Mission and Values

The University of Cincinnati Intramural Sports program offers various activities for students, faculty, and staff. The program offers team, individual, and dual events for men, women, and coed teams in a variety of leagues and tournaments. The mission of the University of Cincinnati Intramural Sports Program is to:

- Provide students, faculty, and staff with the opportunity to participate in a variety of competitive recreational sports in a fun, safe environment.
- Provide quality facilities and equipment.
- Promote healthy lifestyles.
- Provide social opportunities.

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Section I – Assumption of Risk

You may suffer physical and/or mental injury from participating in Intramural Sports. There are certain risks of injury that are inherent to participation in sports and recreational activities. These types of injuries may be minor or serious and may result from the actions or inactions of themselves or others. By choosing to participate in Intramural Sports, you do so at your own risk. It is understood that most activities require a certain level of fitness and health, and that each person has a different capacity for participating in these activities. Participants of Intramural Sports are highly encouraged to have a physical examination and procure health insurance prior to play. UC Campus Recreation does not provide health insurance.

Intramural Supervisors undergo concussion recognition training. In the instance a participant is exhibiting any signs or symptoms of a concussion as a result of a head injury sustained during intramural play, he or she will be removed from the activity. This individual must provide a physician's note clearing the individual to play by a specific date. This note may be e-mailed to intramural@uc.edu or faxed to 513-556-0601.

Section II – Notice of Non Discrimination

The University of Cincinnati does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, veteran status or gender identity and expression in its programs and activities.

The university does not tolerate discrimination, harassment, or retaliation on these bases and takes steps to ensure that students, employees, and third parties are not subject to a hostile environment in University programs or activities.

The university responds promptly and effectively to allegations of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. It promptly conducts investigations and takes appropriate action, including disciplinary action, against individuals found to have violated its policies, as well as provides appropriate remedies to complainants and the campus community. The university takes immediate action to end a hostile environment if one has been created, prevent its recurrence, and remedy the effects of any hostile environment on affected members of the campus community.
Section III - Eligibility

1. General Eligibility
To be eligible for intramural participation, each player must (1) possess an active membership to the University of Cincinnati Campus Recreation Center and (2) be a current University of Cincinnati student (taking classes in the current semester of intramural play), faculty, or staff member.

- **Full-time, main campus students** automatically receive a CRC membership through full payment of the student life fee.
- **Part-time students, co-op students, branch students, faculty, and staff** do not automatically pay the full student life, and therefore need to purchase a UC Campus Recreation membership to become eligible for intramural play. For information on rates, please visit the [website](#).

2. Gender
For gender-specific leagues, participants may participate in the league that best matches their gender identity. For coed leagues, an individual's gender identity will be applied to any gender-specific rules or player ratio requirements.

3. Playing on Multiple Teams
Participants may participate on one (1) coed and one (1) non-coed team per sport, per season. Substituting for another team in the same league is prohibited. Offending players and teams may be subject to suspensions and/or forfeits.

| Example: | 
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| **Allowed** | A male participant participates on both a men's A and coed intramural soccer team in the same season. |
| **Not Allowed** | A male participant participates on both a men's A and men's B intramural soccer team in the same season. |

4. Club Sport Team Players
A club sport participant is defined as one who has practiced or played in a contest for a UC competitive club sport team within the same academic year.

- Club sport participants may not participate on an intramural B (recreational) league team in the same or a similar sport.
- For sports with five (5) or more players on the playing field at one time, a team is limited to two (2) club sport participants (in the same or similar sport) on its' roster.
- For sports with four (4) or less players on the playing field at one time, a team is limited to one (1) club sport participant (in the same or similar sport) on its' roster.

| Example: | 
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| A female UC club volleyball player may not participate on a coed B (recreational) intramural volleyball team. She may only participate on a coed A intramural volleyball team if she wishes to play in the coed league. |

| Example: | 
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| After the club soccer season ends, a graduating men's club soccer player is removed from the roster in December. Since intramural soccer begins the following February, this individual will still be considered a club soccer player and will count towards the roster limit (two competitive club soccer players per roster) for any intramural soccer team. |

5. Varsity Athletes
Current varsity athletes are not allowed to play on an intramural team of the same or similar sport. Former varsity athletes must sit out 365 days from last appearing on a varsity roster to be eligible to play in the same or similar sport.

- Former varsity athletes may not participate on an intramural B (recreational) league team in the same or a similar sport.
- Teams are allowed one (1) former varsity athlete per team.
- Redshirt/Prop 48 players are not eligible to participate in the same or similar sport.

6. Professional Athletes
Any player who is declared a professional is ineligible from participating in a like or similar intramural sport.
During the regular season, any player in violation of any eligibility rule may be suspended. The Intramural Department may also choose to forfeit affected games of teams with players in violation of these rules. Intramural Sports reserves the right to modify or issue any ruling that is deemed essential to the success of the program.

Section VI – Player Identification

1. Valid Identification
   All participants are required to present a valid UC Bearcat Card at pre-game check in for all games. Players may present another photo ID on a twice per season basis, provided the player is already on the printed roster.
   - Players who have not signed in with the team during the season and do not have a UC ID, may present another photo ID to the Campus Recreation Center Member Services Desk and receive a hand stamp indicating their eligibility.
   - Players without a valid ID and hand stamp will be ineligible to play during that contest.

2. False Identification
   Participants caught using false identification will incur the following consequences:
   1. The ID will be confiscated and given to Public Safety.
   2. The participant will be asked to give his/her name to the intramural supervisor. If he/she does not provide his/her name, the captain will be asked for the information. If the captain will not provide the player's name, he or she will be ejected from the game.
   3. The team will be put on probation and any further instances will result in expulsion from the league.
   4. The incident will be referred to the Judicial Affairs Office.

Section VII – Team Captain Responsibilities

Captains play an integral part in the Intramural Sports program. Listed below are responsibilities that captains are expected to perform throughout the season.

1. Pre-Season Responsibilities
   1. Pay for the team online or in person.
   2. Register the team on IMLeagues.com/UC.
   3. Attend (or send a team member) to one of two team representative meetings -OR- complete the team representative meeting exemption quiz if captain previously attend a team rep. meeting within the same academic year.
   4. Review Intramural Handbook and sport rules. Communicate this information to all team members.
   5. Notify team members of scheduled games.

2. Season Responsibilities
   1. Serve as the team's spokesperson at games. Protests may only be initiated by team captains.
   2. Sign the score sheet after each intramural contest. By signing the score sheet the captain confirms that the information on the score sheet is correct.
   3. Ensure all players are eligible for participation.
   4. Check schedules online weekly and notify teams of any changes. Verify that scores were inputted correctly and notify the Intramural office of any errors.
   5. Maintain an open line of communication with the intramural office.
   6. For playoffs, submit a playoff time conflict form (optional) and pay the reinstatement fee if the team has one regular season forfeit.

Section VIII - Registration

1. Overview
   Due to limited facility availability, entries are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration consists of two parts (payment and online registration) which must be completed in order to guarantee a spot. **Please note a team's payment reserves its' spot in the desired division.** Registering on IMLeagues prior to payment does not hold a spot for a team.

2. Step One - Payment
A captain may pay for a team either online or in person in the CRC Administrative Office.

**Online**
1. Sign up for a myMemberServices account (if you have not done so already) by visiting the [new account page](#), entering your M number, and following the prompts to create an account.
2. Log in to myMemberServices and click on Program Registration.
3. Click on Intramurals.
4. Click on View Programs under the sport you would like to register for.
5. Click on Add to Cart for the division(s) you would like to pay for.
6. Click on the cart program at the top of the page, and follow the prompts to submit payment.
7. You will receive a confirmation e-mail from our intramural sports department within two (2) business days with further instructions.

**In Person**
1. Weekdays, 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
2. CRC Administrative Office
3. We accept cash, credit/debit, check (made to University of Cincinnati), and Bearcat Card.

### 3. Step Two – Team Registration on IMLeagues
Following registration, captains will need to register their teams online in a timely manner on IMLeagues.com/UC. This website is used primarily for scheduling purposes.

### 4. Team Names
Campus Recreation reserves the right to prohibit or modify team names which it deems to be in poor taste, derogatory, profane, offensive, or misleading to other teams (i.e. "Bye Week" or "No game").

### 5. Rosters
Teams do not need to have a full roster at the time of registration. Players that sign in prior to each game during the regular season will automatically be added to the roster. Captains may choose to add players online at [www.imleagues.com/UC](http://www.imleagues.com/UC) prior to the season if they wish. See individual sport rules for maximum number of players per team. Players may not be added to rosters once playoffs have begun.

### Section IX – League Descriptions

#### 1. Types of Leagues
- **Coed**: Men and women participate together with required ratios of men to women.
- **Greek (Fraternity/Sorority)**: Only active undergraduate members and pledges of a recognized fraternity or sorority, as determined by the Student Activities and Leadership Development Office, may compete. Fraternities and sororities will be limited to one fraternity/sorority team in the Greek league for each sport to allow each Greek organization equal opportunity to participate in the league.
- **Open**: A special type of league with no specific coed rules. Men and women can participate in this league with no required ratios of men to women. In addition, teams comprised of all males or all females may compete in these leagues. This league is only available in a few sports.
- **Men’s/Women’s**: Gender-specific leagues. In the instance a gender-specific league is not offered, individuals of that gender may participate in the other gender’s league.

#### 2. Competition Level
League play may be divided into two competition levels (A and B) for leagues within specific sports that historically have a substantial amount of teams.

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<th>A Leagues (Competitive)</th>
<th>Designed to meet the needs of the highly skilled, highly competitive participant. This league places emphasis on the competitive aspect of sport for those participants who have competed in the sport at an advanced skill level.</th>
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<td>B Leagues (Recreational)</td>
<td>Designed to meet the needs of the participant who emphasizes participation, fitness, socializing and fun. Participants may range from highly skilled to beginners who wish to play in a recreational atmosphere.</td>
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#### 3. Playoff Reclassification
The intramural department reserves the right to place B league teams in A division playoffs if, in its' opinion, the indicated team is performing at a significantly higher skill level than the rest of the B league teams.

Section X – Free Agents

Individuals that do not have a team but would like to join one are considered free agents. Individuals wanting to be picked up by a team should visit www.imleagues.com/UC to sign up for free agency. Captains may login and view free agents by league and contact possible players form there. For more detailed instructions, please visit our website.

Section XI – Team Representative Meetings

1. Team Representative Meeting

Each team must send one representative (typically the captain) to one of two scheduled team representative meetings for that particular season. If the captain cannot attend one of the two meetings, he or she must send a team representative. Team representative meetings are held at the beginning of each season for the purpose of reviewing rules and policies, location of facilities, scheduling issues, important rules, and to answer questions. **Teams that do not send a representative to one of the two meetings will not be eligible for playoffs.**

2. Meeting Exemption Quiz

Captains can elect to take an exemption quiz for a season's team representative meeting for Fall II, Spring I, and Spring II. However, the individual:

- Must have physically attended a team representative meeting within the same academic year. **For example, a captain who attended the Spring I 2017 meeting would not qualify for an exemption for a Fall I 2017 meeting.**
- Must be listed as the captain or co-captain of the team he or she is filling the quiz out for.
- Must pass the quiz with a score of 75% or higher by the communicated deadline.

The online quiz will be e-mailed out to all previous team representative meeting attendees approximately two weeks prior to each season's team representative meetings. Captains that score lower than 75% will be allowed a maximum of one re-test.

Section XII – Forfeits, Defaults, Late Penalties, and Reinstatement Fees

1. Forfeits

A forfeit is declared when a team or individual fails to appear or is not prepared to begin play with the minimum number of players 10 minutes after the scheduled game time. A double forfeit is declared when both teams or individuals fail to appear or are not prepared to begin play with the minimum number of players 10 minutes after the scheduled game time. A forfeiting team will receive a sportsmanship score of 2.0.

2. Reinstatement Fee

Teams that forfeit once are not eligible for playoffs. However, a team may erase one forfeit and become eligible by paying a $20 reinstatement fee by the deadline established each season. Teams that forfeit twice (regardless if they have already paid the reinstatement fee that season) are dropped from league play and are ineligible for playoffs. Furthermore, the reinstatement fee will not be refunded. If a team misses a Mandatory Team Representative Meeting they may pay a $20 reinstatement fee and meet with the Assistant Director or Coordinator of Intramural Sports to take an exam on intramural policies and procedures. If the Team Representative passes the exam the team will then be reinstated for post season play.

3. Late Penalties

If a team shows up with the minimum number of players one (1) to nine (9) minutes after the scheduled game time, it will be assessed a late penalty. If there is a coin toss at the beginning of the game, the non-offending team will automatically win the coin toss. The opposing captain may elect NOT to assess the late penalties. However, the number of minutes late will be deducted from the first half or total time in sports that are timed. Please consult individual sport rules for the minimum number of individuals required to begin play and the specific late penalties.

4. Defaults:

A default provides a team with an opportunity to cancel a game for a loss and not be assessed a forfeit. In addition, teams that default will receive a 3.0 sportsmanship rating. A team is limited to one default per sport, per season. A
team captain must notify Campus Recreation via e-mail: intramural@uc.edu at least 48 hours before the scheduled game. Teams defaulting Sunday contests must notify the Intramural Office by noon on the Friday before. Default requests received within 48 hours of the scheduled game time will result in a team loss and forfeit.

Section XIII - Schedules

1. Regular Season Schedules
   All league schedules will be posted on IMLeagues. Captains will be e-mailed following registration once the regular season schedules have been published. Following each game, it is the captain's responsibility to review game results online for accuracy.

2. Playoff Schedules
   Playoff brackets will be posted on IMLeagues. Captains will be e-mailed once playoff brackets are published. It is the captain's responsibility to check the brackets online for information regarding his/her team's next game. Captains should read brackets carefully, as there may be doubleheaders or games on consecutive days.

3. Pre-season Scrimmages
   Intramural teams have the opportunity to schedule a pre-season scrimmage to help their team get ready for the regular season. Preseason scrimmages are also used as formal, hands-on training for intramural sports officials. A captain can sign up for a scrimmage when paying for a team. Scrimmages are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. A team that forfeits a scheduled scrimmage will be deducted two (2) sportsmanship points from its first regular season game.

4. Schedules & Reschedules
   Athletic facilities are shared between Athletics, Intramural Sports, Club Sports, and other university and non-university groups. Periodically, schedules need to be modified because of changes in athletic practices, contests, or events outside of our control. For this reason, Campus Recreation may have to change game times and/or opponents. Schedule changes may also occur when teams are added or dropped from league competition. Every attempt will be made to ensure that teams are given reasonable notification of schedule changes.

Section XIV - Equipment

1. Jewelry
   Across all intramural sports, jewelry is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to earrings, bracelets, watches, wearable fitness trackers, necklaces, billed hats, and rings. Medical jewelry is allowed, but must be taped down.

2. Suitable Attire
   For the safety of all participants, athletic clothing and footwear is required. Prohibited items include, but is not limited to: jeans, cargo pants/shorts, skirts, loafers, open-toed shoes, and boots. Indoor sports require non-marking footwear. For outdoor field sports, detachable or metal cleats are prohibited.

3. Casts and Braces
   Any casts, braces, or other protective equipment must be padded and secure.

4. Sport Equipment & Jerseys
   Unless specifically mentioned in the rules, UC Intramural Sports provides sport equipment and jerseys. Teams may elect to bring their own jerseys. Numbers must be at least four inches in height.
   - For basketball jerseys, all digits on each jersey must be between 0 and 5 (i.e. 63, 74, and 88 are examples of illegal numbers for basketball).

5. Sport-Specific Considerations
   - Flag Football: Articles of clothing with pockets are prohibited (i.e. shorts or pants with pockets, hoodies with pockets, etc.). Pockets cannot be taped shut, zipped, or turned inside out.
   - Basketball: Mouth guards are highly recommended, but not provided.
   - Soccer and Futsal: Shin guards are highly recommended, but not provided.
   - Softball: Gloves are not provided.

Section XV - Inclement Weather
In the event of inclement weather, participants should call the Intramural Hotline at (513) 556-4FUN for game updates. Cancellations will be made as soon as possible. Notification will also be e-mailed to the captain’s e-mail address. Captains will also be e-mailed once games are rescheduled.

Section XVI - Sportsmanship

1. Sportsmanship Ratings

Teams receive a sportsmanship rating after every game according to the scale below. A team must average a 3.0 sportsmanship rating or higher during the regular season to be eligible for playoffs.

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>4.0</td>
<td>• Team is respectful to officials and/or opponent.</td>
<td>Zero unsportsmanlike penalties or ejections.</td>
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<td>• Questions or comments are respectful, polite, and addressed by the team captain only.</td>
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<td>3.0</td>
<td>• Team is usually respectful to officials and/or opponent.</td>
<td>One unsportsmanlike penalty, zero ejections.</td>
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<td>• Minimal arguing or complaining about officials’ calls.</td>
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<td>2.0</td>
<td>• Team is consistently disrespectful to officials and/or opponent.</td>
<td>Two unsportsmanlike penalties OR one ejection.</td>
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<td>• Consistent arguing or complaining about officials’ calls.</td>
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<td>• One instance of minor contact of an opponent not inherent to the game (i.e. pushing/shoving).</td>
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<td>1.0</td>
<td>• Team is grossly disrespectful to officials and/or opponent.</td>
<td>One ejection and one unsportsmanlike penalty</td>
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<td>• Excessive arguing or complaining about officials’ calls.</td>
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<td>• One instance of major contact of an opponent not inherent to the game (i.e. fights).</td>
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<td>• Any contact of an intramural staff member.</td>
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<td>• Team and/or players out of control.</td>
<td>Three unsportsmanlike penalties OR Two ejections</td>
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<td>• A team receiving a 0.0 rating will immediately forfeit the game.</td>
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<td>The team captain must meet with the Assistant Director or Coordinator of Intramural Sports to determine future team eligibility.</td>
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Officials may choose to give or remove additional tenths depending on instances of good or poor sportsmanship during the contest. Please note that these are just guidelines and final interpretation on sportsmanship is determined by the Assistant Director or Coordinator of Intramural Sports.

2. Sportsmanship Ratings during Playoffs

During playoffs, a winning team must score a 3.0 sportsmanship rating or higher to automatically advance to the next round.

- If a team receives between a 2.0 and 2.9 rating during playoffs, the Intramural Office will review the previous game along with sportsmanship ratings from the regular season to determine if the winning team advances or not.
- A team that receives lower than a "2.0" rating during playoffs will be immediately eliminated from post-season competition. The game in which the poor rating was earned will be automatically awarded to the opposing team. The team which was disqualified may be subject to further disciplinary action.

Any player receiving a red sportsmanship card will be disqualified from any remaining playoff games. Campus Recreation reserves the right to enforce additional penalties extending to subsequent seasons against players receiving yellow or red sportsmanship cards in playoff competition.

3. Intimidation or Threats

Any team or individual that threatens or tries to intimidate an official, opponent, or Campus Recreation employee will be immediately ejected from the game and could be suspended from all intramural activities for the remainder of their academic career at the University of Cincinnati. Each incident will be handled on case by case basis by the Assistant
Director or Coordinator of Intramural Sports and Associate Director of Programs. Additionally, the incident will be referred to the Judicial Affairs Office. Criminal charges may be filed.

4. **Fighting**
   Any team or player that participates in a fight before, during, or after an intramural game will be immediately ejected from the facility and suspended from all intramural activities for up to the remainder of their academic career at the University of Cincinnati. Each incident will be handled on a case by case basis by the Assistant Director or Coordinator of Intramural Sports. Additionally, the incident will be referred to the Judicial Affairs Office. Criminal charges may be filed.

5. **Alcohol/Controlled Substances**
   Illegal use of drugs or alcohol is prohibited under the Student Code of Conduct and Ohio Law. No individual will be allowed to participate in any activity if it is suspected that he/she is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Spectators and players are prohibited from bringing to and/or consuming alcohol at an activity site. Individuals violating this rule shall be removed immediately. Any participant removed from a game due to a violation of the alcohol policy shall be suspended from that team's next scheduled contest much like the penalty for an ejected player. Any team that has a participant removed for a violation of the alcohol policy, or does not cooperate fully with Campus Recreation staff in resolving alcohol violations by spectators associated with their team, or is found possessing or consuming alcohol at an activity site shall automatically receive an unsatisfactory sportsmanship rating for that contest and may be expelled for the remainder of the season.

6. **Tobacco**
   The use of tobacco during any Intramural Sports activity is strictly prohibited. A team, participant, or spectator caught using tobacco products at an Intramural Sports event will be immediately asked to leave the venue. The game in which the violator is participating (playing/watching) will not resume until that person removes him/herself. Failure of the team to assist the staff in helping to remove the violator may result in a forfeit of the contest. Smoking and use of tobacco products is prohibited on UC's campus.

7. **Gambling**
   Consistent with Ohio Revised Code, gambling in any form is not permitted on university premises. Such activity includes, but is not limited to, betting on intramural games, football parlays, lotteries, or card games involving the exchange of money.

8. **Sunflower Seeds**
   Discarding sunflower seeds on intramural facilities is prohibited. Offenders may be subjected to ejections, suspensions, and/or bans. Offending teams will have sportsmanship points subtracted.

9. **Abusing Equipment or Facilities**
   Players defacing, abusing, or wrongly using UC property, including athletic facilities or intramural equipment, will be immediately ejected from the contest and escorted from the premises. In addition, players will be suspended, their entry fee will not be refunded, and the incident will be referred to the Judicial Affairs Office. Teams leaving trash at intramural facilities will be subject to lower sportsmanship ratings, suspensions, and/or bans.

10. **Yellow/Red Cards**
    A yellow/red sportsmanship card system, similar to the one used in soccer, is in effect during intramural play. A yellow card equals one strike while a red card equals two strikes. Yellow or red cards may be issued at any time. In basketball, a technical foul equals a yellow card; a second technical foul on the same player equals a red card.

    Any player receiving a red card during an intramural contest shall be immediately ejected and suspended until he/she meets with the Assistant Director or Coordinator of Intramural Sports. The suspended person may face further suspensions. It should be noted that any disciplinary action resulting from intramural participation will equally affect Campus Recreation Center privileges.

    Any team receiving two red cards (three technical fouls in basketball) in a single game will immediately forfeit that game. A team will be dropped from intramural league play after it has accumulated seven individual player sportsmanship strikes in a quarter. Team strikes carry over from season to season. Any team that reaches the nine strikes total during the academic year will receive a two game suspension which will carry over into subsequent seasons if necessary.
The intramural definition of the "same" team is any group of individuals from a preceding season that comprises at least half of the roster for the current quarter's team. For example, a flag football team receives two strikes and registers for basketball in the Spring I season. If at least three members of a flag football team play basketball together the team is considered the same even if the team name is changed.

Identification of players and spectators is considered the responsibility of the captain. Captains who fail to cooperate by refusing to reveal a person's identity will receive a red card. Team captains who cannot or will not control their players and/or spectators will be issued a yellow card. If a violation is recurrent or flagrant, the captain will be given a red card and be ejected from the game.

Section XVII - Protests

A team captain may protest only two specific instances:

1. **Rule Interpretation**
   
   To protest rule interpretation, the team captain must immediately notify an official when the incident occurs. If a captain fails to notify an official of his/her intent to protest before play continues, then the team forfeits its right to lodge a protest on that situation. Upon notification, the official will suspend play so the Intramural Supervisor can be brought to the game site to make a ruling prior to the continuation of play. A game shall not resume until a decision has been rendered. The decision of the Intramural Sports Supervisor is final. An official's judgment call cannot be protested.

2. **Player Eligibility**:
   
   If it is believed that a player has violated any eligibility rule, a team captain may fill out an incident report with the Intramural Supervisor detailing what player's eligibility is being questioned. The Assistant Director or Coordinator of Intramural Sports will investigate and rule on the player's eligibility. If the captain is correct, appropriate action against the player in question will be taken.

   Player eligibility protests occurring during the regular season must be filed within 48 hours from the game's completion. Player eligibility protests during the playoffs must be filed within 24 hours of the end of the contest. If a playoff game that you are protesting an ineligible player is played on a Thursday (during playoffs), the protest must be filed by noon the next day. You may send a protest to intramural@uc.edu or leave a message at 513-556-0603 within the parameters listed.

Section XVIII - Playoffs

1. **Qualifying For Playoffs**
   
   Teams must satisfy the following criteria to become eligible for playoffs:
   
   a. Possess a 3.0 average sportsmanship rating or higher at the conclusion of the regular season.
   
   b. Have no forfeits from the regular season OR have paid the $20 reinstatement fee for one forfeit.
   
   c. Have a team representative attend the mandatory team representative meeting at the start of the season OR have had an eligible captain complete the exemption quiz (Fall II, Spring I, or Spring II only – see item #8 for procedure).

2. **Playoff Rosters**
   
   All team rosters are locked at the end of the regular season. Players not on the printed roster will be ineligible to participate in playoff contests.

3. **Playoff Time Conflict Forms**
   
   Due to leagues playing on multiple nights, a team's playoff game may not be scheduled during its' regular season night of play. As a result, captains will be e-mailed out playoff time conflict forms prior to the start of playoffs. Conflict forms must be filled out and submitted properly. The Intramural Office will try to accommodate all schedules as best as possible, but it is not guaranteed that all requests will be honored. **Playoff contests will not be rescheduled for any reason other than a valid playoff time conflict form.**

4. **Playoff Sportsmanship**
   
   During playoffs, teams must receive a 3.0 or higher to automatically move on. Teams receiving between a 2.0 and 2.9 must meet with the Assistant Director or Coordinator prior to the next game. The Assistant Director or Coordinator will
make a decision to either advance or not advance the team. Teams receiving under a 2.0 rating will not advance. In all playoff sportsmanship cases, the opposing team will automatically advance if they were rated a 3.0 or higher.

Section XIX – Officiating Services

To request intramural officials for outside events, please contact the Coordinator of Intramural Sports. You may also e-mail intramural@uc.edu.