

## Denison University Intramural Sports Program

### Intramural Program Constitution

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#### Article I • Identification

The organization shall be known as the Denison University Intramural Sports Program.

#### Article II • Function

It shall be the function of the intramural program to encourage current students, faculty, and staff to participate in organized intramural events. The Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation will provide facilities for competition and recreation, organize and promote competition between organized groups, and shall foster a spirit of fair play and sportsmanship among participants and spectators.

#### Article III • Membership

All students currently enrolled in the University, faculty, and staff are eligible to enjoy all intramural privileges and shall retain an active status until they graduate, withdraw from the college, or until they fail to comply with the rules of eligibility as stated in the by-laws.

#### Article IV • Officers

The Intramural Council shall form the Governing Board and will be composed of the following: one representative from the professional staff (Recreational Sports Director) and a minimum of three student intramural event coordinators appointed by the Recreational Sports Director.

**Section I** The Recreational Sports Director shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the Intramural program in accordance with Article II of the constitution and shall determine the policies to be pursued. The Director shall oversee the scheduling, organization of the council, office coordination and publicity.

**Section II** The Intramural Event Coordinators shall be appointed by the Recreational Sports Director. The Coordinators are responsible for overseeing each individual contest that occurs, scheduling the officials for their respective sports, filing injury reports with professional staff, updating all standing information for current sessions on the intramural website, and reporting to the Recreational Sports Director the results of each individual match.

**Section III** The Intramural Council shall handle all changes to the constitution and by-laws, as well as rule interpretation.

**Section IV** Each team shall appoint a captain who shall be responsible for entering events, informing their team members of scheduled contests, rules, as well as ensuring prompt appearance of their team at games, in addition to proper conduct before, during, and after contests.

#### Article V • Groups and Leagues

**Section I** Units of competition will be comprised of fraternities, sororities, residence halls, or any combination of current students/faculty/staff thereof. Open competition may be comprised of all men, women or co-ed.

**Section II** Competition will be organized when sufficient interest is manifested.

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### Intramural Program By-laws

#### Article I • Eligibility

- Section I** All current students, faculty and staff of the University shall be eligible to enter any intramural activity promoted by the Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation, except as provided by the by-laws.
- Section II** Intramural team captains, as well as individual participants are responsible for eligibility. Any doubt about eligibility should be referred to the Intramural Event Coordinator.
- Section III**
- a) In season intercollegiate athletes are ineligible to participate in intramural events that run concurrently with their traditional and non-traditional season (see following list) with the exceptions of Article I, Section III, subsection B.
- | Intramural Sport    | Corresponding Varsity Sport |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Softball            | Baseball and Softball       |
| Golf                | Golf                        |
| Men's Flag Football | Football                    |
| 6 on 6 Volleyball   | Volleyball                  |
| 5v5 Basketball      | Basketball                  |
| 3v3 Basketball      | Basketball                  |
| Tennis              | Tennis                      |
| Indoor Soccer       | Soccer                      |
- b) **EXCEPTION:** Intercollegiate soccer, volleyball and basketball players are permitted to play their respective intramural sport as follows:
- 2 intercollegiate soccer players on the floor at one time per team
  - 2 intercollegiate volleyball players on the floor at one time per team
  - 1 intercollegiate male or female basketball player on the floor at one time per team
  - Coaches of the above sports are considered one of the intercollegiate players.
- c) An intercollegiate athlete who is cut from, injured, or drops their sport before 50% of the intercollegiate season is completed shall be considered eligible in the corresponding sport **unless** the intramural season has already begun.
- Section IV** After entering one contest with a given intramural team, a player may not transfer to another intramural team during that season, including playoffs.
- Section V** The Intramural Council reserves the right to put into effect emergency rulings relative to the conduct of the program but will notify all team captains of the change.
- Section VI** The Intramural Council may suspend any player indefinitely for misconduct at an Intramural event.
- Section VII** The Recreational Sports Director will make the final decision in all eligibility rulings.

#### Article II • Forfeits

- Section I** If a contestant or team fails to appear within five minutes after the scheduled time for a contest, the Intramural Event Coordinator shall declare the contest a forfeit to the individual or team ready to play. The second forfeit or no-show by a team will result in disqualification from play for the remainder of that sport session.
- Section II** If neither team scheduled in a contest together appears within five minutes, a forfeit shall be given to both teams.
- Section III** A team competing with an ineligible player shall forfeit all contests in which that individual participated. In an individual sport, ineligible players will be disqualified and the other players shall be ranked accordingly.
- Section IV** A team will forfeit any contest if it fails to have the minimum number of players to play the game.
- Section V** If a team repeatedly fails to follow the rules of the game or refuses to comply with the authority of the officials or Intramural Event Coordinator, the official or Coordinator will declare a forfeit with the possibility of disqualification from the remainder of the league.

### **Article III • Protests**

- Section I** Protests shall not be permitted on judgment calls. All protests must be made in writing to the Recreational Sports Director within twenty-four hours after the contest in question.
- Section II** Team captains and officials shall be permitted to present their version of the case to the Intramural Council.
- Section III** If a protest is allowed, the game will be replayed in its entirety or a winner declared depending on the decision of the Intramural Council.
- Section IV** The Recreational Sports Director shall make the final decision on all protests.

### **Article IV • Postponements and Cancellations**

- Section I** A scheduled match cannot be rescheduled or postponed unless approved by the Intramural Council.
- Section II** A scheduled match or contest may not be rescheduled unless the game is needed to determine the seeds for the playoffs.
- Section III** Team captains will be notified by email and/or phone message of cancellations of events. due to inclement weather.
- Section IV** The Intramural Council reserves the right to cancel scheduled events if necessary.

### **Article V • Rules**

- Section I** All contests shall be governed by the NCAA intercollegiate rules with exceptions being outlined in the intramural rules for each sport.
- Section II** Rules are available online on the Intramural website and are also available at intramural league events.

### **Article VI • Team Captain**

- Section I** Each organization or team should elect or appoint co-captains. Each co-captain's name, organization (team name), cell phone number, and e-mail address must be submitted on the entry form. Incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.
- Section II** The co-captains will be required to attend scheduled meetings.
- Section III** Duties: This is the most important job connected with the successful functioning of each team. The co-captains should be individuals who are capable of accepting responsibility and who have the initiative and loyalty to keep their team informed. A good team captain will:
- a) Complete the entry form and submit by the closing date.
  - b) Notify team members regarding time, date, and place of all contests and see that team members arrive on time to scheduled events.
  - c) See to it that their team does not forfeit a contest.
  - d) Make sure all team members have signed the Intramural waiver for each sport they play.
  - e) Inform team members of the rules of each sport.
  - f) Be responsible for the conduct of team members and work to support good sportsmanship in the intramural program.

### **Article VII • Officials**

- Section I** Intramural sports officials are representatives of the Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation and shall be compensated for services rendered.
- Section II** Officials must be familiar with rules of each sport and the by-laws as outlined in this document.
- Section III** Officials have the authority to penalize or disqualify players for unsportsmanlike conduct or for a violent action such as fighting or dangerous play. In extreme cases officials are to report incidents to the Recreational Sports Director and respective Intramural Coordinator.

- Section IV** Officials are expected to arrive at least ten minutes prior to a scheduled contest, their jurisdiction beginning at this time. Officials are to wear the IM Staff T-shirt when they are working. If the official does not have the IM Staff T-shirt, he/she must wear the IM Staff Pinnie supplied by the Intramural Event Coordinator. Officials are encouraged not to wear clothing, which indicate membership in a fraternity, sorority, or other group.
- Section V** During a contest, the officials shall be the sole authority in enforcing and interpreting the rules of the contest. Judgment decisions by an official must be accepted and not objected to by the players. Protests will only be considered in cases where an official has erroneously applied or interpreted a rule and such a decision has caused a team to lose a contest it might have won. Calls concerning forfeiting games and suspending players have to be cleared through the Intramural Coordinator first.
- Section VI** If no officials arrive for a scheduled contest or only one arrives for a contest, the game may be rescheduled. In low risk sports, the contest may be played with one official or coordinator.
- Section VII** Unless the rules of a contest indicate otherwise, multiple game officials working together shall have equal authority in enforcing the rules (this does not apply for timers or scorekeepers). Officials must work together as a team to ensure a well-administered and safe contest.
- Section VIII** Training of officials will be conducted at mandatory meetings, which may include a meeting to review the rules and/or on the floor/field training. Officials will be compensated for all training sessions.
- Section IX** Dismissal Policy: An official will receive a warning if he/she does not show up for his/her shift. After receiving a warning, the official may be dismissed. The Intramural Council will not tolerate those persons who do not show up to work their shift. It is the responsibility of each official to find a substitute and report the substitute's name to the Intramural Coordinator. Each official will be provided with a sub list.

#### **Article VIII • Tie Breaking Procedures**

- Section I** Tiebreaker system:
- Head-to-Head result(s) between tied teams
  - Goal differential
  - Depending on the sport, other tiebreakers may be considered by the IM Council, such as a coin toss.

#### **Article IX • All Sports Champion and Plaque**

- Section I** Each team will receive points based on results of each contest. The first place team will be awarded four points, the second place team will be awarded three points, the third place team will be awarded two points and the fourth place team will be awarded one point to go towards the All Sports Championship. If there is no consolation game, the points for third and fourth place will be split between the teams.
- Section II** If a team or teams forfeits the championship game, they will not receive the intramural points for that sport.
- Section III** To accumulate points for a team playing multiple sports, the same team name must be used throughout the year in every session and event.
- Section IV** At the end of the academic year, the team with the most points will be recognized as the All Sports Intramural Champion.