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The Competitive Sports Office reserves the right to change or modify the policies and procedures contained within this document at any time and with reasonable notice.
Employment Opportunities

The Competitive Sports Office is always seeking great students to serve as sport officials. Since we are student focused, student hours are very flexible. Employees that excel at the Sport Official position may be asked to serve as Competitive Sports Supervisors, taking a larger role in the success of the Competitive Sports Program.

The Competitive Sports Office and Recreational Sports and Services strongly believes in developing our students for their future careers and lives. Competitive Sports are a fun and challenging experience that will teach leadership skills, instill confidence, strengthen communication, and develop decision making skills. Please contact the Competitive Sports Office if you have any questions.

RSS Competitive Sports Official

The RSS Competitive Sports Official is charged with ensuring fair and safe play by enforcing Competitive Sports and RSS rules, policies, and procedures during Intramural sport contests. As a group, sport officials serve as impartial arbiters, applying rules and rule interpretations on a situational basis. Through his or her actions, the RSS Sport Official serves as an educator, teaching the value of fair play, sportspersonship, emotional management, and effective communication.

Duties:
- Officiate scheduled intramural sports contests and RSS special events.
- Assist the Competitive Sports Supervisor in performing routine safety inspections.
- Assist the Competitive Sports Supervisor with pre-contest and post-contest tasks.
- Assist the Competitive Sports Supervisor in enforcing Competitive Sports, RSS, and SIU rules, policies, and procedures
- Attend all required Competitive Sports and RSS meetings and trainings.
- Complete post-game reports as required.

Qualifications:
- A general knowledge of sports
- Ability to receive and apply constructive feedback
- Ability to work independently and with co-workers
- High degree of integrity and trustworthiness
- Effective written and verbal communication skills
- Effective customer service, conflict management, and decision-making skills
- Ability to work evening and weekend hours

Preferred Qualifications/Skills
- Prior Sports Officiating Experience
- CPR/First Aid/AED certification
Purpose

This handbook is designed to educate players about the general policies and procedures that govern all activities sponsored by the Competitive Sports Office and Recreational Sports and Services (RSS). Please understand that all players are expected to review this handbook prior to participation, and failure to review the manual is not an excuse for failure to comply. By registering for competition, players agree to abide by the policies and procedures outlined in this handbook and the decisions of Competitive Sports staff.

Mission Statement

The purpose of Recreational Sports and Services is to enhance the quality of life for our students and the SIU community by providing dynamic opportunities in safe facilities and environments.

Recreational Sports and Services engages patrons to promote wellness through social interaction and healthy lifestyles.

We strive to be professional, knowledgeable, and resourceful while embracing creativity and inclusivity.

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

When registering for intramural sport leagues, tournaments, and contests, each player will read and agree to the following. If the player chooses not to accept, he or she cannot complete the registration process.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

This is a legally binding Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement (collectively, “Release”), made voluntarily by me, the undersigned Releasor, on my behalf, and on behalf of my heirs, executors, personal representatives, legal representatives, assigns, and next of kin to the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University Carbondale and their officials, representatives, agents, volunteers and employees and Intramural Sports. As the undersigned Releasor, I acknowledge and fully understand that there are dangers and risks to which I may be exposed by participating in Intramural Sports activities. These dangers and risks include bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis and death. These dangers and risks may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions of others participating in Intramural Sports activities, the condition in which the activity takes place, or the negligence of the “Releasees” named below. I understand that participating in Intramural Sports while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is prohibited and I agree that I am not under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. There may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time, and I fully accept and assume such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I incur as a result of my participation in the activity.

I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University Carbondale and their officials, representatives, agents, volunteers and employees and Intramural Sports, its owners, employees, agents, other players, event sponsors, and, if applicable, owners and lesasers of the premises on which the activity takes place (each considered one of the “Releasees” herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the “Releasees” or otherwise.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by the law. I further agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect. I verify that I am at least 18 years of age and competent to sign this agreement.

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS. READ AND BE CERTAIN YOU UNDERSTAND IT BEFORE SIGNING.
If you have any questions regarding the language or details of this document prior to signing, please contact Corne Prozesky at 618-453-1277

Photo & Video Disclaimer

The Competitive Sports Office and RSS Marketing employees may photograph or videotape players during scheduled activities for use in various marketing campaigns and promotional materials. If you do not wish to be photographed or recorded during intramural sport participation, please notify a professional staff member of Recreational Sports and Services.
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### Eligibility

**Students**
- **On-Campus**
  - Undergraduate and graduate students must be currently enrolled for at least one credit hour.
- **Off-Campus/Online**
  - Undergraduate and graduate students must purchase an “inactive student” membership.

**Faculty/Staff**
- Currently employed SIUC faculty and staff who have purchased a semester or annual RSS membership may participate in intramural sports.
- Adjunct faculty members who have purchased a semester or annual RSS membership may participate.

**Non-SIU Affiliated Individuals**
- RSS members must purchase a semester or annual membership to participate in intramural sports.
- RSS members under eighteen years of age cannot participate in SIU intramural sports.
- Guests of RSS members may not participate in intramural sports.
Professional and Semi-Professional Athletes

- Any individual that has received payment for trying out for a professional or semi-professional team or for participating on a professional team or semi-professional is ineligible for registering for his or her sport or related sport for a period of **three calendar years (1,095 days)** after his or her official affiliation with the team has ended.
- Any individual that has received payment for competing in a professional or semi-professional individual sport is ineligible for registering for his or her sport or related sport for a period of **three calendar years (1,095 days)** after their last official event.
- Please review the related sports table for more information.
- Professional and semi-professional athletes may participate in all non-related sports without a waiting period.

Varsity Athletes

- Any individual that appears on the roster for a collegiate varsity team is ineligible for participation in his or her sport or related sports for one calendar year (365 days) from the end of their official affiliation with the collegiate team.
- Please review the related sports table for more information.
- Current and former varsity athletes may participate in non-related sports without a waiting period.

Sport Club Athletes

- A sport club athlete is defined as any student that appears or appeared on the roster for a RSS recognized sport club during the current calendar year.
- For all related sports, no more than two (2) current sport club members may appear on the roster.
- Please review the related sports table for more information.

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Registration

SIUC students and RSS members must register for all sports on SIUC’s IMLEAGUES’ web site. Players are expected to sign up during the posted registration periods for each sport. Registration periods are two weeks and end on the Wednesday before the start of each sport. Late registrations may or may not be accepted, and the Competitive Sports Office cannot guarantee placement.

Team Captains
The team captain is the liaison between the Competitive Sport Office and his/her team. The team captain is responsible for communicating all information received from Competitive Sports staff to his or her team in a timely manner.

Captain’s Responsibilities
- Reviewing the SIUC Intramural Sport Handbook
- Serve as the primary point of contact between the team and Competitive Sports staff
- Ensuring that team members understand and comply with Competitive Sports policies and procedures.
- Reviewing the relevant sport’s rules
- Completing the registration process for the team
- Provide accurate team availability for pool play and postseason of each sport
- Checking the eligibility of all team members
- Verifying that all team members have signed in for the contest
- Verifying that all team members are currently listed on the official roster
- Notifying his/her team members of the date, time, and place of each scheduled contest
- Bear responsibility for the behavior of the team and anyone affiliated with the team.
- Check the accuracy of the contest results on the SIUC IMLEAGUES web site

Registration Instructions
1. Visit Recreational Sports and Services’ Fusion PORTAL (Click the link)
2. Use Login Credentials
   A. (CURRENT STUDENTS & FACULTY/SATFF) Log in using your SIU credentials
      i. Username: SIU + nine-digit Dawg Tag
      ii. Password: Current SalukiNet password
   B. (RSS MEMBERS) Log in using your RSS member credentials
      i. Username: RSS Member Number (Omit the dash)
      ii. Password: Fusion Portal Password
3. Select “Competitive Sports” by clicking the whistle.
4. Click the IMLEAGUES Banner
5. You should be immediately logged into IMLEAGUES.
   A. If this is your first time accessing IMLEAGUES, you will be asked to provide some information.
Leagues
In an effort to accomplish our mission to provide the SIUC community a fun, engaging, and appropriately challenging recreational experience and to satisfy diverse sports interests, the Competitive Sports Office offers different leagues and divisions for our sports. When the number of team registrations for a particular league is low, the Competitive Sports Office reserves the right to consolidate leagues.

Open Leagues:
✓ Open leagues have no gender restrictions for eligible players. Any number of males and/or females may play on one team.
  ○ Open - Competitive: The competitive league appeals to the team and individuals with above average skill who desire a high level of competition. Players in this league typically played the sport in high school, play(ed) in local leagues, or have played for many years.
  ○ Open - Recreational: The recreational league appeals to players and teams of various skill levels who desire a more relaxed and fun atmosphere with some occasional competitive match-ups.

Men’s Leagues
✓ Greek – Fraternities: Teams in this league represent a fraternal organization officially recognized by the College Panhellenic Association, Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and SIUC Fraternity and Sorority Life.
  ○ To be eligible for participation, players must be listed on the Greek organization’s official roster on file with SIU Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Co-Recreational League:
✓ In these league(s), teams have a minimum required number for both male and female players.
  ○ Competitive (A): This league appeals to the team and individuals with above average skill who desire a high level of competition. Players in this league typically played the sport in high school, play(ed) in local leagues, or have played for many years.
  ○ Recreational (B): This league appeals to players and teams of various skill levels who desire a more relaxed and fun atmosphere with some occasional competitive match-ups.

Waitlist
After the registration deadline has passed for most league sports, teams and individuals may register for the waitlist. Waitlisted teams may be placed into the league if (a) time slots are available, (b) teams are removed due to forfeitures or poor sportspersonship, and/or (c) a team captain requests that his or her team be removed from the league or tournament.

Since games may have already been scheduled, a waitlisted team must accept the division and game time(s) offered by the Competitive Sports Office. If a waitlisted team has not been contacted by the conclusion of the regular season, the Competitive Sports Office recommends that the players attempt to join other teams.
**Sport Quizzes & Presentations**
For each team sport, players must complete an online quiz to complete registration. The quiz will test a players’ knowledge and understanding of the policies and procedures detailed in the SIUC Intramural Sport Handbook and specific sport rules.

Prior to the start of select sports, each team captain will receive a presentation that will review relevant handbook information and highlight key rules.

**Team Names**
The Competitive Sports Office reserves the right to change any team names or icons. Please use proper judgement when selecting team names. If you are unsure about the chosen name, please contact us for guidance.

Names that include or reference the following are prohibited:
- Vulgarity
- Sexually explicit or violent acts
- Discrimination (race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, weight, disabilities etc)

**Roster Information**
- Players may play for one single gendered team and one co-recreational team per sport
- Players may be added to a team’s roster at any time. Team captains are responsible for ensuring that all participating players are officially on the roster.
  - Each sport has a roster limit, and additional players may not be added beyond the limit.
- Roster additions may not be allowed during the postseason of league sports.
- A player is considered to have officially played for a team once he or she has checked in for a team’s game or match. Without approval from the Competitive Sports Office, that player may not transfer to another team for the duration of that sport.

**Free Agents**
SIUC Student and RSS members who are unable to find a team may sign up as free agents. Please visit the SIUC IMLEAGUES web site to register as a free agent. Team captains may contact free agents, and the free agent may choose to join that team or decline the invitation. Free agents may also initiate the process by contacting captains or attending the scheduled captains’ meeting. Please contact the Competitive Sports Office for instructions and help being placed on a team.
Leagues Sports

- Teams may be able to select their regular season play day and time(s) during the registration period. League sports will typically have a two-week regular season followed by a single elimination postseason tournament.
- Since captains can select their playing day and time and/or provide the team’s availability, the Competitive Sports Office may not accept requests to reschedule regular season contests.
- At the conclusion of the regular season, the postseason bracket will be created and posted for the captains’ review.

Tournament Sports

- Teams will be placed in a single elimination or double elimination bracket, and each contest’s day and time will be set by the Competitive Sports Office.

Individual/Dual League Sports

- The Competitive Sport Office will provide weekly match-ups. Both teams should contact each other and decide upon a time to complete the match before that week’s deadline.

Individual/Dual Tournament Sports

- These tournaments may be single day events or a series of matches spanning a few days.

Contests/Competitions

- These contests and competitions are annual events that are scattered throughout the academic year.

Policies & Procedures

SIUC ID and RSS ID Policy

Each player should be prepared to present his or her SIUC or RSS ID when signing in for each contest. If a player cannot present his or her SIUC or RSS ID when asked, he or she cannot play. Other forms of identification (e.g. state issued identification, Facebook profiles, SalukiNet class schedules) will not be accepted.

If a player attempts to sign in using the SIUC or RSS ID of another individual, the identification will be confiscated, and the player will not be allowed to participate. The guilty player and the owner of the SIUC or RSS ID shall be suspended from all RSS facilities until he or she meets with the Coordinator of Competitive Sports.

Photography Policy

Personal photography and videotaping are permitted in RSS facilities with the exception of restrooms and locker rooms. Personal photography and videotaping is defined as media of friends/family obtained informally for personal/private use. Personal photography used for commercial purposes is not permitted.

Academic photography and videotaping is permitted in RSS facilities with the exception of restrooms and locker rooms. Academic photography and videotaping is defined as media obtained and/or reproduced for academic purposes including class projects, University promotions and information. Academic photography must be approved by Corne’ Prozesky, Director of Recreational Sports and Services.

Taking photos or video of individuals without their consent or the consent of RSS is prohibited and is cause for immediate removal from RSS facilities and possible suspension from RSS facilities.
Pets
Owners are solely responsible for the behavior and actions of their pets. Pets must always be leashed and under control. Control is defined by a person holding the pet’s leash at all times. Tying the pet’s leash to objects is not considered control. All pet droppings must be picked up immediately. There are designated locations with dog waste stations. Please take your pets to these locations for clean-up.

Service Animals
Service animals are allowed at all RSS facilities and the Track and Field Complex. Service animals, as defined by SIU Disability Support Services, are “any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability” (SIU Disability Support webpage).

All other pets, including emotional support animals, are not permitted in the Student Recreation Center and on the playing surfaces of the Recreational Sport Complex, Track and Field complex, and Sam Rinella Fields.

When any animal becomes uncooperative or belligerent, Competitive Sports staff reserves the right to ask owners and their pets to leave the facility.

Proper Attire
All attire and equipment is subject to the approval of Competitive Sports staff. Any clothing or equipment that is deemed unsafe or illegal must be removed prior to competition. Competitive Sports staff reserves the right to ask players to remove or conceal clothing that, in the opinion of IM staff, displays offensive or demeaning language or imagery.

Non-athletic clothing including but not limited to jeans, dress pants, dresses, khakis, and blouses is prohibited. Athletic attire is typically breathable and loose fitting to allow a player to safely and effectively perform physical movements. Non-athletic clothing typically is not designed for sports and may lead to injury.

Players are required to wear athletic shoes (e.g. basketball shoes, running shoes, tennis shoes) for all sports. Players cannot play bare footed, and non-athletic footwear (e.g. vibrams, boots, flip flops, open-toed shoes, crocs, sandals etc.) is not allowed. For outdoor sports such as flag football, soccer, and softball, molded rubber cleats, molded rubber cleats with metal tips, and screw-in cleats with studs are allowed. Spiked cleats and screw-in metal cleats are prohibited.

Jewelry
All jewelry (e.g. earrings, rings, nose rings, bracelets, necklaces etc.) must be removed prior to each contest. For the safety of everyone, individuals with permanent or non-removable jewelry will not be allowed to participate. Religious and medical items must be taped down against the player’s body.

Rules
All SIUC Intramural sports rules are based on the current rules publications of the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS), National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA), and other relevant professional and recreational associations. When appropriate, rules are modified and/or created to level the playing field and foster a safe and enjoyable experience for all players.
Defaults, Forfeits, & Grace Periods

Defaults
A default is an unplayed game without penalty to either team (e.g. being dropped from the league or being assessed a fee). To receive a default, the team captain or representative must notify the Competitive Sports Office by 4:00 PM on the day of the contest.

Forfeits
A forfeit is defined as one of the following:
(a) Failing to field a team for an Intramural sport contest without contacting the Competitive Sports Office.
(b) Receiving three or more conduct penalties before, during, and after an Intramural sport contest.
(c) Receiving two defaults during pool play
(d) Having ineligible players participate during a contest
When a team forfeits a game or match, that team subject to being assessed a forfeit fee. The fee amount varies by scheduling format. Please review the Scheduling Format and Fee Schedule tables for more information.

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Payments
- During the team registration process on IMLEAGUES, the team captain shall input credit card information or link his or her PayPal account to his or her IMLEAGUES account.
- If a team or individual forfeits a game, the team captain shall receive a notification e-mail.
- The team captain has two (2) business days from receipt of the notification e-mail to request an appeal.
- If the team captain does not contact the Coordinator of Competitive Sports to request an appeal, the forfeit fee will be assessed.

Forfeit Fee Appeal Process
- If an appeal is requested, the team captain or individual shall meet with the Coordinator of Competitive Sports to provide justification for the waiving of the forfeit fee.
  - If the appeal is upheld, the loss may be recorded as a default.
    - If the loss is recorded as default and results in the second default for pool play, the forfeit fine will be assessed. This may not be appealed.
- If the appeal is denied, the forfeit fine will be assessed.
**Grace Periods**

**Initial Grace Period**
If at least one team member has signed in at game time, the team will be granted a five-minute (5:00) grace period. Once a team reaches the minimum number of players to start the game, the team must start when directed by Competitive Sports staff.

**Optional Grace Period**
After the initial grace period has expired, and the team has not yet reached the minimum number of players, the opposing captain has two options: (a) accept the win by forfeit or on-site default or (b) wait an additional five minutes. Once the opposing captain decides to wait, that decision is irreversible.

Once a team reaches the minimum number of players to start the game, the team must start when directed by Competitive Sports staff. If the team cannot field the minimum number of players by the end of the optional grace period, the game will be declared a forfeit.

**Blood Policy**
Players that are bleeding, have an open wound, and/or have an excessive amount of blood on the uniform will be directed to leave the game. The bleeding must be stopped, the open wound must be covered, and/or the bloody uniform must be changed/cleaned before the player can return to the game.

**Protests**
Protests shall be restricted to matters of rule interpretation and player eligibility. Team captains may not formally protest judgment calls of the officials and sportsmanship rating.

**Player Eligibility**
- Before signing the official scoresheet for the contest and/or leaving the contest site, the team captain may protest the eligibility of an opposing player by filing a formal protest with the Competitive Sports Supervisor.
- If possible, the Supervisor shall meet immediately with both captains to discuss the matter.
- If the Competitive Sports Supervisor is unable to decide the eligibility of the player, the protesting captain shall complete a formal protest form.
- The Competitive Sports Office will investigate the matter and inform both captains of the final decision.

**Rule Misinterpretation or Misapplication**
- **After the conclusion of the play and before the start of the next sequence (e.g. Down, possession),** the team captain should inform an official that he/she would like to protest the result of the previous sequence. After the start of the next sequence, the team captain may no longer protest the previous play.
- The officials will hear the protest and make an official ruling.
- If either team disagrees with the officials’ decision, they may appeal the decision to a Competitive Sports supervisor.
- The supervisor shall make a ruling based on the information provided by the officials. If either team continues to disagree, the supervisor shall complete the protest form, and the game shall continue.
- The Coordinator of Competitive Sports shall review the form and contact each team captain with a final decision with rationale.
  - The decision of the Coordinator of Competitive Sports is final and cannot be appealed.
- If the on-field decision of the Supervisor is overturned, if time allows, the game will be replayed from the point of the rule misinterpretation or misapplication.
**Postseason Eligibility**

All leagues will consist of a pool play section followed by a postseason tournament. Team records, results, and overall sportsmanship rating will be considered final at noon on the day following the end of the pool play section. Team captains should notify the Competitive Sports Office of any errors before the deadline. To be eligible for the postseason, each team must satisfy the following criteria:

1. No more than one forfeited game
2. An average sportspersonship rating of a 3.0 or better

If circumstances allow, all currently registered teams may be included in the postseason tournament. Please note that postseason eligibility and inclusion is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather, time constraints etc.)

The following criteria will determine **pool rank** and **league rank**:

1. Sportspersonship Rating
2. Win/Loss Record
3. Head-to-Head Match Up
4. Point Differential
5. Coin Toss

During the postseason, teams must maintain a sportspersonship rating of 2.5 or better to advance to the next round. Regardless of a team’s sportspersonship rating, the Competitive Sports Office reserves the right to suspend players with poor sportspersonship and/or remove the entire team from the postseason tournament.

**League Promotion**

The Competitive Sports Office reserves the right to promote teams to a more competitive division for the postseason. Teams will be promoted based on regular season performance and observations by Competitive Sports staff. When a team is promoted to a higher division for the postseason, regardless of their regular season record and performance, that team will receive the lowest seed. Teams that will be promoted will receive notification from the Competitive Sports Office.

**Extramural Competitions**

SIUC Intramural sports players and teams may be asked to represent Southern Illinois University Carbondale at local, regional, and national extramural tournaments. Typically, the champions of the 7v7 flag football and 5v5 basketball leagues will be extended this opportunity. These extramural competitions are an excellent opportunity to visit a new place, learn new strategies and techniques in flag football and basketball, and meet new people. Please contact the Competitive Sports Office for more information.
**Inclement Weather**

During inclement weather, Competitive Sports activities may be delayed, postponed, or cancelled. The safety of players, spectators, and Competitive Sports staff is paramount; therefore, the Competitive Sports Office reserves the right to cancel or postpone games due to inclement weather. The Competitive Sports Office will inform teams via IMLEAGUES and social media. Please do not assume that games are cancelled.

Competitive Sport activities are cancelled on any day when the SIU Administration chooses to close the University.

It is possible that games will be played in bad weather. However, play will be suspended thirty minutes (30:00) from the last spotted lightning bolt or thunder head. Please review the following guidelines for restarting play after lightning occurrences:

- **Regular season games**
  - Soccer, Flag Football
    - 1st Half: The game may be completed with possible time adjustments.
    - 2nd Half: The game shall end with the existing score.
  - Kickball, Softball
    - The game will be considered complete in the following situations:
      - Thirty minutes has elapsed on the game clock
      - The fourth inning has been completed
      - When the third or fourth inning is interrupted at any point, the home team has reached one of the specified point differentials listed on the mercy rule table.
      - In other situations, the game may be completed with possible time adjustments.

- **Postseason games**
  - Depending on the postseason tournament format and the overall Competitive Sports programmatic calendar, games may be rescheduled.
**Code of Conduct**

**Conduct Rules**
No player, team, and/or spectators may engage in unsportspersonlike behavior. Examples include but are not limited to the following:

- The use of profanity
- Vulgar, abusive, and/or discriminatory language and gestures
- Disrespectfully addressing or contacting Competitive Sports staff
- Receiving excessive conduct penalties
- Flagrant and excessive actions directed toward players or officials
- Fighting, attempting to fight, or inciting a fight
- Willful destruction and/or desecration of RSS and SIUC facilities and equipment
- Engage in alcohol, tobacco, and electronic smokeless device use during intramural sport activities

**Ejections**
Incidents may occur that result in the ejection of players, spectators, teams, and organizations. Players and spectators that violate any of the conduct rules in section 3.1 are subject to ejection. Ejected individuals are required to cooperate with competitive sports staff and provide requested information for the completion of an incident report. The Competitive Sports Supervisor will explain the procedure for reinstatement and request that the ejected participant leave the visual and auditory confines of the facility. The ejected individual is required to leave immediately.

If a player or spectator refuses to cooperate (e.g. provide information for the completion of the incident report, leave the facility in a timely fashion, direct verbal insults towards Competitive Sports staff), the Competitive Sports Supervisor may request the aid of the SRC Facility Manager and/or DPS. The Competitive Sports Office may levy additional penalties against the entire team including, but not limited to, lowering a team’s sportspersonship rating, forfeiting the game in favor of the opposing team, restricting access to the Student Recreation Center for all team members and spectators, and/or removing the entire team from league play.

**Suspensions**
All player and spectator ejections will be accompanied by an indefinite suspension from all intramural sport activities and loss of access to the Student Recreation Center. All suspensions take effect immediately when the player or spectator is ejected, and that player cannot participate in any future intramural sport activity (including games on the same night of the ejection) until a meeting with the Coordinator of Competitive sports has been scheduled and completed. All suspended individuals, teams, and organizations will receive an IMLEAGUES and email notification from the Competitive Sports Office within forty-eight hours of the ejection with instructions for contacting the Coordinator of Competitive Sports.

After reviewing the incident report and completing the disciplinary meeting, the Coordinator of Competitive Sports will inform the player, team, or organization of his or her decision.

The Competitive Sports Office may impose sanctions on individuals, teams, and organizations. When a team or organization is suspended or placed on probation, all associated individuals are also suspended or placed on probation.
Minimum Suspension Guidelines

The following guidelines provide examples of potential actions that may require a suspension. Please understand that these are guidelines, and the Coordinator of Competitive Sports Assistant have the authority to deviate from and/or assess additional sanctions.

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Appeals

Participants may appeal a suspension and/or suspension length by submitting a written statement that includes the intent to appeal and a description of the events that took place before, during and after the ejection.

All written statements for appeal must be received within 48 hours of the suspension email being sent out. The written statement must be emailed directly to the intramural program at siucompsports@siu.edu or dropped off at the intramural office in the ARC Administrative Suites.

The Coordinator of Competitive sports may request a meeting with the individual to discuss the situation. Following the review of the appeal, the Coordinator of Competitive sports has the authority to lift the any sanctions or move forward the enforcement of the original sanctions.
**Team Sportspersonship**

The sportspersonship rating system serves to assess a team’s attitude and behavior throughout pool play and the postseason. **Actions by teams and its supporters before, during, and after the contest are included in a team’s Sportspersonship Rating.** The team captain should educate his/her team and spectators about the sportspersonship system.

Each team shall start the contest with a rating of “5”, and the sport officials will determine a final rating at the end of the contest. Team captains may request their rating at the end of the contest and seek an explanation from the Competitive Sports supervisor and game officials. Team captains are encouraged to contact the Competitive Sports Office if there are any questions.

Team sportspersonship during pool play and postseason will be graded according to the following scale and criteria. The listed criteria is not exhaustive, and Competitive Sports staff may consider other criteria.

**Sportspersonship Rating Scale & Criteria**

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| 5 - Excellent | • The team captain respectively addresses and aids Competitive Staff in maintaining control over teammates and spectators. Players fully cooperate with Competitive Sports staff and interact positively with opposing players.  
• Spectators support their team in a positive manner.  
• The team is an exemplary model for excellent sportspersonship. |
| 4 - Good     | • Winning Team of a Forfeited Game & Both Teams for a Defaulted Game.  
• The team captain effectively manages his or her team. Players verbally complain periodically about some calls but are reasonable and respectful towards Competitive Sports staff. Player interactions with opposing players are mostly positive.  
• Players’ actions do not result in a conduct penalty (i.e. yellow card, technical foul, or unsportsmanlike conduct penalty). |
| 3 - Average  | • The team captain exhibits limited control over his/her team, spectators, and himself/herself. Team members complain to Competitive Sports staff and/or direct verbal attacks at the opposing team. Their actions result in a conduct penalty (i.e. yellow card, technical foul, or unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.).  
• Teams that receive one conduct penalty cannot receive higher than a “3” rating.  
• (Softball, Kickball) The team that has one ejection will not receive higher than a “3” rating. |
| 2 – Below Average | • The team captain continues to exercise no control over his/her team, spectators, and himself/herself. After receiving one conduct penalty, the players continue to constantly complain, to indicate resentment for Competitive Sports staff, and to address opponents in an inappropriate manner.  
• A second conduct penalty may be assessed to a player or the overall team.  
• For all sports, in the judgement of the game officials, the team that has one ejection or two conduct warnings may receive a “2” rating. |
| 1 - Unacceptable | • A Team Forfeits a Game.  
• The team captain continues to exercise no control over his/her team, spectators, and himself/herself. After receiving two conduct penalties or one ejection, the players continue to constantly complain, to indicate resentment for Competitive Sports staff, and to address opponents in an inappropriate manner.  
• The team that receives two ejections (Softball, Kickball) or three conduct warnings during a game shall forfeit the game and may forfeit the entire season. |