

# Department of Recreational Services

## Where the Student Body Develops!

### Mission Statement

We are committed to offering safe and quality programs, facilities, and services to the University of Connecticut in order to foster personal growth. We do this by promoting healthy lifestyle choices in an environment that values, embraces, and enriches individual differences, in which customer satisfaction is the priority.

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# General Information

## Intramurals & Special Events

These programs will provide various structured sport opportunities to satisfy as many skill levels as possible. Participation opportunities for men's, women's, and co-recreational play are also provided. Contests, meets, leagues, and tournaments will be offered in various formats. Schedules, registration dates, and other pertinent information will be posted on the intramural bulletin boards, located inside the Student Recreation Facility, as well as on the webpage. Although the intramural staff will distribute and post schedules and notices, it is the team captains' and/or individual's responsibility to check the bulletin boards or webpage for upcoming events and schedule changes. **No game information will be given over the phone.**

## Registering a Team

Registration forms for all intramural and special event activities will be available in the Student Recreation Facility foyer at least three weeks prior to each registration deadline. Regular office hours are 8:30 AM to 9:00 PM Monday through Friday. Registration deadlines can be found in the beginning pages of this handbook as well as on the department webpage. A complete registration form must be filed in the department office. Teams are encouraged to register early. Once leagues are full, teams will be placed on a waiting list and may be accepted into the league in the event a team drops out.

## Team Captains' Meeting

Mandatory captains' meetings will be held to discuss rules and program operations for most team sports. **If a team captain or representative does not attend this meeting, the team will be replaced by a team on the waiting list (whose representative is present at the meeting). If there are no waiting list teams, the team may re-join the league/tournament by paying a \$25 re-entry fee (non-refundable) to the Department of Recreational Services.**

## Team Jerseys

Teams are strongly encouraged to wear their own color-matching jerseys with visible numbers on the back. No taped-on or pinned-on numbers are permitted. Pinnies will be available at the game sites for teams that need them.

## Registering Individual Players

Registration forms and rule packets for each sport will be available in the foyer of the Student Recreation Facility (SRF). It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure that their roster is complete and legal.

Teams will be allowed to add new players to their roster throughout the season, including playoffs. All roster additions will be handled at the game site. Make sure all participants have their UConn ID when they check in.

All participants must sign an "assumption of risk" form in ink before participating in their first event. Participants are only required to sign this form once during this school year (2009-2010).

## Scheduling

Requests for preferred game times and dates will be accepted but not guaranteed. We will try to accommodate requests whenever possible.

Teams cannot postpone or cancel games by agreement. All schedule changes must be approved by the Assistant Director of Intramurals and Special Events. All changes will be posted on the intramural boards as well as on the department webpage. Captains, please be sure to check for updates frequently!

## Inclement Weather

Administrative postponements or cancellations occur when the weather or other uncontrollable factors make postponing games necessary. If the weather is questionable, call the department hotline at 486.2837, then press 3. In addition, a notice will be posted on the intramural bulletin boards and department webpage. Games will be rescheduled at a later date, if possible.

## Valid UConn ID Required to Play

Before anyone can participate, **each player must scan their UConn picture ID when they check in at all events.** If, for whatever reason(s), the ID is denied, the individual will not be allowed to participate in any Intramurals or Special Events at that time. NO EXCEPTIONS.

If a student or SRF member forgets his/her ID card, he/she may gain access to the SRF/competition by purchasing a \$5 refundable pass at the front desk of the SRF. The \$5 will be returned upon presentation of the refundable pass receipt and a valid UConn ID within seven days.

If a player is using a refundable pass to check into a game, they must already be on the team's roster in order to participate. **A participant must have their UConn ID if they are participating in that sport for the first time.**

# Forfeit Procedure

Forfeits are detrimental to the entire program and are an injustice to participants who want to play. Participants look forward to playing and are very disappointed when opponents fail to show. Therefore, a forfeit procedure (with a re-entry fee system) has been established. This procedure is designed to eliminate forfeits. We do not want to discourage anyone from playing. We want you to participate!

In all sports, if an individual/team fails to appear or fails to have the required number of players at the scheduled game time, the opposing player/team who is present will have the following options:

- 1 Take the win by forfeit at that time. No contest will be played.
- 2 Choose to wait until the opponent arrives to compete.

The official game clock will start running as scheduled. The game will commence once the opponents arrive with whatever game time is remaining on the clock. The waiting team will be given a scoring advantage. If the opposing team is not ready to play 10 minutes after the scheduled game time, a forfeit win will be declared for the waiting team.

If neither team has the required number of players at the scheduled game time, both teams will be given 10 minutes to complete their team. No scoring advantage will be given to either team in this case.

## Re-Entry Fee Procedure

In each of the team sports (except 9-9 Softball and some Special Events), teams are not required to pay an entry fee when they register. However, if a team forfeits a game, they will be required to pay a re-entry fee of \$25 (non-refundable) by 4:30 PM the next business day. This must be paid by cash or check during office hours.

If the team does not pay the re-entry fee, they will be dropped from the league and replaced (with available teams on the waiting list). The replacing team will assume all wins and losses of the team (accumulated All-Campus Championship points and sportsmanship not included) that dropped out of the league. **Also, as long as a team pays the re-entry fee after a forfeit, they will remain eligible for the playoffs based on W/L record and sportsmanship rating. A forfeit counts as a loss.**

**Players will not be eligible to participate in that sport for the remainder of the season if they registered or played in a game for a team that forfeits out of the league.**

# Safety and Attire

Proper attire must be worn for each activity. NCAA, NIRSA, and Federation standards will be enforced when applicable. This is for your protection, as well as that of the other participants. Each individual must obtain prior approval from the Assistant Director of Intramurals and Special Events for the use of orthopedic devices essential to protect an injury, as well as any casts or wrappings. Religious medallions and medical identifications must be removed from chains and taped or sewn under the uniform.

## Illegal Apparel

- Street/dress clothes (i.e. jeans or shoes)
- Bare feet, sandals, or work-boots
- Cleats of any kind (exception: molded rubber cleats permitted for softball only)
- Exposed jewelry of any kind (rings, earrings, ropes, etc.)

**Taping of jewelry is not permitted!**

## Medical Procedures

The Department of Recreational Services assumes no responsibility for injuries received during intramurals, special events, and other recreational activities. Participants are reminded that their participation is completely voluntary. Each year a small number of injuries occur which require professional treatment. The nature of sport activities and the large number of participants in our program make the occurrences of some injuries inevitable. It is strongly recommended that all participants have a physical examination prior to participating. Any injuries or accidents occurring during recreational activities should be reported immediately to on-duty personnel. Participants with a health issue and individuals who are on medication are urged to confidentially inform the Assistant Director of Intramurals and Special Events of their specific situation.

Anyone bleeding or having blood on their clothing will be prohibited from participation until appropriate measures have been administered.



# Eligibility

## Individual

All full-time students registered at the University of Connecticut at the Storrs Campus, as well as faculty and staff members (who are paid members of the Student Recreation Facility), are eligible to participate in any intramural sports or special events program. The participation of all individuals, however, will be in accordance with the following:

### Faculty, Staff, and Part-Time Students

All faculty, staff, and part-time students must be paid members of the Student Recreation Facility in order to participate in any intramural sports or special events. Memberships may be purchased through the main office of the Student Recreation Facility (only during office hours, Monday through Friday 8:30AM-9:00PM).

### Current Varsity Team Members

Varsity athletes are ineligible to compete in their sport or any related sports (i.e. current baseball players may not play softball). Any member of a varsity team who suits up for a game/match or is listed at any time on the team's roster during the 2009-2010 school year is ineligible for the remainder of the school year (2009-2010) in that sport or related sport. This rule also applies to athletes who have transferred to UConn from another university/college during the 2009-2010 school year. **Non-scholarship practice players and players who participated in tryouts are not considered current varsity players.**

### Ex-Varsity Athletes

Only one ex-varsity letter winner is eligible to be on an intramural team's roster for each sport in which the student lettered. This rule includes the holder of a varsity letter at a university or senior college other than the University of Connecticut. This rule will not apply to ex-varsity athletes who graduated before September 1, 2006.

### Professional and Elite Athletes

Anyone who has competed in a sport on a professional or international level shall be ineligible for intramural competition in that sport or its related sport.

## Organizational

The University of Connecticut Intramural Sports program offers three divisions of competition: Men's, Women's, and Co-Recreational.

### Men's Division

All University of Connecticut male undergraduate and graduate students, as well as male faculty and staff, are eligible to participate in this division.

### Women's Division

All University of Connecticut female undergraduate and graduate students, as well as female faculty and staff, are eligible to participate in this division.

### Co-Recreational Division

All University of Connecticut male and female undergraduate and graduate students, as well as male and female faculty and staff, are eligible to participate in this division.

**The Department of Recreational Services reserves the right to rule on the eligibility of any participant and take appropriate disciplinary action. When necessary, the Department of Recreational Services will investigate any properly protested cases (see protest procedures on page 8), and handle them according to the policies and procedures.**

## Roster Restrictions

An individual may not, under any circumstances, play or register for more than one intramural team in the same division (Men, Women, or Co-Rec) regardless of level of play for a specific sport.

# Disciplinary Procedures

## Major Infractions

- 1 Any individual disqualified from a contest for addressing an official, another player, or other program personnel in an unsportsmanlike manner will be suspended from competition for a minimum of their next two scheduled contests.
- 2 Anyone endangering the welfare of another will be disqualified immediately. In addition, the individual will be suspended from competition for a minimum of their next two scheduled contests.
- 3 Anyone flagrantly endangering the welfare of another will be disqualified immediately. In addition, the individual will be suspended from competition for the remainder of that sport season (minimum), semester, or 365 days.
- 4 Anyone flagrantly offending program personnel, verbally, physically, or in writing, will be suspended from all intramural sports, as well as all other programs offered by the Department of Recreational Services, for a minimum of 365 days.
- 5 Anyone becoming involved in a fight will be disqualified immediately. In addition, the individual will be suspended from further competition for 365 days. "S/he hit me first" or "I was just defending myself" are not acceptable excuses for fighting.
- 6 Cheating: Any individual who is responsible for cheating will be suspended from competition according to the following guidelines:
  - Playing for multiple teams and violating any eligibility rules: Remainder of the sport season (minimum).
  - Playing while under suspension: 365 days from all Intramurals and Special Events.
  - Using someone else's ID, allowing another person to use one's own ID, playing under a false name, allowing another person to use someone else's ID, or allowing a suspended player to participate: 365 days from all Intramurals and Special Events.

**In addition to the above cheating guidelines, the team will forfeit all games in which an illegal player participated.**

## Policies and Procedures

- If a team is responsible for being involved in a cheating incident, the entire team may be placed on probation. Depending on the severity of the incident, the team may not be eligible for playoffs or may be removed from the league.
- During a suspension, a game forfeited by the suspended player's team will not count as a game served for the suspension. The participant will still have to serve an additional game to fulfill their suspension.
- Suspensions will be served in the sport in which the offense occurred. While under suspension, individuals are not allowed to participate in any intramural sports and special events.
- In cases occurring late in the sport season or the academic year, a suspension may carry over into the next sport or intramural/school year.
- After reinstatement, anyone involved in a second offense will be suspended from competition for one full calendar year (365 days). Depending on the severity of the incident(s), the individual(s) may be banned from all programs and services offered by the Department of Recreational Services. In addition, individuals will be subject to University disciplinary procedures.
- All suspended players are encouraged to set up a meeting with the Assistant Director of Intramurals and Special Events to discuss their case. It is each individual's responsibility to contact our office at 486-2357 for a meeting.



# Protests, Sportsmanship, and Participant Conduct

## Protest Procedure

It is the strong belief of this department that contests should be won or lost on the field of play, not through the technicalities of the rules. The intramural staff will resolve all disputes immediately. **Matters involving an official's judgment are not a basis for protest.**

The captain of a protesting team is required to make the protest to the officials in charge of the contest at the time the question is raised. **Once play has resumed, a protest will not be valid.** The officials are responsible for notifying the intramural supervisor, who will note the game situation so that the contest may be replayed from that point, in the event the protest is upheld.

All protests (including eligibility) must be made in writing to the Department of Recreational Services by the protesting team's captain. Forms can be obtained from the on-site supervisor. All protest forms must be filed immediately following the conclusion of the game with the on-site supervisor. On-site supervisors will assist in filling out the form if there are any questions.

After a thorough investigation, the Assistant Director of Intramurals and Special Events will rule on the protest. The decision will be final.

**The Department of  
Recreational Services  
reserves the right  
to rule in any matters not  
covered in this handbook.  
We will apply the spirit of  
the rules and fairness in all  
situations.**

## Sportsmanship and Participant Conduct

Good sportsmanship has always been required. Unfortunately, some teams and individuals have considered good sportsmanship optional. Following each contest in team sports, the game officials and intramural supervisor(s) will rate each team on their sportsmanship. Teams qualifying for the playoff tournament (using W/L record) must average at least a "B" (3.0) rating to be included. In addition, teams must maintain a "B" (3.0) rating throughout the playoff tournament. Teams dropping below a 3.0 average during the playoffs will be eliminated from the tournament. If it is the winning team that drops below a 3.0 average, the next available team (with a 3.0 average) may be placed in their spot to continue in the spirit of participation. Specific rating regulations will be discussed at the mandatory captains' meetings for each sport.

Teams will not receive a grade for a game forfeited or won by forfeit. Exception: game(s) played, then forfeited due to player(s) eligibility. Ratings will be cumulative based only on the number of games played.

Good sportsmanship is required of all participants. Players, coaches, and spectators are to conduct themselves properly at all times. The Department of Recreational Services reserves the right to suspend or disqualify groups or individuals for unsportsmanlike conduct at any time. Unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, and/or after a game (event) will not be tolerated. The team captains are expected to assist the department staff and will assume full responsibility for the conduct of the team and spectators.

Any player, fan, or coach who has to be removed or ejected from a game or playing area for conduct of an unsportsmanlike nature is automatically ineligible from further competition and will be suspended for any major infractions. (General Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Disrespecting officials or opponents, misuse of equipment, taunting, use of foul language, etc.) Notification of disciplinary action will be sent to the individual, team captain, and other University departments, such as the Division of Student Affairs, as necessary.

All ejected players must leave the playing area/facility when ejected. If the player refuses to leave within five minutes, the game will be forfeited. The team captain is held accountable.

The decision of an official or intramural staff member to eject a player or spectator for any unsportsmanlike conduct (be it verbal or physical) will be firmly upheld by the Department of Recreational Services. Protests of this type will not be accepted. Absolutely no exceptions.

# Intramural Format

Due to the large amount of teams and limited availability of facilities, we have to limit the number of teams for registration in many of the team sports.

## Team Sports

During the regular season a round robin or pool play structure will be used in each division whenever possible. Tournament structure may be changed when it is necessary to accommodate special circumstances. The format for the playoff tournament will be single elimination.

## Individual/Dual Sports

Many of the tournaments will be single or double elimination in structure, depending on the number of entries. Tournaments will be drawn at random; no seedings.

## Tie Breaking Procedures

- 1 Intramural points earned for the sport

When computing points for win/loss record, the following system will be used:

Win= 3 points  
Tie= 1 point  
Loss= 0 points  
Forfeit= -1 point

- 2 Head to head
- 3 Sportsmanship rating
- 4 Total point differential for all games
- 5 Coin flip

This procedure will be applied to break all ties.

## Levels of Play

Whenever possible, different levels of competition (Open, A, B) in each division will be available.

- Open: Most Competitive  
A: Advanced  
B: Recreational

# Intramural All-Campus Championship

The All-Campus Championship Trophy was established to encourage participation in all intramural activities, and to offer incentives beyond the desire to excel in just one activity. At the end of each school year, overall championship teams will win prizes in Men's, Women's and Co-Recreational Divisions.

## Point System For Intramural All-Campus Championship

Participation Points Per Sport = 50 (team events), 20 (individual events)

Win = 10  
Tie= 7  
Loss = 5  
Forfeit = - 10

1st Place = 30	2nd Place = 15	3rd Place = 10
4th Place = 8	5th Place = 5	6th Place = 3

- The team must finish the regular season to receive participation and All-Campus Championship points.
- Participation points are only given once to each team/individual for each event, regardless of how many teams/players are participating in the event.
- In double elimination, the not-so-lucky bracket will receive 7 points for a win and 3 points for a loss. Teams with byes in the playoffs will receive 10 points for that round, if applicable.
- Each group may enter as many teams or individuals as they want in all sports with the same team name. However, only one team for intramural sports seasons, top two teams for one-day team events, or top four finishers in the individual/dual events will receive points towards the All-Campus Championship.
- Be sure to use the same team name throughout the year to earn All-Campus Championship Points.
- The actual trophies for the Intramural All-Campus Championship will be kept on display in the front of the Student Recreation Facility with the names of the previous championship teams engraved on them.



## Free Agents

### Looking to play but don't have a team?

Stop by the Student Recreation Facility and sign up on our Free Agent Board located in the main hallway. Attend the captains' meeting for the specific sport you are interested in. Captains' meeting times and dates are available in the rule packet, which can be picked up in the foyer of the Student Recreation Facility or online at our webpage: [web.uconn.edu/recreation](http://web.uconn.edu/recreation)

## All-Stars

At the conclusion of the season for all team sports there will be an All-Star team selected. The team will consist of players from all levels and divisions (when applicable) and will be chosen with input from captains, officials, intramural staff, and opponents. Skills, impact, attitude, and sportsmanlike conduct will be taken into consideration when selecting the team(s).

If you have any questions or would like to nominate an individual for the All-Star team, please contact the Intramural Office @ 486-2357.

## Haven't found what you are looking for?

The Department of Recreational Services offers a variety of recreational activities other than intramurals: fitness, wellness, outdoor adventure, informal recreation, and so much more. For detailed information, check out our webpage ([web.uconn.edu/recreation](http://web.uconn.edu/recreation)) or pick up an individual program brochure at the Student Recreation Facility.

## Harassment Policy

It is the Department of Recreational Services' goal to foster a climate of courtesy and mutual respect for employees and participants. Because the University is so complex and diverse, we will not always agree with one another. Nevertheless, we expect everyone to speak and act with respect for one another. While no set of rules or policies can wholly govern human conduct, it is important to state that civility is a fragile construct that each of us must appreciate and preserve.

The University of Connecticut reaffirms that it does not condone harassment directed toward any person or group within its community (students, employees, or visitors). Every member of the University ought to refrain from actions that intimidate, humiliate, or demean persons or groups, or that undermine their security or self-esteem.

The Department of Recreational Services is in constant vigilance to ensure an environment that is free of abusive behavior directed toward an individual or group because of race, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, and physical or mental disability, including learning disabilities, mental retardation, and past/present history of a mental disorder. Any harassment toward a department employee or participant will subject the individual and/or team to University disciplinary procedures.

## Alcohol and Drug Policy

Individuals, teams, and spectators who arrive intoxicated, suspected of consumption, or possessing alcohol or other illegal substances will not be permitted to play and will be asked to leave the playing area. The game may be called a forfeit and the offending individuals immediately suspended. The Department of Recreational Services will not tolerate such behavior and will act in a manner that is prudent, with the safety of all participants the priority. Such individuals will be dealt with harshly, given a minimum of a 365-day suspension and will be subject to University disciplinary procedures.

