



# University of Pittsburgh

Department of Campus Recreation

2023-2024 Participant Handbook

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## **A. MISSION STATEMENT**

The Department of Campus Recreation offers a variety of intramural sports for undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and staff to maintain their competitive edge, remain active, or simply meet new people. Consisting of structured game play between other teams on campus, intramurals are a great way for University of Pittsburgh members to engage in physical activity while playing the sports they love. Unlike many club sports teams, intramurals do not involve a great commitment, as games take place on campus and scheduled practices are not required. Additionally, registration for intramural sports is free, making it accessible for everyone active within the university. With gameplay consisting of Men's, Women's, Co-Ed and Open leagues/tournaments, there is a place for everyone in the Intramural Sports program.

## **B. PURPOSE OF HANDBOOK**

This Participant Handbook is designed to provide information that is relevant and critical to your successful participation in the Intramural Sports program. It is the responsibility of those who participate in intramurals to be knowledgeable of the information contained in this Handbook.

## **C. INTRAMURAL DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

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When sending an email or a voicemail please include your name, contact information, and other relevant information as applicable. (Sport, team name, league/division, etc.)

## **D. PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY**

University of Pittsburgh undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff are eligible to compete in the Intramural Sports Program.

### Current/Former Varsity Athlete Rule

Varsity athletes are not permitted to participate on Intramural teams in their respective or related Intramural sport during an academic year, which includes Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters.

Former varsity athletes must be removed from their previous varsity sport for a minimum of 1 year before they can begin to participate in the intramural league/tournament for that sport.

Varsity athletes may participate in Intramural programs other than their respective sport. Example: a varsity football team member may not participate in Intramural Flag Football however any number of varsity football team members may participate in Intramural Basketball.

## **E. PITT ID POLICY**

ID cards will be asked for before the game and then can be asked for at any time during or after the game. Players without a physical PITT identification card will be ineligible to participate. Misuse of an identification card (borrowing, lending, counterfeiting, etc.) is a violation and the individual attempting to use the card will be ineligible to participate.

## **F. HOW TO REGISTER**

[www.imleagues.com/pitt](http://www.imleagues.com/pitt)

Once you know you have a team ready for participation, you will first need to create an account at IMLeagues.com/pitt. Once you have done this or already have created your account, check to see when registration opens for your chosen sport. You will then visit your IMLeagues account, select your sport and league from the options available, and create your team. Players for your team will then be able to join your team; all players MUST join your team on IMLeagues to be eligible and placed on your team roster (this is also important for team approval in meeting the minimum requirement of players for a particular sport).

### **Forming a Team**

Intramural sports are largely team-based and the simplest way to get involved is to organize a team of your own, or join a team organized by your friends, school departments, residence halls, co-workers, fraternities, sororities, and more. Each sport requires a minimum number of players for a team to be confirmed for league/tournament play so be sure to check the current sport rules page for this information.

### **Team Roster**

All participants for your team must be registered, sign the participation waiver, and join your team on IMLeagues. To be eligible for a game, players can be added until the Join Teams Deadline. Players can only play for one team per "league" in a single sport. For example, if there is a men's league and a co-ed league in basketball, you may play on one men's team and one co-ed team, but NOT two teams in the co-ed league.

### **Waitlist**

When specific leagues or tournaments have reach max capacity, additional teams may be created on the waitlist. While waitlisted teams are not guaranteed a spot within that league or tournament, they will replace any registered teams that backout before the league or tournament starts.

All waitlisted teams should fill their team rosters, as preference will be given to those that have met the sport-specific minimum roster requirements.

### **Free Agents**

If you do not have a team to play with, or do not have enough players to form a team, there is a Free Agent option available when signing up through IMLeagues. When joining as a free agent, you will be added to a list that is visible to current teams, but we also encourage you to be proactive in your attempts to join a team as a Captain's information and email are viewable within IMLeagues. Please note we cannot personally place you on a team without a Captain's consent.

## **G. FORMAT OF PLAY**

### **Division of Competition**

Competition is divided into several leagues/tournaments: Co-Ed, Open, Men's, and Women's.

## Leagues

League play will be split into divisions and will list a day and time for games. Example: a division may be labeled, "Tuesday 8:00pm." This would mean that all regular season games for this division will take place on Tuesday evenings at 8:00pm.

The regular season for all sport seasons will last three weeks and the fourth week being the playoff. Regular season games will be played against other teams from the division, while playoff games can be played against teams from other divisions that make it to playoffs.

## Playoffs

At the conclusion of the regular season, certain teams from divisions will be eligible to participate in playoffs. Playoff brackets will be created at the conclusion of the regular season, and teams will be notified when the brackets are published to IMLeagues. Unlike the regular season, playoff games will be held on different days/times of the week. These games will likely vary from the day/time each team played during the regular season, and you may be scheduled for back-to-back games in the same day.

## Tournaments

Individual/Team sports are scheduled into tournaments based on the activity, and teams will be placed in a single or double elimination bracket or guaranteed two games bracket that will be posted online. Tournament schedules and structure will be based on number of teams and facilities available.

## Games

Most intramural games are often scheduled for Monday – Thursday, although, alternate days and times can be implemented for games to be played if needed to accommodate more teams.

## **H. CANCELLATIONS/FORFEITS**

### No-Show = forfeit

### Late onto The Court/Field = forfeit

\*If you know your team is going to forfeit ahead of time for any reason, you must contact the Intramural Program Coordinator in advance.

Forfeits DO have league eligibility/playoff implications. One forfeit (without communicating to the Intramural Program Coordinator beforehand) will result in a loss of playoff eligibility. Two forfeits (overall) and your team will be removed from league and playoff play. Please avoid forfeiting as it not only affects your teams' record and ability to continue in the league, but it also negatively affects the other team as they we're expecting to have a game to play.

## **I. PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS**

### Similar/Identical Jersey Color

### Proper Equipment and Attire

## **J. EJECTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS**

Campus Recreation staff has the ability/authority to eject and suspend intramural participants when it is deemed necessary. Reasons for being ejected/suspended can include, but are not limited to: fighting, foul language/aggression towards officials or other participants, purposefully damaging a facility, stealing intramural equipment, etc.

## **K. SPORTSMANSHIP**

There will be mandatory meetings at the beginning of each sport/event to review and explain the Intramural policies and train employees for the upcoming Intramural season.

A sportsmanship score for your team will be assessed at the conclusion of each game, and IMLeagues will take overall sportsmanship score from the season into account when seeding teams for playoffs. Teams with too poor of an overall sportsmanship rating can be removed from league/playoff participation at the discretion of Campus Recreation staff.

## **L. PROTESTS**

Protests dealing with faulty interpretations of rules by game officials should be settled by the Intramural Supervisor, whenever possible, at the time they occur. The game should then proceed to completion. On the field or court, decisions may be appealed by submitting a request to the Supervisor on-site. Protests that question an official's judgment will not be allowed.

MISCONDUCT TOWARD OR HARASSMENT OF AN OFFICIAL CAN RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FROM INTRAMURAL PLAY.

All eligibility protests must be made prior to the beginning of a contest. Once the game begins the results stand. All other protests will be handled by the Intramural Sports Coordinator and the Student Supervisor.

## **M. INFORMED CONSENT**

Participation in Pitt Intramural Sports could result in physical injury to a participant. The University of Pittsburgh, the Department of Student Affairs and the Department of Campus Recreation assume no responsibility for injuries received during intramural participation.

## **N. ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY**

The possession and use of alcohol or any other illegal drugs is prohibited at and during any intramural sports activity by participants or spectators; they will not be allowed on site. Any participant suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be asked to leave the facility, and the team will risk forfeiting the game at the supervisor's discretion. Each team and its Captain will be responsible for assisting in the enforcement of this policy for its team members and spectators. Violators can be subject to removal from their team and the league, and, in addition, may also be removed from all sports for the semester. Violators can also be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the University of Pittsburgh's policy.

#### **O. INSURANCE**

The Campus Recreation Department does not insure its participants. All students are encouraged to avail themselves of the relatively inexpensive program offered through the Student Health Service.

#### **P. HEALTH EXAMINATION**

All persons planning to participate in the Intramural program are encouraged to undergo an annual physical examination. The Department of Campus Recreation reserves the right to require proof of such examinations prior to participating in selected activities.

