

Sportsmanship

Team Guidelines

Team Captains are responsible for controlling the actions of their players and fans. Teams interested in progressing to the playoff tournament must have an acceptable rating. Once in the playoffs, teams must maintain an acceptable rating or risk being disqualified. Any team that receives an unacceptable rating may be ineligible for further competition until they meet with the Assistant Director of Sport Programs. Any conduct judged as detrimental to the participants, program, or any particular contest, may result in loss of the contest, suspension of the individual players, suspension of the entire team, or other appropriate action. ***Failure to comply with requests from the Intramural Staff will result in a forfeited contest.***

Due Process

Any participant, team, or organization suspended from Intramural activities due to violations of intramural guidelines or sport rules will have the opportunity to participate in due process to insure protection of rights. The Assistant Director of Sport Programs will hear information from all involved parties and make an appropriate decision. Any appeal that is made regarding the Assistant Director's decisions shall be made with the Director of Campus Recreation.

Acts Relevant to Fighting

The Campus Recreation Department and UNC-Asheville will not condone fighting or any actions that may encourage violence. Such acts include, but are limited to, taunting, trash talking, verbal and physical harassment, fighting or attempting to fight.

- Any individual that is involved in a fight will be subject to an automatic ejection from the game and could result in team suspension. Individuals involved will be ineligible to compete in any further intramural activities and must make an appointment to meet with the Assistant Director.
- Any bench personnel including spectators that enter the field/court during a fight or potential conflict will receive an automatic ejection from the program. These individuals will follow the same guidelines as stated above.

The Intramural Sports Program has policies and procedures for handling fighting and harassment as stated above; however, Campus Police may be called to assist when and if necessary .

Team Sportsmanship Rating System

The development of team and individual sportsmanship is of fundamental importance in all intramural sports activities. The sportsmanship rating system is intended to be an objective scale by which each team's attitude and behavior can be assessed throughout the intramural league and playoff seasons. Behavior before, during, and after an intramural sport contest is included in the rating. The team manager is responsible for educating and informing all players and spectators affiliated with his/her team about the system. The team manager's efforts in assisting officials/staff to calm difficult situations and to restrain troubled teammates are the key to controlling team conduct.

Team Ratings: **ACCEPTABLE** **UNACCEPTABLE** **SEASON ENDING**

Intramural sports officials and/or supervisors shall determine acceptable and unacceptable team ratings for every game played. Appeals for unacceptable ratings are not accepted. The Assistant Director will determine season ending ratings. The Intramural Sports Program staff also reserves the right to review any rating given to a team.

Acceptable

- Team members cooperate with and demonstrate good sportsmanship toward members of both teams, spectators, and all intramural officials and staff.
- Team captain exhibits control over his/her team and spectators, converses reasonably and rationally with officials about rule interpretations/calls, and cooperate by providing any information requested by any intramural sports official/staff.
- Team members participate in the spirit and intent of the intramural sport game rules and/or program policies. Team members accept judgment decisions made by the officials during the contest.
- Respect is shown for facilities and equipment.

Unacceptable

- Any player that is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Multiple unsporting penalties (yellow/red cards, technical fouls, etc.) for unsportsmanlike conduct are given.
- Participants/spectators who continually complain about officials' decisions and display dissension. Complaints include both verbal and non-verbal behavior. Excessive arguing between opposing teams/spectators may also lead to an unacceptable rating.
- Team captain (spokesperson) exhibited little control with players and spectators; conversed in a dissenting manner with officials about rule interpretations/calls. Team captain did not cooperate in providing information requested by any intramural sports official/staff.
- Team members did not meet eligibility requirements for participation in the Intramural Sports Program.
- Team members played with participants who are currently suspended from participating in intramural sports (i.e., on the Outstanding Ejection List) or the Intramural Sports Program.
- Public indecency, vulgarity, or obscenity.
- Individuals/teams played after the consumption of alcohol/drugs. If the contest has begun when discovered, the player(s) will be immediately removed from the facility, and the contest will be forfeited to the opponent.
- Physical abuse by participants(s)/spectator(s) in the form of fighting and/or wrestling with an opponent and/or teammate which occurred before, during, or after an intramural sports contest.
- Any threatening behavior (verbal and/or non-verbal) to any intramural sports employee, participant, or spectator, which occurred before, during, or after an intramural sports contest.
- Damage to or destruction of any Intramural Sports facilities and/or equipment.
- Any violation of UNC-Asheville's Student Code of Conduct.

Consequences for Unacceptable Rating

- Team is suspended until the captain and all involved meet with the Assistant Director. It is the captain's responsibility to call and schedule a meeting. The team is ineligible for any intramural sport competition in this activity until this meeting occurs.
- Regardless of the length of the season or tournament, two *unacceptable* ratings will be equivalent to a season ending rating, and the team will automatically be dropped from any further competition.

Season Ending

- Team was uncooperative and out of control before, during or after intramural sports contest.
- Team captain (spokesperson) exhibited poor control over self, the team, and/or the spectators.
- Multiple ejections' or blatant unsportsmanlike conduct that endangered participants' fans, officials, or supervisors occurred.
- Any physical contact with any Intramural Sports employee.
- Team failed to cooperate/comply with intramural sports administrative staff/University officials while performing their duties; falsely represented or withheld any information requested.
- A team received a second unacceptable rating in the same sport or activity.
- Teams were unable to continue to play and the game was stopped.

Consequences for a Season Ending Sportsmanship Rating

- Team will be automatically dropped from any further intramural competition.
- Future eligibility in the Intramural Sports Program of all team players will be reviewed.

Note:

- Teams receiving an unacceptable sportsmanship rating in a weekend tournament are eliminated from further competition regardless of the outcome of the game.
- Only a member of the professional staff can hand down a season ending sportsmanship rating.
- A season ending sportsmanship rating cannot be appealed.

Individual Player Conduct

If an Intramural Sports participant is ejected from any Intramural Sports contest, he/she is immediately ineligible from further competition in any intramural sports activity until the Assistant Director clears him/her. Player suspensions are effective after the meeting with the Assistant Director (i.e., no self-imposed penalties). There are no appeals of ejection/conduct suspensions and decisions. It is the participant's responsibility to schedule an appointment with the Assistant Director to review his/her behavior and subsequent eligibility in the Intramural Sports Program.

Team players and managers are expected to be cooperative and honest when asked for assistance in identifying teammates who may be involved in incidents. Failure to do so may result in a team and/or individual penalty including game or season forfeiture.

Any participant who commits, incites, or aids others in committing any of the following acts of misconduct shall be subject to disciplinary procedures:

1. Player or spectator hits, strikes, or pushes an Intramural Sports employee.
2. Hitting or striking another player or spectator.

3. Threatening behavior (verbal or physical) before, during, or after a contest toward an Intramural Sports employee (student or professional).
4. Threatening behavior (verbal or physical) before, during, or after a contest toward another player or spectator.
5. Verbally abusing an official or any other Intramural Sports employee.
6. Action(s) which could potentially cause equipment or facility damage and/or personal injury.
7. Failure to cooperate with Intramural Sports staff (i.e., not giving name, not completing forms, etc.) after an ejection.
8. Any person playing under an assumed name or using a UNC Asheville Onecard illegally.
9. Illegally playing for more than one team. Each team may be subject to forfeit all games in which the illegal player participated.
10. The Assistant Director will handle personal conduct situations that are not covered by the above rulings in an appropriate manner.

Note: All ejections will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

IM Supervisors' Authority

The Intramural Supervisors have the authority to rule on any situation not specifically covered in the rules as deemed necessary to ensure the safety and well being of the participants and of the Intramural Sports program. This includes but is not limited to issuing warnings, stopping the game and making weather decisions.