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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.**

### Purpose

This handbook is designed to educate participants 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 participants 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, participants agree to abide by the policies and procedures outlined in this handbook and the decisions of intramural sport 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 participant will read and agree to the following. If the participant 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 participants, event sponsors, and, if applicable, owners and leasers 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 may photograph or videotape participants during scheduled activities for use in its marketing campaign and promotional materials. If you do not wish to be photographed or recorded during intramural participation, please notify a professional staff member of Recreational Sports and Services.

### Current Sport Offerings

Kickball League	6v6 Volleyball League
Dodgeball League	4v4 Volleyball League
4v4 Flag Football League	Basketball League
7v7 Flag Football League	Softball League
Outdoor Soccer League	Spikeball Tournament
Futsal League	Pickleball Tournament
Bags Tournament	Wiffleball Tournament
Poker and Blackjack Tournament	Cricket League

### Eligibility

#### SIU Students

- On-Campus
  - Undergraduate and graduate students must be currently enrolled for at least one credit hour to be eligible for participation.
- Off-Campus/Online
  - Undergraduate and graduate students must purchase an “inactive student” membership to participate in intramural sports.

#### SIU Faculty/Staff

- SIUC faculty and staff who have purchased a semester or annual RSS membership may participate in intramural sports.

#### 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 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 event.
- Please review “related sport” chart on page six 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 team affiliation
- Please review the “related sport” chart for more information.
- Current and former varsity athletes may participate in non-related sports without a waiting period.

## Related Sports Chart

Professional/Varsity Sport	Related Intramural Sports
Baseball/Softball	Softball
Basketball	Basketball
Football	Flag Football
Soccer	Soccer
Volleyball	Volleyball
Cricket	Cricket
Poker & Blackjack	Poker & Blackjack
Cornhole	Bags

## 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 the following sports, no more than two (2) current sport club members may appear on the roster:
  - Softball
  - Basketball
  - Soccer
  - Volleyball

## Registration

SIUC students and RSS members must register for all sports on SIUC's IMLEAGUES' web site. Participants are expected to sign up during the posted registration periods for each sport. Late registrations may or may not be accepted, and the Competitive Sports Office cannot guarantee placement.

## Leagues

In an effort to accomplish our mission to provide the SIUC community a fun, engaging, and appropriately challenging recreational experience and to meet the needs of our diverse community, 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 to the right to consolidate leagues.

- ✓ *Open Leagues:*
  - Open - Competitive: The collegiate league appeals to the team and individuals with above average skill who desire a high level of competition. Participants 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: Teams in this league represent an organization officially recognized by the College Panhellenic Association, Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the SIUC Office of Student Engagement. To be eligible for participation, individuals must be listed on the Greek organization's official roster.

✓ *Women's Leagues*

- **Open:** This league appeals to female players and teams of all skill levels and experiences. The experienced and serious athlete as well as the casual player will find a fun and challenging atmosphere.
- **Greek:** Teams in this league represent an organization officially recognized by the College Panhellenic Association, Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the SIUC Office of Student Engagement. To be eligible for participation, individuals must be listed on the Greek organization's official roster.

✓ *Co-Recreational League:*

- This league is comprised of teams with a combination of males and females.
- **Competitive (A):** This league appeals to the team and individuals with above average skill who desire a high level of competition. Participants 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 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 forfeits or poor sportsmanship, 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 second week, the Competitive Sports Office recommends that the players attempt to join other teams.

### 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 on IMLEAGUES.com. 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. Feel to contact the Competitive Sports Office for instructions and help.

### 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
- ✓ Completing the registration process for the team
- ✓ Provide accurate team availability for pool play and postseason of each sport
- ✓ Completing all preseason requirements (e.g. Captain's Meeting, Captain's Quiz, etc)
- ✓ Checking the eligibility of all team members
- ✓ Verifying that all team members have signed in for the contest
- ✓ Reviewing the relevant sport rules
- ✓ Ensuring that team members understand and comply with Competitive Sports policies and procedures.
- ✓ 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

**Mandatory Captain's Quiz & Meeting**

For each team sport, the team captain must complete an online captain's quiz by noon of the day following the registration deadline. The quiz will test a captain's knowledge and understanding of the policies and procedures detailed in the SIUC Intramural Sport Handbook and specific sport rules.

Captains' meetings will be held in the Alumni Lounge of the Student Recreation Center. The captain's meeting will review relevant handbook information, highlight key rules, and serve as an opportunity for team representatives to ask questions, to seek clarify on policies and procedures, and to air any grievances.

**The captain's meeting and captain's quiz is mandatory for all team captains. Failure to complete the captain's quiz and/or attend the Captain's Meeting may result in removal from the league.**

**Team Names**

The Competitive Sports Office reserves the right to change any team names or icons and to prohibit team apparel deemed inappropriate or offensive to participants. 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)

Please use proper judgement when selecting team names and uniform artwork. If you are unsure about the chosen name or artwork for your team, please contact us for guidance.

**Roster Information**

- ✓ Participants may play for one single gendered team and one co-recreational team.
- ✓ For all league sports, participants may be added to the team's roster until the end of the regular season.
- ✓ Roster additions are not allowed during the postseason of league sports.
- ✓ Participants must be on the official roster by 4:00 PM the day of the team's scheduled game. Team captains are advised to check their team's online roster and report any discrepancies to the Competitive Sports Office.
- ✓ A participant is considered to have officially played for a team once he or she has checked in for a team's game or match. After he or she signs in for a single game with a team, that player may not transfer to another team for the duration of that sport.

## Policies & Procedures

### **SIUC ID and RSS ID Policy**

Each participants should be prepared to present his or her SIUC or RSS ID when signing in for each contest. If a participant 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 participant attempts to sign in using the SIUC or RSS ID of another individual, the identification will be confiscated, and the participant will not be allowed to play. 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.

### **Pets**

Service animals are allowed at all RSS facilities and the Track and Field Complex. All other pets 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.

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.

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

### **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.

Taking photos or video of individuals without their consent is prohibited and is cause for immediate removal from RSS facilities and possible suspension from RSS facilities.

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](#), Associate Director of Facilities.

### **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 participants 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 participant's body.

### **Rules**

All SIUC intramural sport rules are based on the adopted rules publications of the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and professional associations. When appropriate, rules are modified and/or created to level the playing field and foster a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants.

### **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 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

If a team forfeits its first game of the season, that team may be dropped from the league and replaced with a team on the waiting list. Two forfeitures will result in ineligibility for the postseason and in being dropped from the league.

#### *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 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, and the game clock will be adjusted accordingly.

##### 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 (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, and the game clock will be adjusted accordingly. 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

Participants 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

### *Player Eligibility*

During the regular season, a team captain may protest the eligibility of an opposing player at any time (e.g. before, during, and after a game; one week prior to or after a game). If the protest occurs on the night of the contest, the team captain should file a formal protest with the Competitive Sports supervisor. The supervisor shall meet immediately with both captains to discuss the eligibility of the player. At any other time, a team captain may contact the Competitive Sports Office to file a formal protest. The Competitive Sports Office will investigate the matter and inform both captains of the decision.

### *Rule Misinterpretation or Misapplication*

During a game, participants may protest the misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule. **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.

**Please note that the judgment of the game officials is not subject to protest.**

The officials will hear the protest and make a decision. If either team disagrees, they may appeal the decision to a Competitive Sports supervisor. If either team continues to disagree, the supervisor shall complete the intramural sport protest form, and the game shall continue under protest. A Competitive Sports Graduate Assistant or the Coordinator of Competitive Sports shall contact both teams with a decision.

## Inclement Weather

During inclement weather, intramural 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. A decision on the status of that day's games will be posted on social media and IMLEAGUES.

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 from the last spotted lightning bolt or thunder head. Please review the following guidelines for restarting play after lighting occurrences:

- ✓ Regular season games
  - Soccer, Flag Football
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Half: The game may be completed with possible time adjustments.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 intramural sport calendar of events, games may be rescheduled.

### Code of Conduct

Participation in SIUC intramural sports is a privilege for everyone. Students and RSS members expect a fun, challenging, and welcoming environment. Therefore, all participants who sign up for intramural sports agree to the following:

- ✓ Treat RSS facilities, equipment, and staff with care and respect.
- ✓ Comply with the reasonable requests of Competitive Sports staff.
- ✓ Respect the rights, physical welfare, and dignity of teammates, opponents, and spectators during intramural sport contests.
- ✓ Adhere to the rules, policies, and procedures detailed in the SIUC Intramural Sport Handbook and the SIUC Student Code of Conduct
- ✓ Abstain from using alcohol, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices during intramural sport activities.

Participants (players, players' guests, coaches, and spectators) that practice unsportsmanlike behavior before, during, or after a contest are subject to disqualification and/or removal from RSS and SIUC facilities. Examples of unsportsmanlike behavior include but are not limited to the following:

- ✓ The use of profanity
- ✓ Vulgar and abusive language
- ✓ Disrespectfully addressing or contacting Competitive Sports staff
- ✓ Excessive technical and unsporting fouls
- ✓ 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

Participants disqualified due to unsportsmanlike or disruptive behavior must leave RSS and SIUC facilities immediately and may be remanded to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for review under the Student Code of Conduct. Failure to comply may lead to SIUC Department of Public Safety (DPS) being notified and to his/her team forfeiting the game.

Participants ejected or removed from a contest for any reason are ineligible for further competition until reinstated by the Coordinator of Competitive Sports. The disqualified player will receive a notice of suspension via IMLEAGUES and must contact the Coordinator of Competitive Sports to schedule a meeting.

Participants disqualified due to willful destruction of RSS and SIUC facilities and equipment may be required to reimburse RSS or the University for repair and/or replacement costs.

### Sportspersonship Rating System

#### Team Sportspersonship

The sportspersonship rating system serves to assess a team's attitude and behavior throughout the regular season and 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 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 view the rating online the next day and are encouraged to speak to a Competitive Sports Graduate Assistant to receive an explanation of their team's rating.

Sportspersonship during the regular season 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.

Rating	Criteria
5 - Excellent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players fully cooperate with Competitive Sports staff and opposing team members.</li> <li>• Spectators support their team in a positive manner.</li> <li>• Team captain respectfully addresses officials.</li> <li>• <b>The team is an exemplary model for other teams.</b></li> </ul>
4 - Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Winning Team of a Forfeited Game and for a Defaulted Game.</u></b></li> <li>• Team members verbally complain about some calls or show some dissent.</li> <li>• Their actions may warrant a conduct warning, but <b>they do <u>not</u> receive a conduct penalty.</b></li> </ul>
3 - Average	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Defaulting Team for a Defaulted Game.</u></b></li> <li>• Team constantly complains to Competitive Sports staff or the opposing team. The team captain exhibits some control over his/her team, spectators, and himself/herself.</li> <li>• <b>Their actions result in a conduct penalty.</b></li> <li>• <b>Teams that receive a conduct penalty cannot receive higher than a "3" rating.</b></li> <li>• <b>(Softball, Kickball) The team with one ejection will not receive higher than a "3" rating.</b></li> </ul>
2 - Below Average	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team constantly complains to Competitive Sports staff and the opposing team.</li> <li>• The team captain exercises little to no control over anyone.</li> <li>• <b>Their actions result in two conduct penalties.</b></li> <li>• <b>Teams that receive one ejection and one conduct warning shall receive a rating of "2."</b></li> </ul>
1 - Unacceptable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>A Team Forfeits a Contest.</u></b></li> <li>• The entire team and spectators are non-cooperative and combative.</li> <li>• <b>The team that receives two ejections (Softball, Kickball) or three conduct penalties during a game shall forfeit the game and may forfeit the entire season.</b></li> </ul>



### Scheduling Format

- ✓ *Leagues Sports*
  - Teams will be able to select their regular season play day and time(s) during the registration period. League sports will typically have a two to three-week regular season followed by a single elimination post-season tournament.
  - Since captains can select their playing day and time, the Competitive Sports Office will 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*
  - These sports will be self-scheduled. Both teams should decide upon a time to complete the match before the deadline for that week's contests.
- ✓ *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 school year.

### 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 regular season. Team captains should notify the Competitive Sports Office of any errors before the deadline. Please note that postseason eligibility and inclusion is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather, time constraints etc.)

To be eligible for the postseason, each team must satisfy the following criteria:

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

Once a team meets all of the above requirements, postseason qualifications will vary by division. The top team(s) in each pool shall automatically advance to the postseason tournament. If space and time allows, additional teams may be included in the postseason tournament. 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 Department 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 be receive the lowest seed. Teams that will be promoted will receive notification from the Competitive Sports Office.

### **Extramural Competitions**

SIUC intramural sports participants and teams may be asked to represent Southern Illinois University Carbondale at local, regional, and national extramural tournaments. 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.

### **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. The Competitive Sports Office and Recreational Sports and Services strongly believes in developing our students for their future careers and lives. Intramural 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.

#### **Duties:**

- Officiate intramural sports activities/special events.
- Examine the playing surface before every game to ensure safe playing conditions.
- Enforce all intramural sports and RSS rules and policies.
- Attend all required Competitive Sports meetings and trainings.
- Assist the program assistant with checking players' IDs, equipment and assigning sportsmanship grades.
- A positive customer service aptitude is required.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills needed.
- Must be available daily, including evenings, weekends, and university breaks. Specific hours vary for each season.
- Must be trustworthy, detailed oriented and reliable.
- Must be available for all staff trainings.
- Other duties as assigned.

#### **Preferred Requirements/Skills:**

- Ability to run, walk, and jog.
- Ability to lift 20 lbs. or more.
- IM Sports Officiating or equivalent preferred.
- IHSA Official preferred.
- First Aid/CPR/AED preferred