Recreational Sports is housed within the Activities Program as a part of the Sports Area. The Recreational Sports Program is one of the largest co-curricular activity programs that complement the formal academic curriculum. It offers opportunities in over 80 Recreational activities each year. Participation in the program is voluntary and driven by participant interest. Participation can provide one with opportunities to develop spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually. Understanding and adhering to the following guidelines will facilitate and allow teams participation in Intramurals to be an enjoyable and worthwhile experience at BYU-Idaho.

Recreational Sports Stewardship Statement:

Provides a variety of sports where participants can compete and grow as leaders, team members, and individuals.

Objectives:

1. Ensure the quality of the student’s experience is high.
2. Provide a wholesome, social atmosphere where everyone is welcome.
3. Promote a safe environment.
4. Hold students to a high standard of personal conduct and sportsmanship.
5. Provide activities that meet the diverse interests, abilities, and competition levels of participants.
6. Develop accountability through opportunities of responsibility.
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General Information

Office hours and address
- Activities Office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, closed during Devotional.
- The office is located in the Manwaring Center 101.
- The Recreational Sports Scheduling phone number is (208) 496-7450. Hours: 1-5pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm Friday
- Our email address is recsportsactivities@byui.edu
- Our web address is http://www.byui.edu/activities/sports

Participants are encouraged to provide feedback and/or concerns regarding the Recreational Sports program. Please email, call, or stop by during office hours to talk to a Recreational Sports staff member with any feedback or concerns you may have. You may also contact us through our Facebook page.

Participation
In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, BYU-IDAHO makes reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. In order to ensure the accessibility of programs and services, we encourage anyone needing information, assistance and/or accommodation of any kind to contact the Recreational Sports office. Every effort will be made to find ways to assist with any special needs in a confidential manner.

Entry Fees and Charges
We do not charge eligible participants an entry fee for most Recreational Sports programs. Church funds are used to cover most of the expenses. Since Church funds are used, any team that forfeits without giving the office at least 24 hours notice will be charged a $10 forfeit fee (excluding ward teams). Any program that has a charge will be made known on the advertising and the activity description on IMleagues.

Events are the exception to this rule, each event will cost at least two dollars. This is to cover the extra cost of the materials and supplies used to run the event. After you have paid the entry fee you will not be required to buy anything else associated with the event. Refer to Events Policies and Procedure for more information.

Because of this, participation is limited to enrolled students in good standing and their spouses, school employees, and ward Bishoprics. For more detailed information about who is eligible to participate, refer to Section 1.

Facilities
The Recreational Sports program uses the following facilities throughout the year:

Indoor:
- Main Hart Main Gym  
- Aux. West Hart Auxiliary West  
- Aux. East Hart Auxiliary East  
- Pool Hart Swimming Pool  
- Wrestling Room Hart Wrestling Room  
- Court 1 Racquetball court 1  
- Court 2 Racquetball court 2  
- Court 3 Racquetball court 3  
- Court 4 Racquetball court 4  
- Court 5 Racquetball court 5  
- I-Center #1 BYU-I Center #1  
- I-Center #2 BYU-I Center #2  
- I-Center #3 BYU-I Center #3  
- I-Center #4 BYU-I Center #4  
- I-Center #5 BYU-I Center #5  
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Outdoor:
- Stadium  
- 4Plex 1  
- 4Plex 2  
- 4Plex 3  
- 4Plex 4  
- 7th & Center  
- Upper North  
- Upper Middle  
- Upper South  

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Maps with specific field/court and office locations are on the web (http://www2.byui.edu/Maps/campus-map/index.html). With the high use and traffic in all facilities, participants are asked to be responsible for their own garbage/trash. Your cooperation and help is also needed with keeping hazards away from all playing areas including:

- Bicycles
- Scooters
- Skateboards

Please notify Recreational Sports staff of any safety hazards regarding the equipment or facilities. Special care is also required with the new outdoor synthetic turf fields. The following are not allowed on any fields:

- Food with the exceptions of grass fields
- Drinks with the exception of water
- Chewing Gum with the exception of grass fields
- Sunflower Seeds
- Pets

NOTE: Participants or spectators found to be violating this rule may be given a misconduct.

Proposal for New Activity / Event

Students are given the opportunity to introduce new activities to be included in the Recreational Sports program. Approval will be based upon philosophy of program, facilities required, student interest, safety, cost of equipment, personnel needs, etc. Proposals should be submitted through the online application.

http://activities.byui.edu/NewPrograms/WelcomeNewApp.htm

Recreational Sports Student Employment Opportunities

The Recreational Sports program could not be conducted on a successful level without the services of volunteers and the Recreational Sports staff. Whether working for pay, completing requirements for a class, or volunteering, the program provides practical training and "hands-on" experience in the organization and administration of the overall program and its activities. None of these jobs will prevent participation in the program, although there may be restrictions. BYU-Idaho is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

Recreational Sports staff is hired with preference given to those who have been involved in Recreational Sports as volunteers. Job descriptions are available at the Activities website:

http://www.byui.edu/activities/get-involved/sports-recreational-student-leader-information

Officials are required to have taken or to be currently enrolled in the sports officiating class or be able to demonstrate appropriate knowledge and skill. Previous experience as an official is desirable but not required, as training will be provided. Evaluation of those taking the class will be done by the Officials Coordinator and Staff.

Section 1: Eligibility

Article 1: To Be Eligible

Some eligibility restrictions are necessary to provide fair opportunities for participation. These restrictions have been developed by students and employees to reflect the philosophy of the Recreational Sports Program and campus administration at BYU-Idaho. The following may participate in Recreational Sports Activities at BYU Idaho:

- Matriculating students
- BYUI Employees
- Student staff
- Ward bishopric members
Spouses of students

Individuals deemed ineligible to participate may seek reconsideration by written petition to the Student Director / Advisor. The petition must be in memo format and written in a professional manner. This must be done prior to any participation. Violation of any eligibility rule will cause a contest to be automatically forfeited.

NOTE: For tournament eligibility, see Section 11, Article 1.

Article 2: Competitive Athlete Rule

A student is considered a "competitive player" if they are currently participating in the Competitive Sports Program in a related sport. Limits are placed on the number of competitive players permitted to participate on one team based on the level of play. For more information see Section 4, Article 1.

Article 3: Identification Policy

In order to participate in any Recreational Sports activity, all participants must show a valid photo ID issued by the school or other government identification card. This may be shown electronically through the BYU-Idaho Student Directory. Facebook and other social media accounts will not be considered official identification. An ID card must include the following information and be clearly visible in order to be considered valid: the individual’s name, photograph, and identification number. Identification cards that do not have these requirements will not be accepted and the individual will not be allowed to play.

Misuse of an identification card (borrowing, lending, counterfeiting, altering, etc) is a violation of the BYU Idaho Honor Code. The identification card will be confiscated and the individual attempting to use the card will be ineligible to participate. If the card belongs to another student, that student must meet with a staff member in order to regain possession of their identification card and will be issued a major misconduct infraction. Recreational Sports reserves the right to handle eligibility violations without formal protest.

Article 4: Number of Teams

Players may participate in as many sports as they desire. Within each sport, players are permitted to participate on a Level 1 (Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner), and Level 2 (Ward), team simultaneously. Within each division, Level 1 and Level 2, players may participate in the Men’s/Women’s and Mixed/Coed leagues simultaneously. Players cannot participate on more than one team in the same sport and level at the same time unless gender rules exist (i.e. a participant cannot be in the Beginners league and the Intermediate league in the same sport). Section 4

Article 5: Gender Restriction

In activities with separate divisions for men’s and women’s competition, no person may participate in the league opposite of their gender.

Article 6: Illegal Participation

Teams found to have participants not following the above eligibility policies may have their games forfeited to their opponent regardless of the actual outcome. The participants in question will be suspended from all Recreational Sports activities until they meet with administration. The participant will be required to attend a misconduct meeting to resolve the issue. The illegal participant will be given a major misconduct and two sportsmanship points. Refer to Section 8 Article 4.

Participation is defined as the individual’s name appearing on the roster, accepting the terms of release of liability (done when making IMLeagues account), and/or stepping onto the field of play for any period of time during game play. The Recreational Sports Staff reserves the right to investigate the eligibility of any participant at any time.
Recreational Sports Policies and Procedures

NOTE: Captains that believe the opposing team has ineligible players are highly encouraged to file a formal protest. Refer to Section 10: Protests. Your help in making our Recreational Sports programs as fair as possible is very much appreciated and your formal protest assists Recreational Sports in providing you a fair and safe opportunity.

Section 2: Captain’s Responsibilities

Article 1: Team Captain

The team’s success in Intramural Sports Competition is directly related to the dedication of the team’s captain. This person should possess the following qualities:

1. Tact
2. Perseverance
3. Knowledge of the sport
4. Free time to carry out duties

When registering for a team sport, a captain must be designated to the Recreational Sports office through IMLeagues. This person will be the main contact between the Recreational Sports office and the team. The individual creating the team will automatically be designated as the team captain unless otherwise specified with the Recreational Sports Staff.

Article 2: Responsibilities

The team captain is a vital link between the individuals participating in a sport and the Recreational Sports staff. For this reason, any person assuming the role of a team captain has a number of responsibilities he or she is obligated to fulfill. Team captain responsibilities include:

- Provide your phone number on IM Leagues and designate that you would like to receive text notifications.
- Pass the online quiz with a score of 100% to be approved and scheduled to play games.
- Designate on IMLeagues specific times that your team cannot play during the week. You must be available for at least eight time slots during the week.
  - Time preferences do not guarantee that the team will never play at the time selected. Recreation Sports does it’s best to accommodate all time preferences, but cannot guarantee that they will always be followed.
  - Tournament Exception: Time preferences will NOT be honored during tournament. Tournament games (excluding finals and semifinals) cannot be rescheduled due to conflicting time preferences.
- Provide an appropriate team name to be used throughout the league.
- Know all Policies and Procedures of Recreational Sports.
- Act as the principal contact between your team and Recreational Sports throughout the season about any problems or concerns that may be occurring. This includes frequently checking and responding to any emails sent by the Recreational Sports staff.
- Sign your team up on IMLeagues before the announced deadline.
- Ensure that all members of your team are eligible to play in a Recreational Sports contest.
- Know all game times, and know the rules of the sport/activity. Pass this information along to all team members. Making sure they know the rules for your specific sport. Check your online schedule every Saturday to see if/when the next game has been scheduled.
Inform all players of the game time and location. This includes checking the playoff schedules the first day of posting and every day following competition.

Ensure that roster additions are made by the time the game starts or by half time of the game they are to play in.

Arrive at the game site at least 15 minutes prior to the start of every game to check in and to ensure that any necessary equipment has been approved.

Require all members of your team to present a valid ID prior to the start of every game. Photo IDs are required at all Recreational Sports activities and must be presented each time an individual plans to participate in an event. A photo ID is considered valid if it is issued by the school or other government identification card. Section 1 Article 3

Notify the Recreational Sports staff of any safety hazards/injuries/concerns regarding participants, equipment, facilities, etc.

Have a spectator available to keep score for your game.

Assist the Recreational Sports staff with the implementation of the sportsmanship policy to all team members.

Represent each member of your team and be the only participant to discuss rule interpretations and calls with game officials. You are responsible for the actions of your team and spectators.

In the event a player and/or spectator is ejected from the game, assume immediate responsibility for ensuring the player(s)/spectator(s) cooperate and leave the vicinity within the allotted two minutes. The Recreational Sports staff will notify you that the individual(s) have to leave. The game will not resume until the player has left the facility. Failure to comply completely with removal of the individual(s) from the vicinity within two minutes will result in forfeiting your game.

Cooperate with the Games Leads at the game site concerning any protests, incidents, or accidents that may occur as well as with the Recreational Sports staff the days following such occurrences.

Review and sign score sheets after each game to ensure that all stats were recorded correctly. After signed, the score will be recorded and will not change.

File all protests, official’s evaluations, time preferences, etc. with the Recreational Sports staff on time. All protests must be typed and submitted via email (recsportsoperations@byui.edu).

A $10 forfeit fee will be charged to the account of the team captain if their team forfeits a contest without due notice (excluding Ward Captains). In order to receive a default rather than a forfeit, the captain must call the Recreational Sports staff by noon the day of the game with their request.

If the designated game captain is unable to finish their responsibilities or is not at the contest the player who takes the coin toss or odds and evens will be designated the captain until the actual captain shows or for the rest of the game. If for any reason the captain has to leave the contest (injury, illness, receives any major misconduct not associated with spectators, etc.) the team must appoint a playing member to take over their duties for the remainder of the game. Any captain that gets ejected will not remain a captain for the remainder of the season. A contest may not continue without a designated captain. The Recreational Sports staff reserves the right to require teams to re-appoint a team captain when deemed necessary.

**NOTE:** For any questions regarding in-game/play rules, direct the questions to the officials. For any questions regarding policies, procedures, or eligibility, direct them to the games manager.

**Article 3: Mandatory Captain and Participants Online Quizzes**
At the beginning of each season captains will be required to take a quiz on the information presented in policy and procedure. Important information, rules, and policies will need to be read and studied to pass the quiz. Captains are required to take and pass the quiz with a score of 100% to be approved and scheduled to play games. Captains are also responsible for making sure their team members pass the participant quiz with a score of 100%.

Article 4: Inclement Weather Situations

Recreational Sports activities are subject to cancelation due to poor weather and/or field conditions. The decision to cancel games will not be relayed to the Recreational Sports staff until 4:00 pm the day of the game. Games may also be cancelled at game time. In the event of inclement weather (extreme rain or snow, poor field conditions, etc.) an email and a text will be sent to all team captains in the case of cancellation. It is the responsibility of each team to check their email and IMLeagues on a consistent basis. Recreational Sports will not call participants to inform them that games are canceled due to weather.

Students may be notified by text if they provide their phone number on IMLeagues and designate that they would like to receive text notifications.

Section 3: Participant’s Responsibilities

Article 1: Responsibilities

Each person who decides to participate in a Recreational Sports activity assumes responsibilities as an individual participant. Participant responsibilities include:

- Know your team’s game time and location.
- Arrive at the site at least 15 minutes prior to the start of every activity in order to be sure that your name is properly recorded on the scorecard and that any necessary equipment has been approved.
- Bring a valid photo ID to all competitions, whether it is a school or state-issued ID. IDs are required at all Recreational Sports activities and must be presented each time an individual plans to participate in an activity. ID may also be provided through a picture of your ID on your phone or looked up on students account.
- Be familiar with all rules, schedules, policies, and procedures including the sportsmanship and eligibility policies of Recreational Sports.
- Cooperate before, during, and after activity with the Recreational Sports staff.

Each individual participating on a team should choose his or her team members carefully, as all team members will suffer the consequences of any disciplinary action taken by the intramural sports program against a team or individual for violation of the rules. The team captain is responsible for actions by an individual member of the team and for spectators directly related to that team. This includes conduct of all players and spectators before, during, and after a game. If a team does not maintain a “3.5” sportsmanship throughout the regular season, that team will not be eligible for the playoffs at the end of the season.

Article 2: Participant Safety and Injury

The Recreational Sports Program will provide initial first response care, such as the provision of bandages, ice, or immobilization, to any participant injured during a Recreational Sports activity.

- There are inherent risks associated with participating in Recreational Sports. The Recreational Sports Program DOES NOT carry health or accident insurance for the participants. A medical insurance program is required by BYU-Idaho for all students enrolled in school. This policy covers accidents that occur during Recreational Sports Programs. Each participant should check his or her personal coverage and be certain that his or her medical insurance is adequate and
current before participating in any activity. All participating non-students are responsible to provide their own accidental/health insurance.

- It is the responsibility of every person participating in Recreational Sports to ascertain whether they have any health conditions that make it inadvisable to participate in that sport. The University and Recreational Sports program do not assume that responsibility. Persons who are uncertain should consult their physician.

- If a participant receives a concussion during a Recreational Sports competition they will be suspended from play in all sports areas of activities, until they have been cleared by a medical professional. They must bring in a note from the doctor and be cleared by Jodi Howard to be able to participate in any further competitive or Rec contests.

- The Recreational Sports staff should be notified of all injuries sustained during Recreational Sports competition. If needed, the participant will be given first aid and referred to a physician and/or the Student Health Center. An ambulance may be dispatched (208-496-3000). To assess an injury (particularly in the event of head, neck, and back or major joint trauma). There is no cost for injury assessment but cost for ambulance treatment/transportation is the participant's responsibility. An accident/injury report will be completed for all injuries.

- BYU-Idaho Student Health Center is open Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm and is available to students for treatment of most injuries. For treatment of injuries when the Student Health Center is closed you can go to the Emergency room at Madison Memorial Hospital (450 E. Main) or Community Care (72 E. Main) which is open Monday-Saturday 8am to 8pm and Sunday 10am to 6pm.

**Section 4: League Definitions**

**Article 1: Team Sports**

**Level 1**

- Men's/Women's
  - Advanced
  - Intermediate
  - Beginner

- Mixed/Coed
  - Advanced
  - Intermediate
  - Beginner

**Level 2**

- Ward

All offerings are divided into divisions, Level 1 and Level 2. Level 1 division is intended for the majority of students wanting to participate in Recreational Sports activities. It contains leagues (Men’s, Women’s, Mixed and Coed) that are further divided into different classes of play (Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced).
Men’s leagues are leagues composed entirely of male competitors. Women’s leagues are composed of entirely female competitors. Mixed leagues consist of teams composed of a set ratio of men to women. Coed leagues consist of teams composed of equal numbers of men and women on the field.

It is important to remember the distinction between the different leagues that are offered. Recreational Sports reserves the right to move your team to a higher or lower league as deemed necessary.

**Beginner**
- Those participating in Beginner leagues can expect a fun and social environment with lower levels of competition. Players new to the game should feel comfortable in this league. **No competitive of a related sport is allowed in this league.**

**Intermediate**
- Those participating in the intermediate league can expect a fun and social environment with slightly elevated levels of competition. Players with a fair amount of experience and developed skills should feel comfortable in this league. In general, players who have played at the Junior Varsity level in high school should not be in a league lower than intermediate. **Limited to 1 competitive player with the exception of 2 for Soccer and Softball.**

**Advanced**
- Those participating in the advanced league can expect an elevated level of play. Players who have a lot of experience and well developed skills should feel comfortable in this league. Typically players who played Varsity in high school should not be in a league lower than Advanced. **Limited to two (2) competitive players with the exception of 4 for Soccer and Softball.**

**Independent**
- Independent leagues are for all levels of play. **Limited to 2 competitive players in this league.**

A player who plays a related sport in both the Competitive Sports and Recreational Sports program is considered a competitive player. Examples of related sports include but are not limited to the following:

- Competitive football and recreational flag football.

Any team found in violation of the competitive player rule will forfeit all past games in which there were ineligible players. The team will be suspended until the captain has met with the misconduct council and a final decision has been made. This may result in the team being forfeited out of the league.

The Ward division is intended to provide a fun environment that allows Ward teams to fellowship and build ward unity. There are no different skill classes in the Ward leagues. There is no limit to the amount of competitive players allowed in ward leagues.

**Section 5: Registration Information**

**Article 1: General Information**

Registration is open until noon the Friday before the week that league games are scheduled to begin. Space is limited and team spots will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. All captains and participants will be required to take the appropriate quiz. All dates concerning registration and league play will be advertised on the “Sign Up and Play” poster as well as on the IMLeagues website.

**Article 2: Requirements to Register**

- Look at Section 2, Article 2
Team Captain – As a team captain, your address, phone number, and email address will be needed. We do not need a team roster at registration. You will be required to take an online, sport-specific quiz in order to register your team.

Team Name – The captain must provide an appropriate team name to be used throughout the league. Recreational Sports reserves the right to change the name of teams to avoid confusion or if the name is deemed inappropriate.

Time to play – The team captain will designate specific times that his/her team CANNOT play during the week. Captains must be available for at least eight time slots during the week.

  - Time preferences do not guarantee that the team will never play at the time selected. Recreation Sports does its best to accommodate all time preferences, but cannot guarantee that they will always be followed.
  - Tournament Exception: Time preferences will NOT be honored during tournament. Tournament games (excluding finals and semifinals) cannot be rescheduled due to conflicting time preferences.

NOTE: Check the Recreational Sports Website at [http://www.byui.edu/activities/sports/recreational-sports](http://www.byui.edu/activities/sports/recreational-sports) for registration information for each specific sport.

Article 3: Free Agents

Free agents can put themselves on a free agent list found on IMLeagues.

Once the players have been put on a free agent list, they may be organized into free agent teams or picked up online by captains that are looking for more players.

Article 4: Events

Registration for events will be clearly advertised. All events require participants to register beforehand on IMLeagues. If a participant does not register before hand they may be charged a dollar more than the posted price.

Section 6: Roster Information

Article 1: Requirements

A valid roster must have:

  - A team captain. (If you register a team, you are automatically made the captain. You may switch captains after you place more players on the team.)
  - An appropriate team name.
  - The minimum number of eligible players required to begin a game as specified by the specific sport’s rules.
  - No more than the maximum number of players specified by the rules of each sport.

If an individual’s name, ID number, or photograph are indecipherable or faded out on their photo ID, that individual will not be checked in to the team’s roster on the field.

Article 2: Roster Additions

Additions to rosters may be made only during the regular season. No additions will be accepted during the last week of regular season games or during the playoffs. Additions are made by the captain through IMLeagues and must be made by the halftime of the game they wish to be added to. By adding to
the roster, participants acknowledge that they are eligible to play for that team and assume all responsibility for any actions taken by the Recreational Sports staff if you are found to be ineligible.

NOTE: Recreational Sports will review situations on a case by case basis if a team requests to add players after the regular season.

Recreational Sports reserves the right to investigate the eligibility of teams and players. These investigations may result in forfeiture, probation and/or suspension. Teams must follow the eligibility requirements stated in this handbook.

Section 7: Scheduling

Article 1: Game Schedule

Due to the high volume of games that must be played in a short amount of time, captains should check their online schedule after every Saturday schedule to see if/when the next contest has been scheduled. It is the captain’s responsibility to check their postseason schedule.

Article 2: Reschedule Requests

Any team knowing in advance that they will be unable to play a regularly scheduled contest is provided the opportunity to submit a reschedule request. Teams are allowed one reschedule request per sport per season. In order to place a reschedule request, the captain must fill out a Reschedule request found on the Recreational Sports activities page by 4pm the business day before the contest. The scheduling staff will attempt to reschedule the game, but does not guarantee schedule changes. If the rescheduling request is not able to be met, the team has the opportunity to be assigned a default (if they have not previously used their default for the season) and the rescheduling request will remain available for future use. If the team has already used their default for the season, the team must either attend the game or receive a forfeit. Teams will be allowed one reschedule request per regular season. Reschedule requests will not be allowed during tournament play, except for semi-finals and finals.

Article 3: Default

Any team knowing in advance that they will be unable to play a regularly scheduled contest is provided the opportunity to default the contest. This will result in the team receiving a loss and “4” (See Section 5 article 5) sportsmanship rating for the contest. In order to receive a default, the captain must call or email the Recreational Sports staff (208-496-7450 or recsportsscheduling@byui.edu) by 4pm the day before the contest they would like to default 24 hours in advance of the contest with their request. The opposing team will then be contacted by the Recreational Sports staff to let them know they do not need to arrive for their scheduled contest.

A team is allowed one default per sport per season. Any request after the first default will be counted as a forfeit.

If a team has been granted a default and the contest is then canceled due to weather or scheduling issues, the default will be removed and the contest will be played normally if it is rescheduled.

Article 4: Forfeit

A forfeited game will be marked as a forfeit in the team standings and the team will receive a “0” sportsmanship rating for the contest and become ineligible to participate in tournament. A second forfeit will result in the team’s removal from the league. There are three situations that will result in a forfeit:

- Not Enough Players – Team does not have the required number of players to participate at the scheduled game time.
Eligibility – One or more of the players participating is ineligible and therefore may not participate. Ineligibility may be due to the player being a roster violator, being previously ejected, and ruled ineligible for sportsmanship-related issues, etc.

Sportsmanship – Game is ended by staff for sportsmanship-related issues.

Article 5: Game Time

The game clock will begin at game time regardless whether or not the contest has begun. A five minute grace period will be allowed, however teams requiring the grace period will receive a maximum of a 3 sportsmanship rating for the contest. If both teams fail to appear, a double forfeit will be declared; the game will not be rescheduled. Each sport requires a specific number of participants to begin a game. It is the captain’s responsibility to have their team at the game site on time with the minimum number of players required to play (see sport rules for required numbers).

Article 6: Defaults and Forfeits

- Any team losing by default will receive a “4” sportsmanship rating.
- Any team losing by forfeit will receive a “0” sportsmanship rating.
- Any team winning by default or “no show” forfeit will receive a “4” sportsmanship rating and a win in the team standings.
- Any team winning by “eligibility” or “sportsmanship” forfeit will receive the grade deemed appropriate by game officials at the time of the forfeit.

Section 8: Sportsmanship

“Sportsmanship is the spirituality in athletics.” -Ezra Taft Benson

“A sportsman is a person who can take loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating, and who treats his opponents with fairness, generosity, courtesy.”

Webster's Dictionary

Article 1: Captains

The team captain is responsible for the actions of his or her team and their spectators. Sportsmanship is a vital component for success in every Recreational Sports contest. Participants and spectators are expected to display good sportsmanship toward opponents and the Recreational Sports staff at all times.

Sportsmanship points can be penalized to a team if a spectator’s behavior does not meet the sportsmanship standards. Cards will be given at the discretion of the Officials and Recreational Sports staff.

Article 2: Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Participants and spectators shall not commit acts of unsportsmanlike conduct. This includes, but is not limited to, arguments with staff, flagrant fouling, fighting, etc. before, during or after a contest. No player or team shall:

- Use foul, crude, derogatory or offensive language, threaten, or verbally abuse any other participant, spectator, or Recreational Sports staff before, during or after the game.
  - Foul, crude, derogatory and offensive language can be defined as any language that is critical, disrespectful, abusive or insulting.
• Participate in a game for which he or she is ineligible.
• Argue or talk back to the Recreational Sports staff, including officials. Only the captain or participant designated as the captain at the beginning of the game should address an official and only if done so in a courteous manner.
• Intentionally strike, push, trip or flagrantly foul another participant, spectator, or Recreational Sports staff.
• Mistreat the facility, equipment or supplies of BYU Idaho and/or the Recreational Sports Department.

Article 3: Individual Sportsmanship - Definitions
A major/minor misconduct system will be used to monitor unsportsmanlike behavior, rough play and improper conduct. A participant who receives a major misconduct will be ejected from the game and will be required to leave the field/court before play resumes. If a player is given a misconduct infraction and refuses to tell his name, the game will be forfeited.

Article 4: Individual Sportsmanship – Major and Minor Misconducts
Minor misconducts will be given for minor offenses and are worth one (1) personal sportsmanship point. The following are minor misconduct offenses:
• Arguing
• Rough play
• Taunting opponents
• Jumping any fence around the facilities
• Dishonesty
• Slide Tackling

Major misconduct will be given for major offenses and are worth two (2) personal sportsmanship points. The following are major misconduct offenses:
• Illegal participation
• Flagrant contact
• Profanity
• Crude, Derogatory or offensive language
• Fighting
• Threatening behavior

Sports Activities upholds a no-swearing/verbal abuse policy. Any participant found to be violating policy will be given an immediate major misconduct.

If a player receives a minor misconduct they will be required to leave game play for a minimum of five (5) minutes. During the five (5) minute interval another player may be substituted in for the player receiving the minor misconduct. If the team of the player receiving the minor misconduct falls below the minimum number of players required to participate, the team may continue the game at the discretion of the referee and games leads.
If a player receives a major misconduct they will be suspended from all Sports Activities until they meet with the Sports Misconduct Council. Players are responsible for arranging their own misconduct meetings with Sports administration. After the player has met with the Sports Misconduct Council a decision regarding the length of suspension will be made. If a player receives three (3) individual sportsmanship points during a semester in one or more sports, his/her Sports Activities privileges will be suspended for the remainder of that semester.

Individuals that receive six (6) sportsmanship points are sent a letter indicating that they will be on probation with the Sports Program for a period of one (1) year. Points begin to be dropped from an individual’s record after two (2) years. An individual having 4 or 5 sportsmanship points to their record is considered on probation and may continue to participate. If they choose to continue to participate they are made aware that any more sportsmanship problems will result in an additional one-year suspension of Sports privileges.

Players meeting with Sports administration to resolve a major misconduct can expect the following as minimum consequences:

- Profanity/Offensive/Derogatory language – one (1) week (or one game for tournaments) suspension from all Sports activities
- Use of extremely vulgar language including the F-word, taking the Lord’s name in vain, etc. – two (2) week suspension from all Sports activities
- Verbal abuse – one (2) week suspension from all Sports activities Flagrant fouls, intentionally endangering an opponent, or threatening behavior – two (2) week suspension from all Sports Activities
- Impersonation of another player – Full semester suspension from all Sports activities and a referral to the Dean’s Office.
- Striking or fighting – Full-semester suspension from all Sports activities and a referral to the Dean’s Office.

**NOTE:** Sports Activities reserves the right to consider any suspension on a case by case scenario. The above situations are guidelines but do not restrict the department from applying stricter or more flexible suspensions if necessary.

**Article 5: Team Sportsmanship Rating System**

Recreational Sports has developed the Sportsmanship Rating System with the purpose of holding each individual participant responsible for his or her actions while participating in any Recreational Sports event. The following is the Sportsmanship Rating System:

- “4” – Excellent Conduct and Sportsmanship: Players cooperate fully with the officials, staff, and opposing team members. If necessary, the captain converses calmly with officials about rule interpretations and calls.
- “3” – Good Conduct and Sportsmanship: Team members verbally complain about some decisions made by the officials and/or show minor dissension which may or may not merit a conduct warning. If a grace period is used it will result to a 3. Teams receiving no cards can receive a score no lower than 3 points.
- “2” – Average Conduct and Sportsmanship: Team constantly comments to the officials, staff, and/or the opposing team from the field/court and/or sidelines. The team captain exhibits little or no control over teammates or him/herself. Teams that receive a minor misconduct will receive no higher than a 2.
“1” – Below Average Conduct and Sportsmanship: Team constantly comments to the officials, staff, and/or the opposing team from the field/court and/or sidelines. The team captain exhibits little or no control over teammates or him/herself.

“0” – Poor Conduct and Sportsmanship: Team is completely uncooperative. Captain has no control over teammates, spectators and/or him/herself. Any team causing a game to be forfeited due to sportsmanship or any team that receives one major misconduct or two minor misconducts resulting in a major misconduct will receive no higher than a 0.

If a team accumulates 6 points they will be dropped from further league play.

NOTE: The Recreational Sports staff reserves the right to lower a team’s sportsmanship rating based on the severity of the conduct warning or ejection. Any team receiving a “0” sportsmanship rating must have its team captain meet with the compliance coordinator of Recreational Sports before they will have any games scheduled to determine their team’s eligibility to play their next contest.

Article 6: Accumulation of Conduct Warnings in One Contest

A team that receives three minor misconducts or two major misconducts in the same contest will automatically forfeit the game and receive a “0” sportsmanship rating regardless of the time and score to the game.

Failure of ejected players/spectators to leave the facility within two minutes will also result the forfeiture of the game by the team of the offender(s). Ejected players/spectators who return to the facility will also result in a forfeit by the team of the offender(s).

Section 9: Dress & Grooming

Article 1: Player Dress and Grooming

Participants/spectators must maintain an appearance in accordance with the standards established by the University. All men must be clean shaven (no scruff will be allowed) with sideburns trimmed to the bottom of the ear and hair that does not cover the ears or collar.

All participants/spectators male and female must wear clothing that exemplifies the standards set forth in the honor code. No form fitting or revealing clothing may be worn. This includes but is not limited to spandex that is not covered by clothing that could be worn appropriately on its own, cut-off or sleeveless shirts, tank tops, and shorts that do not extend to a modest length (max of 4 closed fingers above the knee). Jeans are never appropriate to wear in Recreational contests.

For indoor sports, only the official Hart gym clothes, shorts and t-shirt, are permitted. Sweat pants are allowed but must be loose-fitting. Teams may use their own matching t-shirts as long as all team members have the same t-shirt, no markings are allowed on the team t-shirt other than a number or team name/logo.

Knee length shorts and full length sweats containing pockets may be worn in all outdoor sports except for Flag Football. A modest t-shirt or sweatshirt may be worn in all outdoor sports. Quarter zip sweatshirts may be worn in all outdoor sports

Brimmed hats may not be worn with the exception of grass volleyball, softball, and tennis. Stocking caps or headwear may be worn with the exception of bandanas.

Shoes must cover the foot completely. No boots, sandals or open-toed shoes are permitted. Cleats must not exceed ½ inch in length and must be made of a non-abrasive rubber or rubber-type material (no metal, or metal tipped cleats).

No jewelry may be worn (except for medical purposes) including: rings, earrings, necklaces, metal hair clips, etc.
Metal braces may be worn by participants so long as the brace is covered by a protective case or sleeve. Hard casts are not permitted in the game.

In the event that a participant is deemed to be dressed inappropriately, the player will be asked to leave and the game will continue as long as the team continues to meet the minimum player requirement. The player may return to the activity when they meet the dress and grooming standards.

Section 10: Protests

Article 1: Game Protests

Protests are permitted in Recreational Sports in order to ensure fairness to a player or a team. All protests must be typed and submitted via email (recreationsportsoperations@byui.edu) by the team captain to the Recreational Sports Office. During league play the form must be received within 24 hours of the incident. During tournament a typed protest must be submitted via email (recreationsportsoperations@byui.edu) to the Recreational Sports office by 9:00 am the next school day.

The only acceptable reasons for game protests are:

- Misinterpretation of a policy
- Failure of an official/staff to apply the correct rule to a given situation, or timing mistake.
- Failure of an official/staff to impose the correct penalty for a given violation.

To be a valid game protest, it must actually affect the final result of the game. The game protest must be "announced" to the Recreational Sports staff and officials at the time of the incident in protest. During tournament play when the winner advances to play again that night, then a verbal request to protest must be to the Games Management Coordinator immediately following the game. A written protest must also be submitted within the hour and before the next game is to occur. Game Protests WILL NOT be considered if they are based on a decision involving the judgment of an official or if protest procedures are not followed, or if a player is ejected for arguing at the time of the incident. Game Protests will result in a review of the game to ensure the incident affected the final outcome of the game. Team rosters will be checked to ensure player eligibility.

Article 2: Eligibility Protests

Protests concerning the eligibility of players can be made at any time. If made before or during a game, the contest will continue from that point “under protest.” All protests must be submitted within 24 hours of the contest during normal league play to be considered. During tournament the protest must be submitted before 9:00am the following school day. For teams playing multiple games in one night a protest must be made within one hour of the contest and before the next game.

NOTE: The Recreational Sports Department reserves the right to investigate the eligibility of any participant at any time. It is not necessary for a team to file a formal protest in order for a player to be ruled ineligible.

Section 11: Officials

One of the most difficult tasks in any intramural program is the recruitment and training of student officials. Student officials are the backbone of our program. The primary prerequisites for all officials are dependability, self-confidence, a willingness to learn and study the rules, and the ability to communicate tactfully with participants. These officials assume an immense task and are there to help produce healthy, fun, and safe playing environments. In an attempt to continually upgrade the quality of the officials; mandatory training clinics are required for each sport. Specific information regarding time and place of these clinics will be announced in advance of that sport season so that students can plan to attend.
Section 1: Official’s importance

Officials are an integral part of the Intramural Sports program at Brigham Young University-Idaho. Without officials, you would have just another open-Rec pickup game, which could possibly get out of control. During an Intramural contest, the officials are granted authority for controlling each game. Our officials are volunteer or paid minimum wage. High school officials make between $55.00 and $70.00 per game. As you can see, the use of student officials obviously helps keep team entry free for everyone.

Section 2: Complaints

We take complaints about officials seriously, but please file a complaint in our office as well as completing a participant official’s evaluation form if you have a problem with an official. Do not try to settle your problems on the field or court. To fill out a complaint, captains may find an intramural supervisor after their contest/event to fill out the appropriate form. These evaluations will be reviewed by a professional staff member and used as a learning tool for our officials. Please take time to evaluate performance that you consider excellent, bad, or anywhere in between. Remember Officials do not win or lose games, teams do.

Section 12: Postseason Eligibility and Awards

Article 1: Eligibility – Team Sportsmanship

Teams must maintain a “3.5” sportsmanship average during the regular season to be eligible for the playoffs. The rating for each regular season contest will be added together and divided by the total number of contests scheduled. This will equal the team’s sportsmanship average.

Article 2: Rosters

All rosters will be frozen on the Monday of the last week of games of the regular season at 11:55pm. Players may not be added to the team after that time. In order to be eligible to participate in the postseason, an individual must have legally signed in for one regular season contest.

Article 3: Maintaining Sportsmanship during the Postseason

Teams must achieve at minimum a “3.5” sportsmanship rating in all postseason contests in order to continue moving on through the bracket. If a team wins a postseason contest but does not receive a “4” or “3” sportsmanship rating they will automatically forfeit their game and their opponent will advance, assuming they received a rating of “4” or “3”. If neither team achieves a “4” or “3” sportsmanship rating, neither team will advance. Teams are reminded that one Minor Misconduct automatically drops them down to a “2” sportsmanship rating and an ejection will automatically drop them down to a “0” sportsmanship rating.

Article 4: Championship T-Shirts

Championship T-shirts will be given as awards for the champions in select Recreational Sports activities offered throughout the school year. The T-shirts will be handed out on-site immediately following the championship contest. The number of T-shirts awarded is based on each individual sport and the participants that are listed as having checked in for one regular season game on the final roster of the winning team.
Disclaimer

Recreational Sports reserves the right to change Policy and procedure for special situations and circumstances, this does not mean we make up rules but will strive to be guided by the spirit of the law in considering problems faced.