Intramural Sports Policies and Procedures Handbook

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This handbook will provide specific information about the TAMUCC Intramural Sports program. Every attempt has been made to list accurate information, changes are necessary as the dates for events near. Please consult flyers, Bulletin Boards, and http://recsports.tamucc.edu/index.html.

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Recreational Sports Mission Statement

The Recreational Sports Department provides facilities, equipment, and opportunities for participation in a variety of sports, recreational and social activities designed to accommodate all ages, skill levels, gender, and sports interests for the University community.
Participation facilitates educational interaction outside of the classroom among students, faculty and staff. The activities stimulate a sense of community; provide leadership and development opportunities; and promote individual wellness.
The department is a part of the Student Engagement and Success is an institutional member of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association. Recreational Sports offers a number of programs in the areas of intramurals sports, fitness and wellness, aquatics, sport clubs, outdoor adventure and open recreation.

Intramural Sports Program Overview

The Intramural Sports Program operates within the Recreational Sports Department. We pride ourselves on the comprehensive and diverse opportunities provided to the community at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. We offer sports ranging from single day tournaments to multi-week league sports. We provide individual/dual sports such as badminton, table tennis, Nintendo Wii tournaments, Pick Em contests and team sports such as flag football, volleyball, softball and basketball. The staff overseeing the Intramural Sports Program has an assortment of experiences with different programs, different school sizes, and different officiating backgrounds. This program is run on a daily basis by student supervisors as well as officiated by student officials.

Intramural Sports Staff

Office Hours and Contact Information
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am to 7:00pm Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm
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Employment Opportunities

Varying employment opportunities are available through the Intramural program and the Recreational Sports department. We are always looking for students who have a positive mindset and who want to be a positive influence on our program and department as a whole. We will always post our open positions on our Career Services website with a job description: http://career-services.tamucc.edu/.

Officials: We need officials for all of our major sport’s (Flag Football, Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball). There is no experience necessary to become an official. You will have the opportunity to learn everything you need to know for each sport through classroom and on-field trainings. In order to become an official you will need to complete the training process that will include a classroom rules session, an on-field/court session, and a follow up meeting where you will be tested on the material that was covered in your training sessions (an 80% score is needed to become an official). You will also need to have your payroll packet completed and turned in before you can sign up for shifts. After completing these requirements, you will have the opportunity to sign up for shifts. During the course of the season, all officials will be evaluated and given feedback regarding their performance.

If you are interested in becoming an Intramural Official please speak with the Coordinator of Intramural Sports.

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Intramural Supervisors: Supervisor’s are generally promoted from the ranks of the officials after exposure to the program and officiating. These individuals will be responsible for on-site supervision of all intramural sports activities and officials. Supervisors handle all issues that arise during the night. They will also be required to work additional shifts in the Intramural Sports Office.

Intramural Assistance

Team Captains (or their designated representative) and individual participants may call (361) 825-2313 on Monday-Thursday 8:00am to 5:30pm and Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm during the semester for defaulting, assistance with rescheduling games (if that option is available depending on the event), checking the status of the games that day (please do not call until after 1:00pm for weather questions), or any other inquiries regarding Intramural Sports.

Intramural Registration

Registration for all sports and activities takes place online, through IMLeagues software. Each sport will have a specific registration date and time, in which team captains choose their team’s league and division. Please see link and instructions on the Texas A&M University Corpus Christi Recreational Sports website. http://www.imleagues.com/Default.aspx

Each captain is responsible for creating a team password, and recruiting members. If you are having difficulty finding players you may refer to the free agent section on IMLeagues to find available players for the specific sport.

Eligibility

All intramural participants must have a Recreational Sports membership.

Undergraduate Students: Undergraduate students who are enrolled in the University for one (1) or more hours are eligible to compete in the intramural sports program. University Prep students are not eligible for intramurals.

Graduate Students: Graduate students who are enrolled in the University for one (1) or more hours and have paid the Rec Center fee are eligible to compete in the intramural sports program.
Faculty and Staff Members: Faculty and staff members who purchase a Semester or Annual Use Permit (Rec Center Pass) are eligible to compete in the intramural sports program.

Alumni: are not eligible for any TAMUCC Intramural Sports events.

Team Limitations: A player may represent only one Men’s Open or Women’s Open team. A person may also represent one Co-Rec team in any sport in any season. A player in violation of this restriction becomes an ineligible player.

Assumed Names: No player may compete in an intramural event under any name other than his or her own. Players in violation will immediately become ineligible players in any intramural activity until reinstated by the Division of Recreational Sports.

Persons Ejected/Removed from Intramural Contests: Players, coaches or spectators removed from an intramural contest are ineligible to compete in any intramural activity until reinstated by the Coordinator of Intramural Sports.

Intercollegiate Athletes and Former Intercollegiate Athletes: An individual is considered an intercollegiate athlete if they appear on the roster of any NCAA Division team or institution. This may be on the Varsity, Junior Varsity, or Reserve team, or in any way listed by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at any Division level institution. Any player whose name appears on the athletic roster after the first intercollegiate game in that sport shall be considered as being on the roster for that academic year. These individuals shall be ineligible to compete in that particular sport (or an intramural related sport) for a period of one full calendar year from the last scheduled game played for the last year the player is listed on the roster or the entire following season of that related intramural sport. Intercollegiate athletes are considered to be part of an athletic program for the entire academic year that they are listed on an intercollegiate roster. An example: An individual plays basketball in the 2011-2012 season would not be eligible to play intramural basketball. This individual would have to sit out intramural basketball for the 2012-2013 Intramural Basketball events. Eligibility for intramural basketball would return in the Fall of 2013.

Intercollegiate Athletics and Related Intramural Sports
An athlete who is an intercollegiate athlete may not participate in the following “related sports” of the intramural sports program. All variations of men, women, and co-rec sports are included.

1. Intercollegiate football players may not participate in intramural sports in the sports of flag football or 4on4 football.
2. Intercollegiate baseball players may not participate in the intramural sports of softball or baseball.
3. Intercollegiate softball players may not participate in the intramural sports of softball or baseball.
4. Intercollegiate soccer players may not participate in the intramural sports of soccer or indoor soccer (futsal).
5. Intercollegiate swimmers may not participate in intramural swimming.
6. Intercollegiate basketball players may not participate in the intramural sports of basketball or 3on3 basketball.
7. Intercollegiate Track and Field or Cross Country athletes may not participate in the intramural Track or Cross Country events.
8. Intercollegiate Volleyball players may not participate in the intramural sports of volleyball or sand volleyball.
9. Intercollegiate athletes in individual sports may not participate in the corresponding intramural derivative sport (e.g. Golf scramble, tennis doubles, team bowling, etc.)

Any intercollegiate athlete should check with the Coordinator of Intramural Sports for a ruling concerning any sport not outlined or for additional sports added to the intramural calendar.
Professional Athletes: Any athlete who would be ineligible for varsity or extramural competition because of professionalism is prohibited from competing in that sport (or related sport) for a period of 5 calendar years from their last professional competition.

Sport Clubs: No Intramural team, in their related sport, shall have more than two (2) club sport members on its roster. All restrictions include Men’s, Women’s and Co-Rec divisions.

Men’s, Women’s, Co-Rec, and Open Divisions: A Men’s division is made up of male’s only (one exception if a women’s league does not make in that sport a Women can play in a Men’s league). A Women’s division is made up of females only, no exceptions here. A Co-Rec division is made up of male’s and female’s, check each sports rule as number of gender’s can vary. And an Open division is a league or tournament that has no requirements when it comes to genders.

Free Agent Program
Our Free Agent program gives individual participants a chance to play in leagues (if numbers permit). In all of our major sports there is the opportunity to sign up as a free agent on the IMLeagues Website. This allows you to meet other participants, create your team and select the times you will play. If you have an interest in a particular sport or activity and do not belong to a specific team, come to the Intramural Sports Office where you can receive information on the teams that are looking for players. If enough free agents sign up, the Intramural Coordinator will assist in forming a free agent team for that sport.

I.D. Policy
All participants of intramural sports activities must show a valid Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Sand Dollar to be allowed to participate. To participate in major and minor team sports, the Sand Dollar I.D. must be shown to the Intramural Sports Supervisor so they can identify the participant is a Student or Faculty/Staff. No Sand Dollar = No Play. If you are caught using a fake ID or someone else’s ID you will be suspended from Intramural Sports activities at the discretion of the Intramural Coordinator and the ID will be confiscated. If you are not a student at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and are caught, the ID will be confiscated, you will be ejected from the area, and you and the person on the confiscated ID will be reported to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi University Police. Intramural Sports is for current students, faculty and staff to participate in. We encourage community members to come and support our participants, but as spectators.

I.D. Policy for the Dugan Wellness Center
When you enter the Dugan Wellness Center you must swipe your Sand Dollar I.D. to be granted entrance. If you do not have your Sand Dollar you will not be allowed in the facility, no exceptions. You will then be required to provide it to Intramural Supervisor to verify. If for some reason you have lost your Sand Dollar you will need to retrieve a new one to be allowed in the Dugan Wellness Center.

Equipment
The Intramural Sports Program will provide some equipment for our major sports offered (jersey’s, flag belt’s, softball bats, softballs, and game ball) and most of the individual/dual and special events. Other equipment that the Intramural Sports Program doesn’t provide may be checked out at the Welcome Desk of the Dugan Wellness Center (basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, badminton equipment, table tennis equipment, etc.), if you ever have any questions on what equipment we do provide or may be available for checkout you can contact the Intramural Coordinator or the Rec Sports Office. Personal equipment used during intramural play must meet the requirements of the rules governing the sport. Captains are responsible for educating their team on the equipment restrictions for team sports. These regulations are found in each sport’s rule packets given to every captain at the captain’s meetings.
Jewelry
Jewelry is not allowed in any sport with the exception of medical alert bracelets. A good rule of thumb for the jewelry policy is, if we can see it then it needs to come off. The Intramural Supervisors and Officials will enforce this rule. If you have questions please speak to the Intramural Supervisor on duty. On site the decision of the supervisor will be final. This means, no tape will be provided to cover up or conceal piercings or jewelry.

Individual/Dual Events and Team Tournaments
All individual/dual events and team sports tournaments will be scheduled in advance, with registration ending one day before an individual/dual event and two days before a team sport tournament. If a player is not present at the time their match or game is announced, it will be declared a forfeit. Please register for these events on the IMLeagues.com website and plan to show up 15 minutes in advance of event. All individual/dual events and team tournaments are free.

Major and Minor Team Sports
Scheduling: For all major and minor team sports we will schedule based on the availability you submitted on the IMLeagues website. We will do our best to accommodate your availability.
Registration: You will register yourself and your team on the IMLeagues Website, you can then add players to your team that you created. You must provide the name of a captain with a phone number and a valid e-mail due to the fact that this is how you are contacted. If you do not meet the registration deadline in all team sport leagues you will not be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS.
Captain’s Meeting: This meeting is MANDATORY. During this meeting, policies and procedures along with rules for the sport will be discussed. The team will also receive their team schedule at this meeting. These captain meetings are geared to inform the captain’s of each team with as much information as possible while answering any questions they may have.

Forfeit Fee Deposit for League Activities
All of our league activities will require a Forfeit Fee Deposit of $30.00. The deposit must be paid prior to beginning of the season of the season. Your deposit fee maybe redeem at the end of the season for each league sport. TAMUCC Recreational Sports accepts cash, check, Sand Dollar, Visa or MasterCard and can be paid during normal business hours.

Schedules
All schedules for major team sports will be posted on the IMLeagues.com website as well as the Intramural Sport Bulletin board. Individual/Dual events and team tournament schedules made available 30 minutes before the start time of that particular event.

Reschedules, Defaults, and Forfeits
Reschedules: The rescheduling of a game is dependent on field/court availability, staff availability, and status of the season. If both team captains’ do not come in together physically then no reschedule will occur. All reschedule requests can be rejected by the Intramural Coordinator for any reason.
Defaults: Any team knowing in advance that they will be unable to play a regularly scheduled contest is given the opportunity to default a contest. In order to properly default a contest, the team captain or representative must physically come into the Dugan Wellness Offices and speak with the Intramural Coordinator by 12:00pm of the day that the contest is to be held. Weekend requests must be made by 12:00pm on the preceding Friday. A team that legally defaults a game will receive a loss in the league standings but will not receive a forfeit and your team will not be charged a forfeit fee.
Forfeits: A team will forfeit a contest when:
(A) a team is not ready to play at game time
(B) a team is found to be using an ineligible player
a team does not have the minimum number of players to start a contest outlined in the rules for that sport. **Default and Forfeit Scoring:** These will be the scores that are imputed onto IMLeagues. Ex: If team “A” were to default or forfeit a game to team “B”. The score on IMLeagues for a Flag Football game would be recorded as Team “A” loses to Team “B” 9 – 0.

**Flag Football** – Men’s – 9pts Women’s – 12pts CoRec – 12pts  
**Indoor Soccer** – Men’s, Women’s and CoRec – 3 goals  
**Volleyball** – Men’s, Women’s and CoRec – 2 games to 0  
**Kickball** – Men’s, Women’s and CoRec – 7 runs  
**Basketball** – Men’s, Women’s and CoRec – 15 pts  
**Softball** – Men’s, Women’s and CoRec – 10 runs  
**Outdoor Soccer** – Men’s, Women’s and CoRec – 3 goals

Any team that forfeits a game will be assessed a fee of $15.00 that will be taken from your $30.00 forfeit deposit. Forfeiture of two contests will constitute the team being dropped from the playoffs and the loss of the entire $30.00 forfeit deposit.

**Inclement Weather Information**
Participants may have games cancelled due to inclement weather. If this happens, individuals may call the Intramural Sports Office at 361-825-2313 after 1:00pm on the day of the contest. A decision whether or not games are being played will have been made by that time. The web site will be updated as much as possible to reflect weather situations, but please call the office to check. Your team captains will also be contacted through IMLeagues.com about weather cancellations if the decision is made early enough in the day.

**Participant Safety and Injuries**
The possibility of injury exists in all sports. The Department of Recreational Sports/Intramural Sports assumes no responsibility for injuries. However, basic first aid will be available at game sites. All participants acknowledge an assumption of risk by their voluntary participation in intramural activities. When a participant is observed bleeding, having an open wound, or having blood on his or her uniform, the player will be directed to leave the game. The injured player may not return to the game until the bleeding has stopped, the open wound covered, and/or the bloody uniform is changed. Play will continue play without the injured player. Knee and ankle braces that are unaltered from the manufacturer’s original design/production shall be permitted and do not require additional padding. Please review sport specific rules for additional equipment restrictions and requirements.

**Weather Postponements/Cancellations**
In the unfortunate event that there are cancellations or postponements of any intramural events it will be entirely up to the Intramural Coordinator if those games are rescheduled. If they are rescheduled the website will reflect those changes and each team will be contacted in this event.

**Protests**
All protests must be made by the team captain at the time of the incident to the Intramural Sports Supervisor. Questions pertaining to the interpretation of the rules on the part of the officials must be resolved by the Intramural Sports Supervisor in charge of that field/court at the time of the interpretation occurs and prior to the next live situation.

**Procedures for protesting a misinterpretation of the rules if:**

1) The team/participant feels an official has made a misinterpretation of a rule; the team captain shall calmly request a “time out” and inform the official that he/she wishes to have a ruling on the misinterpretation by the Intramural Sports Supervisor in charge.
a.) If a team does not have a time out to call for a protest, they can still protest by alerting the official to the protest of the call.
b.) If corrections are necessary, then the corrections will be made.
c.) If the protest is denied, a team time out will be administered (depending on the sport). A team without a “timeout” will be assessed a penalty based on the sport specific rules.

2) No protest will be upheld which involves the judgment of an official(s). The judgment of an official is final and this judgment will stay consistent with the Intramural Sports Supervisor and the Coordinator of Intramural Sports.

3) An error in interpretation by the Intramural Sports Supervisor will be subject to a written protest that must be filed by 12:00 noon the next business day. The team must alert the Intramural Sports Supervisor that they wish to protest the final ruling. The remainder of the game will be played under protest. The Intramural Sports Supervisor will record all pertinent game information on the protest form and the form must be submitted to the Intramural Sports Office by 12:00 noon the next business day. If the ruling of the Intramural Sports Supervisor is in error, a decision will be made by the Intramural Coordinator as to how to handle the protest and the game.

5) Any forms not submitted by 12:00 noon the following day will not be heard or discussed.

Procedure for protesting eligibility:

1) If you believe a player from an opposing team is ineligible by rule from an intramural event, you may submit a contest protest form at any time before, during or immediately following the contest. If you leave the facility or venue, you may not protest the eligibility of that player. In playoffs, all players’ eligibility protests must me made prior to the start of the game or the entry to the game of suspected ineligible player.

   a.) Obtain the form from the Intramural Sports Supervisor on duty.
   b.) Complete the form and return to the Intramural Sports Supervisor.
   c.) The Intramural Coordinator will inquire into the matter and determine the eligibility of the player and contact you regarding the decision.

2) If a player is found to be illegal, the team using that player will forfeit the contest regardless of the outcome and the score will be recorded as a forfeit.

Alcohol/Tobacco/Drug Usage

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi PROHIBITS possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drug usage on University property. This includes the Intramural Fields, The Dugan Wellness Center, Island Hall Gym, or any other venue utilized for Intramural Sports. If a team, either its participants or spectators, is found to possess or consume alcoholic beverages at an intramural event or if they come to participate under the influence of alcohol or drugs, that team may be forfeited from the event and suspended from all Intramural Sports activities. If the team, either participants or spectators, fail to comply with the request of the Intramural Sports staff, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Police will be called to handle the situation. For further information on the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi alcohol policy, please refer to the Student Handbook for the complete policy. Participants violating this policy may be referred to Judicial Affairs.

Smoke-Free Environment: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi strives to maintain a healthy environment on campus to protect the health of students, faculty, and staff. Smoking is prohibited in all University buildings, residence facilities, University vehicles, within 25 feet of doorways and semi enclosed walkways including the campus “spine,” in all gazebos, in the area surrounding the Early Childhood Development Center (from the curb to the building and inside the fenced area surrounding the building), and in all memorial plazas (Lee Plaza, Center for Instruction Courtyard, and the Garcia Plaza)
**Sportsmanship**

**Team names and uniforms**
The Intramural Sports Program reserves the right to change any team name that is deemed inappropriate or offensive. Teams that choose to wear uniforms must keep designs or logos displayed on their uniforms in good taste. Uniforms displaying inappropriate or suggestive material will be prohibited by the Intramural Coordinator.

**Who is responsible for participant behavior?**
First and foremost every individual is responsible for their own behavior. Every intramural participant is expected to behave in a manner that is respectful to other participants and staff and display conduct that is not demeaning or harmful to another person. If a person is involved in a sportsmanship related incident, that person will be responsible for clearing up the situation. If the person chooses not to take care of the situation in a timely manner, the captain of the team and/or the entire team can be held responsible for the individual’s conduct. The Intramural Coordinator will request a meeting with participants who have been reported to violate the policies and spirit of this program. If a request is made, the individual will need to call 361-825-2313 to make an appointment with the Intramural Coordinator as soon as possible.

**Sportsmanship Ratings**
In order to promote good sportsmanship the Intramural Program has adopted a sportsmanship policy. It is the responsibility of the team and players to make sure the game atmosphere is friendly and fun to both staff and fellow participants. The sportsmanship rating will be determined by game officials and will include behavior before, during and after each contest. Each team will receive a letter grade after each game. An unsportsmanlike/technical will be issued during contests to warn and/or eject individuals, teams or spectators. Ejections occur when an individual receives 2 minor unsportsmanlike/technical fouls or 1 major unsportsmanlike/technical fouls will result in the ejection of that individual. Please see “Mandatory Disciplinary Meetings” for ejected individuals.

**Minor Unsportsmanlike/Technical fouls could include, but are not limited to:**
- Verbal and non-verbal dissent towards officials
- Taunting opponents or staff
- Actions detrimental to the spirit of the game
- Unnecessary contact with opponent

(This will not require a meeting with the Intramural Sports Coordinator and the participant may resume play as normal)

**Major Unsportsmanlike/Technical fouls could include, but are not limited to:**
- Excessive verbal and non-verbal dissent towards officials
- Threats towards staff or opponents
- Fighting
- Second minor offense on same player
- Ejection from Intramural event or contest

(This will result in a mandatory meeting with the Intramural Coordinator before participation is allowed to resume)

Sportsmanship ratings will be based on the following criteria:

5/5 = Excellent conduct and sportsmanship. Players cooperate with officials and team members. The captain calmly converses with officials and has full control of his/her team. (5 points)

4/5 = Acceptable conduct and sportsmanship. Team members show minor dissent that may or may not merit a warning. Teams that earn 1 minor unsportsmanlike/technical foul will receive no higher than a B rating. Team captain exhibits some control over his/her team. (4 points)
3/5 = Below average conduct and sportsmanship. Team shows verbal dissent towards officials or opposing team that may or may not merit a warning. Team captain exhibits minor control over his/her team. Teams that earn 2 minor unsportsmanlike/technical’s from separate participants or one major unsportsmanlike/technical foul resulting in ejection will receive no higher than a 3.0 rating. (3 points)

2/5 = Poor conduct and sportsmanship. Team constantly shows dissent. Multiple instances of poor sportsmanship that could include minor and major infractions toward officials and/or opposing team; actions from those inflame or provoke. Team captain has little control over his/her team. (2 point)

1/5 = Unacceptable conduct and sportsmanship. Team completely uncooperative. Team captain has no control over team. Any team earning 3 minor unsportsmanlike/technical’s on separate participants, any team earning 1 major unsportsmanlike/technical foul resulting in ejection combines with 1 minor unsportsmanlike/technical on a separate participant will receive an F rating. Teams or team members using false identification will receive an 1.0 Rating. Any team with players, or spectators, in possession or under the influence of alcohol will receive an 1.0 rating. (1 points)

Any team receiving a 1 rating will be prohibited from further play until meeting with and being reinstated by the Intramural Coordinator.

Once in the playoffs teams must receive at least a 3.0 rating for each game played in order to advance. Teams may only receive one 3.0 or below rating in the playoffs. Additional Ratings 3.0 or below will result in removal from the playoffs. Teams that win by a “not ready to play “Forfeit will receive an 4.0 rating. Teams losing by a “not ready to play” Forfeit will receive a 2.0 rating. Teams that win by a default will receive a 4.0 rating. Teams losing by Default will receive a 4.0 rating.

Appeals -- The sportsmanship rating a team receives may not be appealed.

Team Captain Responsibility
The team captain will be held responsible for the actions of their team and their spectators. The team captain will be used as a mediator for his/her team throughout the season and throughout all intramural contests. The team representative MUST attend all required meetings for their sport (captain’s meeting ). We ask that the captain take control of players and spectators that are acting out and assist the Intramural Sports staff as much as possible in those cases. The captain can be reprimanded along with unruly players or spectators if the situation calls for such actions to be taken.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct
Any player ejected from a contest will be removed from the complex or building immediately (out of sight and sound) and is indefinitely suspended. That player must schedule a meeting with the Intramural Coordinator before he or she is eligible to participate in ALL intramurals. All disciplinary actions and decisions will be made by the Intramural Coordinator and the length of those suspensions could very due to the situation. The length of these suspensions could vary from one week to one year to a life-time ban; it all depends on the severity of the individual’s actions, which will be left to the discretion of the Intramural Coordinator.

Mandatory Disciplinary Meetings
To be considered for reinstatement to Intramural Sports activities after an ejection, all individuals or teams must schedule a meeting with the Intramural Coordinator. You will need to schedule this meeting ahead of time to prevent scheduling conflicts. That meeting must take place before that participant or team can continue ANY intramural event. Decision will be made within 48 hours and the party involved will be notified verbally.
Physical Abuse of Intramural Participants, Officials or Staff
If an intramural participant initiates or retaliates in a physical way (striking or attempting to strike, push, or shove another opponent, official or staff member), that person will be subject to a major disciplinary action which will be decided at the discretion of the Intramural Coordinator. Cases may be referred to University Police and/or Judicial Affairs.

Verbal Abuse or Threats of Intramural Participants, Officials or Staff
If an intramural participant threatens or provokes an opponent, official or staff member by verbally threatening an opponent, that person will be subject to a major disciplinary action which will be decided at the discretion of the Intramural Coordinator. Cases may be referred to University Police and/or Judicial Affairs.

Spectator Policy
Campus Recreation wants spectators to know they are part of the game. Please keep in mind however that it is still just a game. Spectators should have fun and encourage their own team, rather than discouraging their opponent or harassing the officials. Spectators must remain in their designated areas and may not enter the playing fields or courts. Spectators violating these guidelines or exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct will be asked to leave the playing facility and their “team” will be assessed additional sportsmanship penalties.

Continuous Unsportsmanlike Conduct by Players or Teams
Any team that becomes a consistent behavior issue during intramural events could be suspended from all events. Any individual that becomes a consistent behavior issue could be suspended from all intramural events. These consistent behavior traits will be reported to the Intramural Coordinator and they will make decisions at their discretion on whether a meeting is needed.

Playoffs
All teams that meet the sportsmanship requirements for playoffs will advance to a single elimination tournament. Teams must maintain a ‘3.0’ average throughout the regular season to be eligible and you cannot forfeit two games.

Eligibility for Playoffs
All players that participated in at least one (1) game for a team during the regular season are eligible to play in the playoffs for that team. It is every participant’s responsibility to make sure they check in before every game with an Intramural Supervisor. If the player’s name does not appear on the roster that means he or she is ineligible. All players can view on the scoresheet before their respective games, this will ensure that they are on the roster. If there is an issue please contact the Intramural Coordinator as soon as possible. It is highly recommended a team member checks the playoff roster online in the event that names were deleted off of the roster due to inactivity. **No names will be added to the rosters NO EXCEPTIONS.**

I.D. Policy for Playoffs
All players must bring a valid Sand Dollar ID to every game and present it to the Intramural Sports Supervisor to be allowed to participate. Same policy we have in every league and sport, **NO SAND DOLLAR=NO PLAY.** There are no exceptions to this rule under any circumstances.

Brackets and Seeding
All brackets will be created by the Intramural Coordinator immediately following the end of the regular season. Brackets will be based on seeding for an example in a 8 team playoff bracket the #1 seed would play the #8 seed and the #2 seed would play the #7 seed and so forth. Playoff brackets will not accommodate your teams availability request unfortunately.
Seeding Criteria

- Head to Head Record
- Sportsmanship Average
- Point Differential (offensive points scored minus defensive points allowed)
- Coin Flips/Names from a hat

Sportsmanship Policy for Playoffs and Team Tournaments
Sportsmanship ratings will still be given out during playoffs and special event tournaments. Once in the playoffs teams must receive at least a ‘C’ rating for each game played in order to advance. **Teams may only receive 1 ‘C’ rating in the playoffs. Additional Ratings of ‘C’ or below will result in removal from the playoffs and the losing team will advance if they meet the sportsmanship requirements.**

Awards
All campus champions will be awarded an Intramural Sports Champion t-shirt whether it is a league, individual/dual event, or a team tournament. Team photos will be taken for our bulletin board of champions located near the Dugan Wellness Center’s Gym Entrance. These photos may also be advertised on our Intramural Champions webpage. In addition to in season awards we will also announce an Intramural Male Participant of the Year, an Intramural Female Participant of the Year, and a Intramural Team of the Year at the end of the year at our Recreational Sports Banquet. You will be contacted to attend the Recreational Sports Banquet if you are a nominee where the announcing of these awards will occur.

T-shirts are limited to six participants over the number required to field a full team. For example: Men’s Basketball Champions Team would receive 11 Intramural Championship Shirts, while the Women’s Flag Football Champions would receive 13 Intramural Championship Shirts.

Feedback From the Students
Our program will only get better if we know what the students want. We want to know if any problems occur or if there are situations that the professional staff should be made aware of. For this purpose, there is an open-door policy at all times during the office hours listed in the contact information. If you feel that the Intramural Sports Staff (supervisors, officials, and professional) has treated you unfairly, please feel free to make an appointment or drop by to discuss any issues with the Intramural Coordinator. We ask that any issues be discussed in person and not by e-mail.

New Programming
The Intramural Sports staff is always looking to add new activities to our current program schedule. If you have any activities or sports that you would like to see the department offer as part of the Intramural Sports Program, please contact the Intramural Coordinator. We can further explore the idea and see if this is a viable option to further enhance our active program to the student body and faculty/staff.