

## 1. INTRAMURAL DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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

## 2. HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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

You will first need to make an account with IMLeagues. This platform is where all intramural games will be managed. There is an app to download as well.

Once you have done this or already have created your account, check to see when registration opens for your chosen sport. It is free to sign a team up. 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. Rosters that do not have the required minimum for a sport will not be approved.

Players can only play on one team per league in a single sport. For example, if there is an open league and a corec league in basketball, you may play on one open team and one corec team, but NOT two teams in the corec league.

### Division of Competition

When relevant (mostly in league sports) competition will be broken into the following categories: Corec, Mens, and Women's. All tournaments will be Open format (anyone of any gender identity can play)

### 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.

Regular season games will be played against other teams from the division, while playoff games will be played against teams from other divisions that make it to playoffs. Playoff games are not guaranteed to be at the same time as your regular season games.

### Playoffs

Top two teams from each division guaranteed, plus at least two wildcard teams. To be eligible for playoffs, a team must commit zero no-call/no-show forfeits. If a team has one default, they are still eligible. A team will NOT be eligible if they have more than one default. A team must also average a sportsmanship score of 3 out of 5 to be eligible for playoffs. If a team receives a sportsmanship score of 3 or less for a playoff game, they may be subject to removal from playoffs.

### Waitlist

All teams will be created on the waitlist. When your team meets the minimum roster requirements, you will be able to move from the waitlist to your desired division.

Additional teams can be created on the waitlist if all divisions are full. 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, you are able to register as a Free Agent. 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 contact teams 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.

## **3. CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

The person delegated by a team to attend the preseason captain's meeting is responsible for fulfilling the following duties:

- Keep fully informed of eligibility rules and abide by them; the captain is completely responsible for the eligibility of their members.
- Know how and where to contact Competitive Sports staff with issues.
- Notify team members of the rules of the game and game schedules.
- Represent their team at the preseason captains' meeting, protest negotiations, disciplinary meetings etc., for which they are asked to be present.
- Ensure that their team is never credited with a loss because of a forfeit or a no-show.
- Cooperate fully with the Competitive Sports staff on all matters to maintain successful operation of the program.
- Keep thoroughly informed of behavioral guidelines and maintain high standards of sportsmanship for their team.
- Ensure that the team has the minimum number of players required to play by the registration deadline.
- We hope you bring your team fans but if they have to be ejected or are causing a disturbance to the programs, a sportsmanship penalty will be given to the captain (a T in basketball, unsportsmanlike in flag)

## **4. PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY**

University of Pittsburgh undergraduates and graduates are eligible to compete in the Intramural Sports Program.

## **5. CHECK IN POLICY**

Photo ID cards are required to check in before the game and then can be asked for at any time during or after the game. Players without a physical photo ID Card (PITT identification card, Driver's license, military ID) 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 as well as the card owner will be ineligible to participate. If a person is caught using someone else's ID and played in a game that game will count as a no call/no show forfeit and be ineligible for playoffs. A photo of an ID card will not be acceptable.

Please note, you may need your physical Panther ID card to enter certain sites for intramurals (cost center, sports dome).

## **6. DEFAULTS/FORFEITS**

If your team is not able to make it to a game and you know this ahead of time, please complete [this default form](#) before 12pm on the day of your intended game.

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 Pitt Comp Sports email in advance.

If no one on your team has signed in by game time, the game is forfeit. If one or more players are checked in, your team will get a 5 minute grace period for the minimum number of players to show up. Once your team has the minimum number of players we will begin immediately.

Forfeits DO have league eligibility/playoff implications. One forfeit (without communicating to intramural staff beforehand) will result in a loss of playoff eligibility. Two forfeits (overall) and your team will be removed from league and playoff play.

## **7. PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS**

It is advised that you do not wear jewelry for intramural games. Athletic clothes-toed shoes are required (Crocs are not allowed)

## **8. EJECTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS**

Anyone ejected from an intramural event will have their name and an incident report forwarded to the Intramural Coordinator. The offender must contact the office to schedule a meeting discussing the infraction; the offender will be deemed ineligible for play until they have met with Competitive Sports Professional Staff.

Behavioral Ejections:

- Disrespect Toward Officials and Intramural Supervisors:
  - Any player addressing an official or supervisor in a derogatory or discourteous manner or touching a staff member may be grounds to disqualify them immediately for the remainder of the game.
- Fighting:
  - Fighting is defined as pushing, striking, or otherwise intentionally causing reasonable apprehension of such harm to any person outside the bounds of play.
  - In addition to immediate ejection from the game, an indefinite suspension from ALL intramural sports and possible disqualification for the remainder of the year may be levied.
- Code of Student Discipline:
  - A student, upon registration at Pitt, agrees to conform to its regulations and its policies and is subject to disciplinary action by the University for any violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Pitt intramural participants are subject to this code at all times.

Illicit Substances:

- Illicit substances are not allowed at any intramural events. Any substances found in the area will result in the alert of University Police. Any individual found to be in possession will face disciplinary action.
- Further, any person thought to be intoxicated will be asked to vacate the event. Any person not cooperating when asked will cause their team to forfeit the game and face disciplinary action.
- Any individual found facing disciplinary action for violations concerning illicit substances will be suspended from intramural activities indefinitely. They must also meet with the Competitive Sports Professional Staff. Failure to comply may result in the offender's name being turned over to the Dean of Students' Office for further action.

## 9. SPORTSMANSHIP

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 average sportsmanship score lower than 3.5 will not advance to playoffs.

### **Sportsmanship Scoring Guide**

5 – Participants and spectators show respect to the officials, game, and spectators. Participants address questions or concerns to the officials in a calm and respectful manner. Teams that win by “forfeit” or “default” will receive a “5.”

4 – Participants and spectators are not respectful to campus recreation staff. A team receiving a technical foul in basketball, unsportsmanlike penalty in flag football, or a yellow card in soccer or volleyball will receive no higher than a “4” in sportsmanship.

3 – Participants or spectators are disrespectful to Campus Recreation staff on multiple occasions. Team captain has little control over their teammates/spectators. Teams receiving multiple technical fouls, unsportsmanlike penalties, or yellow cards that are not on the same player will receive no higher than a “3.”

2 – Team constantly comments to the officials, Campus Recreation staff, or opposing team from the field or sidelines after multiple warnings. Team captain has little or no control over their teammates/spectators and themselves. Teams that have a participant ejected from the contest will receive no higher than a “2.”

1 – Team is completely out of control before, during, or after the game. This may include engaging in harmful behavior such as fighting, threatening another person, or any other physical abuse or intimidation. Teams receiving multiple ejections that result in the game being forfeited will receive no higher than a “1.” Any team receiving a “1” in sportsmanship must meet with the Coordinator of Intramural Sports before their next game to determine if their team is able to continue playing. It is the team captain's responsibility to schedule this meeting.

## 10. PROTESTS

Teams can only protest faulty interpretations of rules by officials. JUDGEMENT CALLS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE PROTESTED. If a team wants to protest a call they must do so before the next play starts. The Intramural Manager will take down the details of the game at the time of the protest and the game will continue. At the end of the game if the team still wishes to protest, they will let the IM manager know immediately and the protest will be passed along to the intramural coordinator.

All eligibility protests must be made prior to the beginning of a contest. Once the game begins the results stand.

## **11. EMPLOYMENT**

The Intramural Program at Pitt is always looking for more sport officials! No experience is necessary we will provide the training. All officials are current Pitt students just like you. Contact Pitt Intramurals for more information.

## **12. CURRECNT/FORMER VARSITY ATHLETE RULES**

Varsity athletes are not permitted to participate in Intramural sports related to their varsity status. Varsity athletes may participate in Intramural programs other than their respective sport. Example: a varsity football team member may participate in Intramural Basketball but not flag football.

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

## **13. 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.

## **14. 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.

## **15. 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.