INTRODUCTION

The UCR Intramural Sports Program provides UCR affiliated individuals the opportunity to participate in a variety of organized athletic activities as his or her time and interest permits. Activities are organized on both a team and individual basis, and all of the provided sports are offered Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters. The available sports are:

**Division 1 (A & AA)**
- Team Sports
  - Basketball*
  - Flag Football
  - Slow Pitch
  - Softball

**Division 2**
- Individual Sports
  - Dodgeball#
  - Soccer
  - Volleyball

**Division 1 (A & AA)**
- Team Sports
  - Basketball*
  - Flag Football
  - Slow Pitch
  - Softball

**Division 2**
- Individual Sports
  - Badminton
  - Table Tennis
  - Virtual Sports*

* Sport also offered in Summer Session
# Classified as a Division 2 sport but is a team sport
Each sport has potentially three conference types: men’s, women’s, and co-recreational with each conference having a variety of days and times available for participation. Depending on a sport’s popularity, each conference is broken into different leagues to give like-minded teams the opportunity to compete together.

The Intramural Sports program reserves the right to refuse participation possibilities to teams or individuals with a poor attendance or sportsmanship history.

The Intramural Sports program assumes absolutely no responsibility for injuries related to Intramural Sports participation and advises that all participants acquire student health or comparable insurance before participating. A waiver of liability is standard on every team registration form, and team members who do not sign the form will not be eligible for participation. It is the individual’s responsibility to ascertain whether their health may be adversely affected by participating in any physical activity. This is not the responsibility of Intramural Sports, its staff, the staff of the Student Recreation Center, or the University.

All times listed in Intramural Sports publications are in Pacific Standard or Daylight Time. Official starting time will be maintained by the Intramural Staff and may differ from other “official” times. Please plan ahead for this discrepancy.

Intramural Sports also offers many employment opportunities for the undergraduate student population. Available positions range from office work to facility preparation to sport official.

Any questions regarding participating or working for Intramural Sports can be directed to the Intramural Sports Department located in the Student Recreation Center.

Intramural Sports
Student Recreation Center
951-827-7039
http://imsports.ucr.edu
1. PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY
A. All participants must present a UCR issued photo ID card (UCR Card) or an Student Recreation Center (SRC) membership card with government/university issued photo ID before participation in any Intramural Sports contest or event. Any other form of identification will not be accepted for any reason. (University Policy 102.16)
B. Eligibility Regulations:
   i. Any individual who meets the requirements for membership to the SRC will be considered eligible for participation in Intramural Sports. These requirements are:
      a. Current UCR Students
      b. UCR Faculty/Staff who are at least 50% FTE, have purchased an SRC membership for the current quarter, and possess a UCR Card.
      c. UCR Graduated Alumni who can provide proof of graduated status from any UCR degree program, has purchased an SRC membership for the current quarter, and possess a UCR Alumni Card. Recognized Alumni participants may not make up more than 20% of a team’s submitted roster.
      d. Ex-staff members who have SRC membership.
      e. UCR International Students who have purchased an SRC membership for the current quarter.
   ii. Individuals who do not meet membership requirements for the SRC will not be permitted to participate in any Intramural sanctioned event or contest. Some, but not all, of those individuals may be:
      a. UCR Extension Students, regardless of historical affiliation with UCR.
      b. Daily Guests
      c. Spectators
      d. Anyone not affiliated with UC-Riverside. The Intramural Staff will make determinations on a case-by-case basis.
      e. Spouse/Domestic Partners of UCR Student/Faculty/Staff who have an associated membership to the SRC for the current quarter, and possess a UCR Card are not eligible to participate in Intramural Sports.
      f. Parents of Current UCR Students who have purchased an associated SRC membership for the current quarter, and possess a government/university issued photo ID card are not eligible to participate in Intramural Sports.
iii. Special events hosted by Competitive Sports and the SRC may have other participation regulations. Check with the Intramural Sports office or the event coordinating organization for details.

C. Inter-Collegiate (ICA) Student-Athletes:
   i. ICA Student-Athletes from any NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA university or college, current or past, who meet UCR Intramural published eligibility requirements, will not be eligible to compete for a period of one calendar year or quarter in their designated sport(s) from the date of the first published team roster for their designated sport(s) bearing their name, regardless of academic or scholarship status. All other options on playing before the calendar year is up have to be approved by the Competitive Sports Director.
   
   ii. ICA Student-Athletes who meet UCR Intramural published eligibility requirements may participate in sports not related to their designated sport(s), pursuant to NCAA and established team rules.

D. Professional athletes currently enrolled at UCR are not eligible to compete in their designated sport(s) while listed on the first published team roster for their sport(s). Former professional athletes meeting the eligibility requirements may not participate within three years after the completion of their professional career.

E. Eligible participants, who play for any sport club, at UCR or other location, may not constitute more than 20% of an Intramural team roster for their club sport.

F. Any eligible individual will be considered ineligible from participation on the date he or she looses direct affiliation with the University of California – Riverside.

2. PARTICIPANT AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT

A. All participants and spectators are expected to behave in a manner that does not obstruct or disrupt any normal function of an Intramural Sports activity.

B. The use of alcohol, tobacco, and/or federally controlled substances at an Intramural Sports activity is strictly prohibited. Participants or spectators perceived to be, or showing signs of being, under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, or federally controlled substances at an Intramural Sports activity will be asked to leave immediately. Violators may be reported to the Student Judicial Affairs office and may be banned from attending any Intramural Sports activity indefinitely.
C. Use of profanity, obscene or vulgar language/actions, discriminating slurs, or other adverse language will not be tolerated. Any participant or spectator using such language or performing such acts will receive the penalty described within the rules for each sport.

D. Verbal attacks or harassment of any nature toward a spectator or participant will result in a penalty as described within the rules for each sport. Verbal attacks or harassment of any nature toward any Intramural Employee will result in immediate ejection and a minimum two game suspension or a period of 45-days, whichever is less. The Intramural Professional Staff will decide upon final disciplinary judgments.

E. Physical attacks of any nature toward a spectator, participant, or personal property will result in a minimum two game suspension or a period of 45-days, whichever is less. Physical attacks of any nature toward any Intramural Sports Employee or Property will result in an immediate ejection and suspension from Intramural Events for a period of no less than 75 days. All actions and involved parties will be reported to the office of Student Judicial Affairs/Department Head and the Director of Recreation. The Intramural Professional Staff will decide upon final disciplinary judgments.

F. Any team or individual may be removed from participation if he/she/they appear to be a threat to the safety to the Intramural Staff or its participants. The Intramural Professional Staff will decide upon final disciplinary judgments.

3. TEAM ROSTERS
   A. All teams must submit a roster of eligible participants before being placed in an available time slot.
   B. Participation by an unregistered individual will result in forfeiture of all games in which the illegal participant played and the team may lose tournament eligibility. The participant in question will not be added to the team’s roster and is prohibited from participating for any other team in which he/she has not already registered.
   C. Additions may be made to the originally submitted team roster provided the addition occurs during Intramural office hours. The deadline to add new participants is 5:00pm on the fourth Thursday of play.
   D. Additions of eligible players to a team roster must be completed in person by the adding participant in the Intramural office. Individuals attempting to add themselves to a team by phone, email, or at game time will be turned away.
E. Corrections may be made to the originally submitted team roster provided the correction occurs during Intramural office hours. The deadline to correct information regarding previously submitted participants is 5:00pm on day of a team’s last game.

F. Any participant who receives a new UCR Card during the course of a sports season should report this card change to the Intramural Sports office as soon as possible. This would be considered a Roster Correction.

G. Team members must be listed on the team roster form before they are eligible to participate. Participants are eligible to play for that team immediately after registration.

H. A player’s name must appear on the printed game sheet roster before the start of each contest and must match the name on the team roster. This may be verified at anytime.

I. Each team member must play in at least one regular season game during to be eligible for tournament play. Any team member who has not participated in one regular season game will be removed from the tournament team roster.

J. Women may play in a men’s league if there is no women’s conference for that sport.

K. Players may not change teams after playing one game with any given team. Playing in one game constitutes membership to a team.

L. Players may not participate for two teams within the same conference (see Introduction) during a single season. Exception: participants may play for one Co-Rec and one Men’s/Women’s Team.

4. TEAM SPORT REGISTRATION

A. Registration begins the second day of each academic quarter or the first day of summer session when the office opens for business. Current team roster forms will be made available at that time.

B. Time slots will be given on a first come first served basis during the registration period. In order for a team to be given a time slot, that team must provide a completed roster form to the Intramural Office during office hours. Forms submitted after office hours will not be considered for registration and will be destroyed. A completed roster form consists of:
i. The name of the team, desired sport, desired conference, and desired league must be clearly identified. If a team is elects to play in the Dorm or Student Group leagues, that team must identify which dorm or student group they represent (a dorm or student group may enter more than one team).

ii. The Team Manager Information Section must be completed in full. This information is required as the Intramural staff may need to contact the team regarding days of play, tournament participation, or other Intramural Sports related business. (This information will not be given/sold/used for anything other than Intramural or University business). The individual completing this section must also sign the reverse side of the form, indicating agreement with the Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, Indemnity Agreement, and Likeness Consent.

iii. A total number of team members equal to the maximum number of participants allowed to participate at one time for the desired sport. Rosters not having the required number of participants will be turned away and returned to the submitting team representative. The required number of team members are:
   a. Basketball – 5
   b. Dodge Ball – 6
   c. Flag Football – 7
   d. Soccer – 8
   e. Softball – 10
   f. Volleyball – 6

iv. If a listed team member does not have all of the required information completed, that individual will not be considered an active member of the team. That individual may come into the Intramural office and correct the error at any time before the team’s last game, but will not be allowed to participate until corrected.

C. Time Slot Selection and Availability
   i. Open time slot selection concludes at 3:00pm on the Wednesday of the second full week of the academic quarter.

   ii. Remaining time slots will be made available at 12:00pm the day after the Sports Orientation/Manager’s Meeting through 12:00pm on the first day of play for that time slot. Team’s selecting time slots after the Sports Orientation/Manager’s Meeting will be charged with a 10-point Sportsmanship Point deduction.
iii. No team will be allowed to change their chosen time slot until after the Sport Orientation meeting.

iv. Time slot expansion will be left to the discretion of the Intramural Sports Staff. Expansion will not occur:
   a. If there are openings in other time slots of similar conferences or leagues.
   b. After the Sports Orientation Meeting

v. Teams with historically poor attendance or sportsmanship may be limited in their choices for participation.

D. Sports Orientation/Manager’s Meeting
   i. Each sport will have a separate Sports Orientation/Manager’s Meeting, typically held at night on the Wednesday of the second full week classes in an academic quarter. Check with the Intramural Office or website for the most current meeting schedule.
   
   ii. Each team, who has a selected time slot, must have one representative present at the Sports Orientation/Manager’s Meeting. Time slots will not be given at the meeting.
   
   iii. If a team is not represented at the Sport Orientation meeting their selected time slot will be forfeited that day after the Sport Orientation. That team will be dropped to the waiting list.

5. INDIVIDUAL SPORT REGISTRATION
   A. Registration for Individual/Division 2 sports begins on the second day of each academic quarter or the first day of summer session when the office opens for business. Current individual Waiver/Liability/Consent forms will be made available at that time.
   
   B. All participants in D-2 sports must complete the required waiver. Participation may not proceed until the completed form is presented to the supervising Intramural Sports staff member.
   
   C. There is no limit in the number of participants for a Division 2 sport.
   
   D. There is no Sports Orientation/Manager’s Meeting for Division 2 sports. D2 sports will begin during the third full week of classes in an academic quarter.
6. INDIVIDUALS NEEDING A TEAM (“FREE AGENTS”)

A. Individuals who do not have a full team for a sport but are interested in participating are considered a “Free Agent”.

B. There are three ways to improve a Free Agent’s chances of participating in the current Intramural Sports season.

C. The best ways to be added are to:
   i. Attend the Sports Orientation/Manager’s Meeting for the each sport you wish to play and ask the team representatives if they need more team members.
   ii. Attend the Free Agent meeting the day after the Sports Orientation/Manager’s Meeting. Check with the Intramural office for the most current schedule.
   iii. Attend the first day of play for the each sport you wish to play. NOTE: if a Free Agent chooses this method, he/she must receive a Free Agent Pass from the Intramural office.

D. While every attempt will be made to place all interested individuals, no guarantee is made to the placement of Free Agents. Those individuals who are the most proactive will have the greatest results.

E. Each team must designate a team representative or manager as the direct contact person for the team. This person will be contacted regarding poor weather conditions and tournament status.

F. It is a manager’s responsibility to check their team’s status and report any errors to the Intramural Office within 7 days of the date of the error. All effort will be made to correct errors after this time period but will not be guaranteed.

G. Each quarter, the Intramural Sports Office will post sign-up sheets for each sport offered. Lists will be made available at least five business days before the sport orientation meeting.

H. Managers or team captains are responsible for all team interaction with Intramural Sports employees. Non-managers or non-captains are not allowed to discuss or argue an official’s call and could result in a warning towards the player and team up to player ejection or team forfeit. Arguing is defined at the official’s discretion.
7. MANAGERS/CAPTINS RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Managers will be responsible for all aspects of team registration, which will begin the first week of each quarter and run through the sport orientation meeting.

B. Managers, or their representative, must submit a team roster of to the Intramural Sports Staff at the sports orientation meeting. Team managers are responsible for checking the eligibility of their team members. Questionable cases should be referred to the Intramural Sports office prior to participation.

C. Managers must send each additional player, not on the original roster, to the Intramural Sports office. Phone/courtside additions will not be allowed and may be considered an illegal roster addition. Additions must be done before the end of business on the Fourth Thursday of play.

D. Managers are responsible for the conduct of all his/her team members and spectators as well as ensuring those individuals adhere to the policies listed in this policy book.

E. Managers must ensure there will be enough players present at each game to avoid a forfeit. Managers should contact the Intramural Sports office at least 24 hours before to forfeit a game and receive a lesser Sportsmanship grade.

F. It is the team manager’s responsibility to ensure his/her team wears the proper attire for personal health and safety. Proper attire consists of closed toe shoes, shirt, and shorts/pants. Participants wearing inappropriate attire will not be permitted to play.
   i. Denim material shorts/pants are not allowed at any time for any event.
   ii. A sports bra is not considered a shirt or proper torso clothing.
   iii. Cleats must be made of a malleable rubber. All other cleat types are illegal.
   iv. Proper safety equipment standard for all sports is highly recommended (helmets, pads, guards, etc.) but is not a requirement for participation.

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8. PROTESTS & APPEALS

H. Protests concerning an official’s judgment will be disregarded but taken into consideration for training purposes.

I. All appeals and protests must be filed within one Intramural Sports business day of the corresponding decision

J. Protests concerning use of an ineligible player must be made in writing to
the Competitive Sports Director the business day after the contest was played.

K. Protests concerning a misinterpretation of a rule must be verbally registered with the official and/or supervisor at the time the incident occurs. The game will be stopped. The officials and supervisors will speak privately and determine the correct ruling. On-site rulings are final. No protest can be made on a previous play once the game resumes.

L. On-site rulings are final and rescheduling a contest to accommodate a ruling is not an option.

9. SPORTSMANSHIP GRADES

M. Each team in every level of play will begin each season with “A” in sportsmanship. Any team that drops to a “D” points or less will not be eligible for the playoffs – regardless of the team’s league standing. Teams will not inherit deductions from any conduct violations in the previous season or year.

N. For every game played, Intramural Sports Supervisors and Officials will evaluate each team’s sportsmanship. This includes, but is not limited to, cooperation with officials, fighting, verbal harassment, and any other infractions regarding the rules of fair play.

O. Each infraction type is assigned a grade value. A running total of grades will be accumulated based on the number of team infractions.

P. Sportsmanship points will carry over into any tournament play.

Q. Each team is responsible for checking their sportsmanship grade after each game. Appeals must be made in writing to the Intramural Sports Office within 24 hours of the contest in question (Note: the administration reserves the right to increase a penalty at their discretion).

10. GREEK EVENTS

R. Intramural Sports will not be responsible for any part participant eligibility except to verify an actual participant’s membership to a team. Any bylaw or other university participant requirements will not be administered by Intramural Sports and will be deferred to the Office of Student Life.

S. All Greek Events managed by Intramural Sports will be conducted under current Intramural Sports Rules (if applicable) and Policies. Modifications to these rules will not be made for any reason.

T. Individual and team participation in regular Intramural Sports programs will affect participation in any Intramural Sports managed special event.

U. Poor Conduct in Intramural Sports managed events will affect participation in regular Intramural Sports programs.

V. Intramural Sports will manage discipline for individual participants and
entire teams. In most instances, all disciplinary action will be referred to Student Life and the Office of Student Judicial Affairs.

11. RESCHEDULES

W. No regular season Intramural Sports contest will be rescheduled for any time conflict. Semi-Final or Final tournament contests will only be rescheduled if there is a conflict with another Intramural Sports event.
X. Games potentially scheduled on a University recognized holiday would not be played. Regular games on these days will not be rescheduled. Teams potentially playing on these days will have one fewer game than teams playing on other days.

12. FORFEITS

Y. There is a ten minute official grace period and games must start at the published game time if a team decides to give that grace but only in games on the hour. If a team fails to appear with the minimum required participants, the Intramural Sports Supervisor on duty has the right to call a forfeit due to team absence. A double forfeit will be declared if neither team is present at game time. Game forfeits will be scored according to each sport’s forfeit rules.
Z. Any team caught using ineligible players will forfeit all games in which that person participated and may lose eligibility to the playoffs.
AA. If, in the opinion of the officials or supervisor, a team is not playing the game within the spirit of the rules or fair play, the game may be stopped and a forfeit declared against one or both teams.
BB. If a team drops below the minimum participant requirement during a game due to injuries it will not be considered a forfeit. If a team drops below the required number due to participant misconduct or personal fouls it will be considered a forfeit.
CC. Two forfeits during a given season will result in the team being dropped from consideration for any playoff or post-season tournament.

13. WEATHER CONDITIONS

DD. Regular season contests will not be rescheduled due to poor weather conditions or the subsequent poor facility conditions. Games will be moved to the next week and the last game on the schedule will be canceled. (Exception: Last games will be canceled).
EE. Poor weather conditions will never force the cancellation or rescheduling of indoor Intramural Sports contests. (Exception: University Closure)
FF. Decisions regarding facility conditions will be made by 5:00pm game day. If weather conditions develop after this time, Intramural Staff will make a
game time decision.

GG. Outdoor Tournament Play and Poor Weather Conditions
i. If weather conditions, or the subsequent poor facility conditions, prevent safe participation games will be canceled.
ii. All rounds up to tournament semi-finals will not be rescheduled and a Game Replacement procedure will be used to choose a winner. All Semifinal and Championship games will be rescheduled and played.
iii. Game replacement: Each bracket game up to the semi-finals will be determined by drawing names out of hat. Depending upon the team’s rank in the bracket, each team will receive entries corresponding to the number of teams in their tournament bracket minus that team’s rank plus 2 (Ex.: in a game between the 2nd seed and the 7th seed in a bracket of 8 teams, the #2 will receive 8 entries and the #7 will receive 3 entries). The result will be determined from one draw and the score of the game will be 1-0. This format is subject to change at the director’s discretion. All rounds in the tournament could be very well played.

14. EJECTIONS “out of sight, out of sound”

HH. Any participant or spectator, at the discretion of the Intramural Sports Staff, who does not participate in the spirit of Intramural Sports competition, may be ejected at any time from the game or facility.
II. It is the team player or manager’s responsibility to provide the ejected participant’s name to the Intramural Sports Supervisor on duty. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of the current game due to team misconduct.
JJ. The ejected person(s), or team manager, will be given Notice to Appear informing the offending participant he/she must schedule a meeting with the Intramural Sports Coordinator or Director within 48 hours of the incident. The ejected player may not participate in any sport until he/she has scheduled the meeting.
KK. Failure to meet these requirements will result in a team’s forfeiture of any games in which the player in question participates.
LL. Any ejected participant, for any and all reasons, will serve a one game suspension for the next contest of the sport in which they were ejected. All suspensions of any length will carry over to the next academic period.

15. TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

MM. Not all teams will participate in Intramural Sports post-season play. Post-season participation will be determined by the following.
i. In leagues of only one division, all teams meeting tournament
requirements will be invited to participate in post-season play.

ii. In all other leagues, only the top three teams from each division meeting tournament requirements will be invited to participate in post-season play.
   a. If any of these three teams are considered ineligible for tournament play, teams below that position will move up and fill any empty spot.
   b. If no other team in a division meets the requirements an open bid will be offered at the bottom of the tournament bracket. This spot will be offered to the next highest ranked team meeting tournament eligibility and not already in a tournament position. If no other team meets the requirements, the position will remain empty.

NN. Teams invited to participate in Intramural Sports post-season play must meet the eligibility requirements of:

   i. Teams must have “C” Sportmanship grade or better.
   ii. Teams must not have more than one forfeit during regular season play.

OO. If two teams are considered tied at the end of regular season play, the following tie-breaking policy will be used:

   i. Intramural Rating Points
   ii. Total Sportmanship Grade
   iii. Head-to-Head competition
   iv. Total Points Allowed in all games
   v. Total Points Scored in all games

PP. If three teams are considered tied at the end of regular season play, the following tie-breaking policy will be used.

   i. Record vs. other teams in tiebreak.
   ii. Total Sportmanship Grade
   iii. Points Allowed vs. other teams in tiebreak
   iv. Points Scored vs. other teams in tiebreak
   v. Points Allowed in all games
   vi. Points Scored in all games

QQ. If at any time during the three-team tiebreak one team is eliminated, that team will be dropped and the two team tie-breaking policy will be used.

**Conclusion**

"Playing Intramural Sports is a privlege not a right"

*****The Competitive Sports Director reserves the right to change, eliminate, or incorporate any new policies as it relates to the betterment of the program*****