

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY



**INTRAMURAL SPORTS PARTICIPANT
MANUAL**

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THE NATURE OF INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Youngstown State University's Intramural Sports program was established to promote and develop the interests and skills of members in a specific sport activity. Those involved possess very high interest and/or skill in a particular sports activity.

PRIMARY PURPOSE OF INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Intramurals is organized for the primary purpose of providing extramural intercollegiate athletic competition. The competitive experiences provided are with representative teams made up of both students and faculty from Youngstown State University.

PURPOSE OF THE INTRAMURAL HANDBOOK

This manual is designed to serve as an informative and procedural reference for persons involved or interested in participating in activities sponsored by the Intramural Sports Program. The policies and procedures outlined in this manual are the result of many years of recreational activities at Youngstown State University, and are designed to provide participants with a flexible, yet structured, environment in which to participate. It is the responsibility of those who participate in the Intramural Sports Program to be knowledgeable of the information contained in this manual. Campus Recreation would like to remind participants that in order to take part in any Intramural Program they will be required to sign a waiver of liability.

SPIRIT OF COMPTITION

Sporting activities find their origin in the basic human need for the spirit of play. Winning and losing are mere outcomes of this play spirit. Abusive language toward officials and manipulation of the rules are not part of the game. However, the pure satisfactions of participation, getting fit, and enhancing friendships are part of the game. Without your opponents, you have no game, no contest, and no fun. You are indebted to them, as they are to you. The spirit of play then is based upon cooperation. Upholding high standards of integrity and fair play acknowledges the idea of cooperative competition. All participants are encouraged to exercise good judgment in caring for the safety of others as well as themselves. The goal of lifetime sports for all participants may have more meaning than that of a win or lose, the memory of which often fades quickly. All participants are asked to play within the context of this spirit of competition.

INTRAMURAL SPORT LEAGUES

FALL	SPRING
7v7 Flag Football	5v5 Basketball
7v7 Co-Rec Soccer	5v5 Short-field Soccer
3v3 Basketball	11v11 Long-field Soccer
6v6 Co-Rec Volleyball	6v6 Co-Rec Volleyball

INTRAMURAL SPORT 1 DAY TOURNAMENTS

Youngstown State University offers several one-day tournaments throughout the course of the year. These tournaments are open to any student or faculty member with no cost for participation. The types of tournament offered vary based on semester, popularity of sport, time of year, and input from students. Tournaments will be listed on the YSU Rec Center's website per semester. Some past tournaments have included basketball, volleyball, spike ball, table tennis, racquetball, beach volleyball, and softball.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Intramural participation is open to Youngstown State University students and faculty only. All Intramural Sport participants must present a valid YSU ID that will be submitted to the Intramural Supervisor at the start of the game or they will not be permitted to play. A participant waiver form must be submitted through a student's IMLeagues account and approved prior to participation in any intramural sport activity.

REGISTRATION FOR INTRAMURAL SPORTS

The Intramural Sports Program uses an online registration process for all individual and team registration for any intramural league or one-day tournament takes place on IMLeagues.com. IMLeagues is an organization specializing in the management and administration of intramural sports throughout the nation. For all YSU Intramural Sport Leagues there will be a \$25 team fee and all 1 day tournaments will be free of charge. Follow the instructions below to register.

How to Register

1. First time participants should log onto imleagues.com and create an account using their YSU provided email.
2. Once an account has been created you want to go to the IMLeague's Youngstown State Homepage where all of the offered sports are listed.
3. Click on the sport that you wish to sign up for, or join a team.
4. Click on "Create a Team" to make a new team, "Join a Team" to join an existing team, or "Join as Free Agent" to join a league in which you do not have a team.
5. Complete the necessary information and agree to the terms and conditions set forth by Youngstown State University.

6. Click on "submit". Once the site has processed individual registration information, players are automatically directed to their team's homepage.
7. From the team homepage, captains may make roster additions using a student's YSU email address. Each player that is added will then be sent a link to join the team to their YSU email and must accept the invitation and sign the waiver in order to be able to participate.
8. A team must meet the minimum number of players required in order to pay for their team to become activated. The required number of players varies by sport and is listed on the individual sport's page on IMLeagues.
9. Once a team has met the minimum player requirements they will be eligible to pay the mandatory \$20 team fee to the YSU Campus Rec Main Office. This payment must be made before the Registration Deadline that is posted on IMLeagues.
10. Once the registration deadline passes for a particular sport, schedules will be generated and posted on your team's IMLeagues page.

YSU INTRAMURAL SPORT RULES

The rules for each sport are listed on Youngstown State's IMLeagues Page under the Handbooks and Manuals section and on YSU Campus Rec's website on the Intramural Sports page. The following list of rules applies for every Intramural event at Youngstown State University and failure to adhere to these rules can result in suspension from any Intramural event.

1. **No ID, No Play, and No Questions:** No form of identification other than an official Youngstown State University ID will be accepted. You **MUST** have your ID to play. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR ANYONE FOR ANY REASON.** If you do not have your ID for any reason, you need to go to Kilcawley Center and purchase a new one.
2. **Player check-in:** Will begin 15 minutes before the scheduled game time. If a team does not have the needed amount of players to begin the game at the scheduled game time, a forfeit will be issued. No Exception or excuses will be accepted for anyone or any reasons.
3. **The Officials Have Full Authority:** While participating in a Youngstown State University Intramural Sports Program, YSU IM Officials will have full authority to call and make judgments according to their training. **Any questioning of any official's calls may result in an unsportsmanlike penalty.** If a team deems it necessary to question a call of an official, the **TEAM CAPTAIN ONLY**, may address it to the Intramural Intern, or Intramural Supervisor present at the event. If questioning causes a disruption of game play, the Intramural Intern or Intramural Supervisor has all authority to end the game, and give the team causing the disruption a forfeit. **Any Intramural official or supervisor has the right to throw out any player from any game if it is deemed necessary from their training.**

4. **All Games, All Weather:** All games will be played during all weather conditions, unless otherwise informed of prior to game time, or until the Intramural Coordinator believes the playing conditions to be too severe to continue. Questions prior to game time can be answered at 330.941.3731
5. **1 Uniform for 1 ID:** Any apparel or game equipment needed by players will be issued on a 1 ID basis. The ID will not be returned until the issued apparel or equipment has been turned back in.
6. **No Metal Spikes:** No footwear with metal or metal-tipped spikes will be permitted for use during any Intramural event.
7. **Inappropriate Team Names:** We will not accept team names that are deemed inappropriate by the Intramurals Staff. If you submit a team name that is not approved, you will be asked to come up with a new name. If you do not submit a new name, it will be changed for you.
8. **Two forfeits = removal from the league:** If your team forfeits two times during the regular season, you will be removed from the league. The remainder of your games will be removed from the schedule and you will not be able to participate in post-season play.
9. **Liability Waiver:** All Participants must accept the terms of the liability waiver found on the participant's IMLeagues profile. Failure to do so will make the participant ineligible for Intramural play. Participants must sign a separate wavier for each Intramural Sport that they play.
10. **Fighting:** There is a zero tolerance policy for fighting at any YSU Intramural event. Anyone involved in a fight will be immediately ejected and will be reported to YSU's Student Conduct Board.

Sportsmanship Ratings

Officials for each game are required to assign a sportsmanship rating for the sportsmanship displayed by each intramural sports team.

Sportsmanship occurs before, during, and after a contest and as long as members of the team remain in adjacent proximity to the Rec Sports facility. Ratings will be awarded based on the rating system listed below. A team must maintain an average sportsmanship rating of 3 or above to be eligible for the playoffs. A team winning a game by default or forfeit will receive a rating of 4. A team losing a game by default will receive a rating of 3. A team losing a game by forfeit will receive a rating of 2.

Rating Scale:

4 –Excellent

No incidents of negative sportsmanship. The team demonstrates excellent sportsmanship and maintains an attitude of complete cooperation.

3 – Good

A team has minimal instances of negative sportsmanship. There is little complaining and an attitude of cooperation for the most part exists. A team earning at least 1 unsportsmanlike penalty, technical foul, or yellow card cannot receive higher than a 3 rating.

2 –Deficient

Team behavior is uncooperative. Conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Team personnel or a spectator clearly related to the team makes abusive remarks toward opponents or officials.
- b) Team personnel consistently display rough and/or aggressive play after being warned.
- c) Team uses false identification and/or illegal players during a contest.
- d) Team members and/or spectators clearly related to the team bring alcohol/tobacco onto Rec Sports premises.

A team earning an ejection for physical or verbal abuse cannot receive higher than a 2 rating. A team earning at least 2 unsportsmanlike penalties, technical fouls, or yellow cards for physical or verbal abuse cannot receive higher than a 2 rating. Negative behavior, will be reported to the YSU Student Conduct Office.

1 – Unsatisfactory/ Poor

Team behavior is completely uncooperative. Conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Team personnel or a spectator strikes or physically abuses an opponent or an intramural staff member.
- b) The team, after being warned, continues to play with unnecessary roughness.
- c) Discontinuance of the game for team behavior.
- d) Spectators clearly related to the team engage in disorderly conduct that violates university regulations or jeopardizes the official's control of the game.
- e) The team shows willful disregard for the policies and procedures of the intramural sports program and the Department of Recreational Sports.

TEAM ROSTERS

Players can be added to a team's roster at any point during the regular season on the team's IMLeagues page. Players are only permitted to play for one team per league. If a player attempts to play on a different team other than the first team they played for the game will be ended in a forfeit and that person will be suspended from the league.

PLAYOFFS

After the registration deadline has passed regular season schedules will be posted on Youngstown State's IMLeagues page. After the scheduled regular season, a championship playoff bracket will be created. In order to be eligible to participate in playoffs a player must have played in at least one regular season game, being on the roster is not enough they must have played in at least one game. Teams that have forfeited out of the league by forfeiting 2 games will not be eligible for playoffs. The team that wins the championship will be presented YSU Intramural Championship T-Shirts but only players on the roster of the championship team will be awarded shirts.

UNIVERSITY DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Youngstown State University prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs, alcohol, and other controlled substances by all members of the University community (students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests). Individuals who violate this policy shall be subject to discipline, termination, dismissal, arrest, or citation as applicable. Additionally, employees or students who violate this policy may be required to participate satisfactorily in drug abuse education, counseling, or rehabilitation programs approved by the University.

POLICY ON ALCOHOL

Youngstown State University neither encourages nor discourages the use of alcoholic beverages, (includes 3.2 and 6% beer, vinous or spirituous liquor), but does condemn the misuse/abuse and illegal use of alcoholic beverages. All members of the University community (students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests) are responsible for making decisions about their behavior within the context of Ohio and the City of Youngstown laws and University regulations. In addition, individuals must always be aware of, and respect the rights of others within the University and local community.

POLICY ON DRUGS

The University prohibits the unlawful or unauthorized manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, consumption, sale or use of controlled substances on or in University-owned or controlled property, or in the course of University business or at University activities. Individuals or entities including, but not limited to, students, employees, contractors, agents, volunteers, invitees, or student organizations who violated this policy may be required to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved by the University.

UNIVERSITY HAZING REGULATIONS

Hazing is defined as an act which endangers the mental or physical health, or safety of a student, or which destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization.

Organizations or groups shall take no action which involves hazing. Acts of hazing include, but are not limited to coercion of any form, extended deprivation of sleep or rest; forced consumption of food, alcohol, other beverages, or drugs; beating or branding; forced exclusion from social contact and/or forced conduct that could result in embarrassment to any person.

Youngstown State University unconditionally opposes any situation created intentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Freedom from humiliation and danger of hazing is guaranteed to every student on this campus. Any violation of this guarantee should be reported immediately to the Student Activities Office.

THE DISCIPLINE PROCESS

Violation of, or non-compliance with, University policies, campus regulations, Intramural Sport procedures or YSU standards of conduct may result in loss of Intramural Sport membership or other disciplinary action taken against the player or team involved. The discipline process has been developed to assist the Director of Campus Recreation, Coordinator of Club Sports, and the Department of Campus Recreation staff in effectively managing a productive and structured Intramural Sports Program. Cases will be turned over to the Office of Student Conduct for review/sanctions if warranted.