

Elmhurst College Intramural Policy Manual

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The purpose of the Policy Manual is to ensure equitable and enjoyable participation for all participants.

Eligibility

General Eligibility

Currently enrolled students and Faculty/Staff are eligible to participate in intramuralsports.

Leagues

Participants may play on one (1) Co-Rec team and one (1) non-Co-Rec team.

For Co-Rec leagues, a team is required to have at least one male and one female to start and/or continue a game. When playing at a full strength roster, either gender may have a majority, however not more than one. If playing at less than full strength, either gender may have a majority, however not more than two.

All other leagues besides Co-Rec are considered 'Open' leagues and there are no roster requirements.

Transgender participants are eligible to play based on their expressed gender identity.

For more information, please contact the Coordinator for Campus Recreation

Game Day Eligibility

Participants who are in good standing and on their IMLeagues online roster by noon the day of their game, or noon on Friday for Sunday games, will guarantee eligibility to play.

Each participant needs to sign in with the referee on their playing surface, or with the supervisor for non-officiated sports, with either his/her JayPass or a government issued photo ID.

If a participant is either not on the printed roster or crossed off as ineligible, he/she will need to see the on-site intramural supervisor.

Use of Fraudulent JayPass

If a player is caught using a JayPass that is not his or hers, the team for which that individual was playing for will forfeit that game and the game will not be played and the individual will be subject to disciplinary action from the Campus Recreation program including being prohibited from playing intramural sports for the rest of that season.

The Intramural Sports Staff will confiscate the fraudulently used JayPass and the individual whose JayPass it belongs to must meet with the Coordinator for Campus Recreation in order to get his/her JayPass back.

If the occurrence was in the regular season, the team will be prohibited from playing in the playoffs. If the occurrence was in the playoffs, the team will be disqualified from continuing in the playoffs.

Restricted Participants

Each Intramural Sports team roster is limited to a total combined two (2) restricted participants in the sport or related sport of membership. Restricted participants include:

- Club Sport Members - any individual who is listed on the Fall, Winter, and/or Spring/Summer official roster submitted by the Club Officers for each semester during that Academic Year, including Club Sport coaches, and are considered as such for the entire Academic Year
- Intercollegiate Athletes - any individual who has practiced, participated in tryouts, or competed with an intercollegiate squad for more than ten (10) days and are given this distinction.

Related sports are up to the discretion of the Intramural Sports Program based on the offered sports.

Current Intercollegiate Athletes and current ineligible athletes are barred from participating in their sport or related sport.

The Campus Recreation Program reserves the right to bar from, or limit the intramural competition, of any participant of varsity, Olympic or professional caliber who may or may not be participating in varsity sports or playing as a professional.

Use of Ineligible Participants

Any team found to be using ineligible participants will be subject to discipline from the Campus Recreation Program.

Alcohol and Drug Use

The possession and/or consumption of alcohol and illegal drugs by Intramural participants, coaches, and spectators is strictly prohibited at all Elmhurst College facilities and facilities which Intramural Sports uses. Any participant, coach, or spectator who is under the influence or suspected to be under the influence will not be allowed to participate in any Intramural Sports activity, will be required to leave the facility immediately, and further disciplinary action may be taken.

Forfeits

Forfeits should be avoided at all costs.

Teams must have the minimum number of players required checked-in with the referees and ready to play on the playing surface at the regularly scheduled game time. If one team (Team A) fulfills this requirement and their opponent (Team B) does not, Team B will lose three (3) SRS points and a mandatory ten (10) minute grace period will occur to allow the team to arrive. The game clock will start at the regularly scheduled game time.

If neither team fulfills the requirement, the referees will start the game clock and wait ten (10) minutes to see if either team is able to fulfill the non-forfeiting requirement.

If a team forfeits, they will lose seven (7) SRS points.

Defaults

If a team is aware they will not have enough players necessary to play their game, they may notify Campus Recreation by sending an email to steven.karasewski@elmhurst.edu with their team name and division with this information at least 24 hours before their game and they will receive a default. This allows the staff to attempt to fill that game with another opponent and/or contact the opposing team and officials notifying them of the situation.

If a team defaults, they will lose three (3) SRS points.

Inability to Continue

If a team is able to begin a game with the minimum number of required players and they drop below the minimum number of required players during the game, due to situations such as injury or ejection, the team will be charged with a loss but not a forfeit.

Scheduling/Rescheduling

Inclement Weather

A scheduled contest may be postponed, rescheduled, or cancelled only by an Intramural Sports staff member and the decisions will be made in an effort to protect the safety of the participants and the quality of our playing surfaces. Decisions will be made as soon as possible and notifications will be sent out through the IMLeagues messaging system. Games that are cancelled may or may not be rescheduled and no refunds will be given.

Scheduling

Teams will play their regularly scheduled games based on the division they select in IMLeagues. These times may be altered slightly to provide additional teams the opportunity to participate.

Rescheduling

It is extremely difficult to reschedule games based on facility/field availability, opponent availability, and time constraints.

Campus Recreation will attempt to reschedule playoff games when teams are playing multiple sports, have academic conflicts and/or religious concerns, but it is not guaranteed.

Playoffs

Participants must be on their roster by their last regular season game in order to be eligible for the playoffs.

Teams must play in at least one (1) regular season game and obtain twenty-one (21) SRS points throughout their three (3) regularly scheduled regular season games.

Teams must earn at least seven (7) points in each playoff game in order to advance to the next round.

See '*Sportsmanship*' for specific SRS point details.

If playoffs are split into Championship and Consolation brackets:

- The top 2 teams in each division will be placed in the Championship Bracket
- The bottom 0, 1 or 2 teams will be placed in the Consolation Bracket

Final seedings may be made before all games finish in Week 3 of the regular season. Because of this, the third regular season game may not be taken into account for playoff seeding for some teams. *Sportsmanship and forfeit eligibility will still apply to those teams.*

Seeds will be determined based on:

1. Winning percentage
2. Head to head
3. Sportsmanship rating
4. Points against
5. Coin flip

Playoff registration will open at 10:00 am on the announced day and teams will have until 4:00 pm to select their spot or they will be placed into an open spot by Campus Recreation.

Due to weather, forfeits, sportsmanship, and other unforeseen circumstances playoff times are subject to change.

Protests

Types of Protests

Administrative Interpretation protests, based on misinterpretation of Intramural Sports policies, and Rule Interpretation protests, based on misinterpretation of Intramural Sports rules, must be made by the Team Captain prior to the next live ball and the Captain must say, "I want to protest." The referee will then document the current information on the score sheet and the game will be played under protest unless the Intramural staff can create a solution at the time.

Eligibility protests, based on the eligibility of participants, must be based on a contest in which the protesting team participated and must be made the end of the business day following their game.

Submitting the Protest

All protest paperwork must be officially completed and submitted to the Intramural Sports Office by the Captain of the protesting team by the end of the business day following their game.

Protest Upheld

Should a protest be upheld, the Intramural Sports Program will make a case-by-case decision as to the results including but not limited to a team forfeiting, the game being replayed, or the game being replayed from the point of protest.

Sportsmanship

Campus Recreation is dedicated to providing a safe, fair, and enjoyable environment during all intramural contests. Unsportsmanlike behavior generally causes games to become not enjoyable,

unfair, and in some cases, unsafe. In order to maintain the proper playing environment, the Sportsmanship Rating Policy (SRS) has been established and is in effect for all regular season and playoff contests.

Teams are given ten (10) points at the start of each game and it is their job not to lose them. Points are deducted for things such as in-game penalties, ejections, and unsportsmanlike conduct issues. Teams can only earn ten (10) points per week. A regular season game will be terminated if a team's SRS point total for a game goes below zero (0).

In order for a team to make the playoffs, they must have accumulated a total of twenty-one (21) SRS points throughout the regular season. Teams must earn at least seven (7) SRS points in each playoff game in order to advance to the next round.

See each set of sport rules for the sport specific deductions.

Discipline

Individuals participating in Intramural Sports are expected to conduct themselves within the boundaries of sportsmanship and fair play as well as within the rules, policies, and procedures of the program. Ensuring the integrity of the program, be it rules, safety, or enjoyment, is a high priority for the Intramural Sports Program. In cases where an individual's or team's conduct violates these principles, such conduct will cause disciplinary action to be taken.

Health and Injuries

Participation is on a voluntary basis. Participants assume the risks normally associated with activity characteristic of a particular sport. It is recommended that all participants undergo a physical examination prior to participating in any intramural activity, and carry some form of health and injury insurance.

Neither Elmhurst College nor Campus Recreation accepts responsibility for ill health or injury sustained while participating in any of the events or activities. Neither Elmhurst College nor Campus Recreation shall pay any medical and/or ambulance expenses incurred by a participant.

Each recreation facility is equipped with basic first aid supplies for minor injuries. Should an injury occur, that injury should be immediately reported to the game official or the intramural supervisor.

General Information

Anything not specifically outlined in this policy manual is up to the discretion of Campus Recreation.

The policies and procedures outlined in this Intramural Sports Participant Handbook are subject to change at any time by the administration of the Intramural Sports program.