of the previous contest or ten minutes before game time. Any team using an ineligible player will forfeit the game. A "forfeit" is when a team fails to communicate with the Intramural staff, does not show up to the event, or does not have enough players to compete. This will result in a \$25 fee, a loss on the record, and a zero sportsmanship rating for that game. The captain will not be allowed to play ANY Intramural sport until the fee is paid. Two (2) forfeits will result in dismissal from the league.

Forfeit fees will only be accepted at the Student Recreation Facility (737 South Halsted) at the membership desk. You may pay via cash, check or credit. No forfeit fee payment will be collected on site by the Intramural student staff. All participants paying forfeit fees on the same day of play must show the receipt as proof of payment to Intramural student staff while checking into the game, in order to be eligible to participate.

If a team decides to drop from the league after the league has been scheduled, the team will be charged the \$25.00 fee as if it were a forfeit.

#### **DEFAULTS (Article 7)**

- I. If a team cannot make a scheduled game, they may contact the intramural office and request a default. A "default" will be awarded if the team captain/ representative sends an e-mail or phone call to the Intramural Sport's Administration by 12:00pm the day of the scheduled game. If game is on Saturday or Sunday the team captain/representative can call or send an email but must do so before 12:00pm on the Friday before the game. If the game is between 12pm and 4pm (some extended tournament schedules) you must contact the Intramural Sports Administration by 9am on the day of your contest if your team cannot attend. A default will result in a loss on your record and a five sportsmanship rating. Two (2) defaults will result in dismissal from the league. When defaulting, the captain must provide the intramural office with the sport, league, division, team name, date of game, time of game, and name of the captain/representative.
- II. If a team would like to reschedule their game for a later date and time, they can fill out a reschedule request and contact their opposing team's captain to see if they agree to move their game. This form can be found out online under the rules and

manual tab on IMLeagues.com. This form must be submitted by noon (12pm) the day of the scheduled contest to the IM administrative staff. Please note, we cannot guarantee a reschedule due to time and facility space but will try our best!

### **MISCONDUCT (Article 8)**

- I. Abusive language or behavior will not be tolerated from players, coaches or spectators. Fighting or striking an official or opponent will lead to immediate ejection and suspension. Players ejected from a game are automatically suspended from ALL Intramural Sport's contest and the ejected player must reply to the Intramural Sports Administration to schedule a meeting with the IM Administration to determine their future participation within our IM program.
- II. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and drugs are not permitted on University property. Teams/individuals violating this regulation will be barred from competition and instructed to leave the playing area.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP RATING SYSTEM (Article 9)**

- I. The Sportsmanship Rating System was designed to regulate some of the behavior that occurs during intramural activities. The system consists of a five-point scale, ranging from excellent to poor sportsmanship.
- II. Teams have the ability to score between zero (0) and five (5) on the following subjects
  1. Unsportsmanlike Penalties
  2. Respect Towards Intramural Staff
  3. Respect Towards Opposing Team
  4. Miscellaneous (Language, Show Boating, Fans)
- III. The officials, supervisor, and scorekeepers will come to a consensus, and will determine the scores at the end of each

contest. The rating is based on the intramural staff's opinion of the team's conduct during that contest.

- IV. Teams receiving less than a three average on their regular season games will not be allowed to participate in the playoffs.
- V. Teams that receive below a three sportsmanship rating at any time during playoffs will forfeit that contest and will not be allowed to advance, regardless of the final score.
- VI. **Playoff tie-breaker will be determined using the following criteria(listed in order of first to last)**
  1. Winning percentage
  2. Sportsmanship rating
  3. Head to head matchup
  4. Point differential

### **PROTESTS (Article 10)**

- I. Judgment calls cannot be protested. All protests involving rule interpretations/applications must be filed with officials and supervisor before play resumes. Protests will not be accepted after the game. Protests of a player's eligibility must be declared before the end of the game to the supervisor on duty (there is some leeway for extenuating circumstances). Eligibility of both teams will be checked when an eligibility protest is filed. Decisions made by intramural supervisors concerning protests may be appealed to the Intramural Sports Administration. This protest must be made in writing and turned in before the end of the same business day (midnight) to the Intramural Coordinator. If player is found to be ineligible before midnight, that team will forfeit the game and their opponents will take the win. If player is found ineligible after stated deadline, the team will automatically forfeit any future game if this player continues to play for said team without being on the roster during their respected season.

## POSTPONMENTS (Article 11)

- I. Decisions on canceling games due to inclement weather, or other facility issues, will be made no less than one hour before the scheduled event.
- II. Campus Recreation and the Intramural Sports Program reserve the right to cancel games due to poor field conditions.
- III. Team League contests will not be rescheduled due to inclement weather. The teams whose games are cancelled will be given a victory for that contest.
- IV. Teams will be emailed in regards to the status of their games for that day. Captains may also contact the intramural sports office for weather updates. Please note: we play on turf fields so games will be called closer to their start time, if necessary.
- V. If the intramural sports supervisors determine that it is necessary to cancel games in the middle of the evening, the team captains will receive a phone call with the details of the cancellation/ postponement. In the event a game is cancelled mid-contest, a reschedule may occur at the discretion of the Intramural Sports Administration, or the game will be listed as final based on the score at the point of cancellation.

**NOTE: While every possible attempt to reschedule games is made during tournament play, this may not be possible during league play. Facility and time limitations may cause teams to play as many as four games in four days, or double headers to advance to the next round. Each team that makes it to the playoffs bracket must be ready to play any day/any time.**

## INTRAMURAL OFFICIALS (Article 12)

The success of an intramural program is dependent largely on the quality of its Intramural officials. Well-officiated contests, events and activities

enhance the quality of the program and the satisfaction of the program participants. Officials are trained in all team sports through a series of clinics, conducted prior to each sport, by the Intramural Sports Administration, student supervisors and returning intramural officials.

Officiating is often a thankless task with many participants, teams and spectators failing to recognize the important role officiating plays in the Intramural Sports Program. The individuals involved with officiating constantly find ways to improve all aspects of the program. The Intramural Sports staff is convinced that improvements will subsequently benefit the entire program as well as better the quality of the participants' intramural experience.

Disrespect toward officials (i.e. – arguing, threatening, verbal abuse, physical abuse, profanity, taunting) will not be tolerated. Also prohibited are actions which, although not directly disrespectful toward an official or an opponent, tend to incite spectators. Managers or captains are not to justify any such disrespectful actions. Such acts are in no way conducive to the quality of the Intramural Sports Program.

An official is unique in that they receive little praise; a great deal of criticism and little compensation for such an integral role in the Intramural Sports Program. For many officials, the Intramural Sports Program is the stepping stone to high school, collegiate and, perhaps, professional sports officiating. The individual participants, teams and the team managers must all assume the responsibility in helping to make the Officiating Program at UIC one of quality.

Those individuals interested in officiating should fill out an application on at [www.recreation.uic.edu](http://www.recreation.uic.edu) or contact the current Intramural Sports Coordinator directly.

For more information about the intramural program, you may contact the current Intramural Sports Coordinator (contact information can be found on [IMLeagues.com](http://IMLeagues.com) and [recreation.uic.edu](http://recreation.uic.edu) or stop by the SRF in person.)