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IFC Sports Representative Handbook



**University of California, Irvine
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INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL SPORTS
INTRAMURAL SPORTS REPRESENTATIVE'S RESOURCE GUIDEBOOK

INTRAMURAL PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

All rules and regulations in the Campus Recreation Intramural Handbook apply to all IFC participants. Any exceptions must be approved by the Intramural Director and added to this handbook.

ARTICLE I

Purpose of IFC sports

- A. IFC sports allows friendly competition between IFC fraternities in IFC deemed sports
- B. An IFC sports trophy is given out to the chapter who achieves the most sports points by the end of the academic year

Article II

Team Member Eligibility

- A. An eligible participant of IFC sports must be eligible to the policies of Campus Recreation

Make Note: Players may not participate in two or more teams in any division and in the same sport during the Intramural season. Players may however play in a co-re league or in a men's/women's league at the same time. IFC is considered a men's competitive division and therefore will follow the same guidelines as described earlier. Participants who are in violation of this policy shall be banned from the sport and will forfeit that game no matter what the final score is. Managers are responsible for their player's eligibility. Ignorance is no excuse. You have been warned.

- B. No alumni or graduate students are allowed to participate in IFC sports, but are encouraged to attend to provide support. (Approved Fall 1999)
 - 1. Associate members, candidates, novices, or pledges may participate in IFC sports if proper notice of their candidacy or pledgship has been given to both the Greek Advisor, via the scholarship report and the IFC Vice President of Rush. Also they must comply with university eligibility policies.
- C. New members that have already played for a different team may not participate in an IFC major sport until next quarter. Those members who have played in IFC and are no longer affiliated with an IFC chapter may not join another Campus Recreation team
- D. ALL IFC sports eligibility violations will be reported to IFC Judicial Board and be held under IFC Judicial Board bylaws for further sanctioning (Approved Fall 2004)
- E. New members that have already played for a different team may not participant in the same IFC major sport until the next quarter. Those members who played in IFC and are no longer affiliated with an IFC chapter may not join another Campus Recreation team (Approved Fall 2004).
- F. Teams playing with ineligible players will forfeit the game played by this person and receive a sportsmanship rating of a zero. That player will be banned from further participation for the remainder of the quarter (Approved Fall 2004).

Article III
Major & Minor Sports

- A. An IFC major sport is one that is considered by the Campus Recreation as its own league, separate from other leagues. IFC teams are eligible to enter the ALL University playoffs for these sports if requirements are met.
1. Major Sports
 - a. Fall Quarter Major Sports: Football, Volleyball
 - b. Winter Quarter Major Sports: Basketball, Outdoor Soccer
 - c. Spring Quarter Major Sport: Softball, Floor Hockey
- B. An IFC minor sport is a tournament that may or may not include other campus teams.
1. Minor Sports
 - a. Fall Quarter Minor Sport: Team Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee
 - b. Winter Quarter Minor Sports: Wrestling, Track & Field
 - c. Spring Quarter Minor Sports: Swimming, Waterpolo, Bowling & Sports Trivia
- C. League seeding will be determined by the previous year's IFC league results.
1. The IFC playoff champion will receive the number one seed.
 2. The remaining seeds are determined by a combination of IFC league points and playoff points
 3. Teams that did not participate the previous year will be seeded by a random draw after the other teams have been seeded.

Article IV
Point System – Major Sports & Minor Sports

- A. **Major sport points** will consist of a culmination of League results, IFC playoffs, All University playoffs, and attendance at the Sports Meetings.
1. League points start at 50 points for first place, 40 points for second, and will decrease by increments of 10.
 - a. In the event of a tie, the points for the position and the succeeding positions will be added up and divided equally among the tied teams. I.E., two teams are tied for third place, then the third and fourth place points would be added and then divided by two. The next team would then receive the fifth place points.
 - b. When leagues play “interleague” (due to scheduling problems) competition, the top two records (from both leagues) will earn 50 points; next two earn 40, and so on. (Approved Spring, 1999)
 - c. In leagues of two different sizes (e.g. a 5 team league and a 4 team league), in which no interleague occurs, points will be separated. Thus each league champion receives 50 points, etc. The 5th place team in the one league still receives 10 points. (Approved Spring, 1999)
 - d. For 10 team leagues (i.e. two leagues of 5) in the ARC, each team will play one interleague game to avoid ‘bye’ weeks. This gives each team an extra game. Interleague match-ups are done by random draw. Such games count in all league standings. (Approved Fall, 1999)
 2. The IFC playoffs will be worth 60 points for first place, 40 points for second, and will decrease in increments of ten points per place. (ie, 40, 30, 20...)
 3. All University points will serve as a bonus set of points. These will only be awarded to a team which can place in the top three positions. A bonus of 15 points will be awarded for first, 10 for second, and 5 points for third. (Approved, 6/2/97).
 4. Attendance at the monthly sports meetings will count as five points per meeting.
 5. Disqualification from a sport will result in a loss of all possible points for that sport and possible further sanctions from the IFC.
 6. In the case of an appeal, it must go through an appeal board consisting of the IFC Executive board and the Greek Advisor, it must receive approval by the IFC.
- B. **Minor sport points** will start at 65 points for first place, 50 points for second, and will decrease in increments of 10 points.
1. A forfeit in the first round of a single elimination tournament, i.e. ultimate frisbee, will result in the forfeiting team receiving zero points for that sport.
 2. A fraternity can earn IFC points if they participate with the minimum number required to be in the sport. For example, wrestling requires one participant, and team tennis requires four. Still, a team must pay the team entry fee to register as a participating IFC team. Note: To win the Campus Recreation team, the team must fulfill the minimum team number required. Thus, wrestling, track, and swim require four participants.

3. At least four IFC teams must participate in a minor sport for that event to qualify towards IFC points.

**Article V
Playoffs (Approved Fall 2004)**

- A. Only the top 8 teams will make the IFC playoffs. This will be deemed by league records and then by sportsmanship rating.
 1. Winning percentage
 2. Sportsmanship rating (3.0 or higher)
 3. Head-to-Head Competition
 4. Points Differential (Total points scored minus total points allowed. The team with the highest points is seeded higher).
- B. Teams must meet the sportsmanship rating criteria of 3.0 or higher to be eligible for IFC playoffs.
- C. IFC teams are eligible for All University playoffs if they meet the criteria of a .500 record or better and a sportsmanship rating above 3.0
- D. One forfeit or ineligible player disqualifies a team from entering the All University playoffs
- E. An ineligible player participating in a game will forfeit that game either at the point of discovery or when violations have been found true. IFC teams playing with illegal player(s) will disqualify themselves from the playoffs and the team seeded 9th will be allowed to participate in the playoffs.
- F. Two defaults will count as a forfeit and a team will be ineligible for the ALL U Playoffs.

**Article VI
Sportsmanship**

- A. The Sportsmanship rating is used to evaluate the sportsmanship of participants and spectators at the end of each IFC game. All ratings are subjective and up to the discretion of the officials and supervisors on duty.
- B. The sportsmanship rating is based on, but no limited to: Communication with officials, respect for opponents and officials, and profanity.
- C. Teams will be rated on a four-point scale designated by the official, officiating team, or supervisor on duty. 4 points being excellent in sportsmanship (no incidents), zero being poor.
- D. **IFC teams are required to maintain at least a 3.0 average over the regular season in order to participate in IFC playoffs and ALL University Playoffs.** Teams must also receive a 3.0 or higher rating in each game during the playoffs in order to advance to the next round **(Approved Fall 2004)**
- E. Any team that has a player ejected can receive no higher than a two-point rating for that game. Any player ejected must sit out their next scheduled game, at minimum. IFC Judicial Board will hold an arbitration hearing if needed **(Approved Fall 2004).**
- F. If a player(s) is ejected from an IFC game, the IFC Judicial Board will be responsible for taking action towards this player and his chapter **(Approved Fall 2004).**
- G. **If an IFC player is ejected from a game the player may not participate in any IFC game until the IFC Judicial Board has made a decision . The IFC Judicial Board will meet every Monday during the IFC meeting to go over the ejection (Approved fall 2004).**
- H. If a team, or any player on a team, is involved in an altercation or scuffle, that team will receive a zero rating for that game. That player or team involved will be suspended for the remainder of the season (Approved Fall 2004).
- I. Enforcement of situations not accounted for in these bylaws will be up to the discretion of the IFC Judicial Board and the IFC Judicial Board bylaws **(Approved Fall 2004).**

An example of the rating system:

- 4: Shows excellent sportsmanship and cooperation with officials and opponents.
- 3: Team shows good cooperation with teams and officials. Minor profanity or complaining.
- 2: Teams work with officials, but fails to show respect for officials or opponents. Constant profanity towards officials and opponents, (s).
- 1: Team does not communicate positively with officials/opponents. Shows general lack of respect for

officials/opponents/program. Spectators/fans are rude and verbally abusive to officials and/or opponents. Threatening to harm or attempts to harm opponents. Vandalizing campus recreation equipment, player makes racial remarks, or teams playing with illegal players. Player is ejected from a game(s).

- 0: Player(s), teams, or spectators are out of control. No cooperation with officials. In the game there's constant profanity, disrespect and/or racial remarks towards officials, opponents and spectators. Player physically harming another individual. opponent or official. Teams receiving a 0 rating are subject to further disciplinary action.

Any team, OR any individual on a team, involved in a scuffle/altercation will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Article VII Rescheduling

- A. Re-scheduling of a game can only be done due to EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES. Please note that re-scheduling of a contest may be difficult due to lack of gym hours. It is asked that all teams be flexible.
- B. DO NOT ASSUME that a game is re-scheduled. A rescheduled game must be agreed upon by the two manager's and the Director of Intramural Sports
- C. Due to early request for officials and facility usage rescheduled games must be agreed upon 5 days in advance.
- D. A five-day notice shall be implemented for teams requesting to change their game times. The team requesting to switch times must be responsible for contacting the other team and the Intramural Director five days prior to their scheduled game. Both teams shall work together and within reason, come up with an agreed time. Both teams shall notify the Intramural Director at Least 72 hours prior to the new game date/time to adequately supply officials for that game. If both teams cannot come to an agreement the original date will be the final game date and if a team is unable to play that day they will forfeit that match.
- E. Any IFC team that is absent at 2 games per season within the same sport shall be disqualified for the remainder of the season. The sports dues shall not be refunded as well for that particular season.

Re-scheduling takes communication.

REMEMBER, the earlier you alert IM Sports of a possible need to re-schedule a game, the better your chances of making it happen.

Article VIII Sports Representative Meeting

- A. The Sports Meetings serve as a direct forum between the IFC and Campus Recreation.
 - 1. Sports meetings will be held bi-monthly.
 - 2. Sport legislation will be introduced and voted in Sports Representative meetings.
 - Attendance.
 - 3. Attendance of one representative from each chapter is mandatory, also for the Executive Vice President of Programming.
 - 4. Failure to attend a sports meeting will result in a suspension of IFC voting privileges in any matter pertaining to sports for the period from the missed sports meeting till the next attended sports meeting.
 - 5. Each meeting is worth 5 points, which will be added to the total Sports Points for each chapter.
 - 6. To receive points for attendance, you MUST be registered on the official sign-in sheet.
 - 7. A representative arriving six or more minutes late will not receive the five IFC points. However, you may still receive the information.
 - 8. An active member may attend the meeting and vote on behalf of your chapter.
 - 9. One IFC Executive Council member should attend all IFC sports representative meetings.
 - 10. One IFC sports rep/manager shall attend the managers meeting for all the major sport and minor sports. Failure to attend these meetings shall result in deduction of 5 IFC points. Attendance shall be taken at the end of the manager's meeting.
- B. MANAGER MEETINGS
 - 1. The captain of each sport team must attend the all university manager meeting at the beginning of the quarter. If a representative of the team has paid by the deadline and does not attend the meeting, the team loses five points. If a representative fails to pay by the deadline and attends the manager's meeting, the

team loses five points. If a team representative fails to pay by the sport deadline and does not attend the manager's meeting, they will not be allowed to participate in the league.

ARTICLE IX

Proposals to Amend IFC Sports and Bylaws

- A. If an IFC chapter wishes to add or remove an IFC sport, the following process must be done.
 - 1. The IFC Vice President of Marketing and the Director of Intramural Sports must be first notified
 - 2. The proposal must be brought before the InterFraternity Council. Included in the proposal must be a brief outline of the format of the sport
 - 3. Suggestions for changes to the by laws or IFC sports may be done in the first three meetings every new quarter. A 2/3 vote is required to bring about this change.
 - 4. The vote will then take place in an IFC meeting not at the Intramural IFC Sports Representative Meeting. A 2/3 vote is required to bring about this change.
- B. Bylaw Changes
 - 1. Changes to the IFC Sports bylaws must be done in IFC meetings.
 - 2. A 2/3 vote must be reached to bring about changes to the Sports bylaws
- C. Major or Minor sports Changes:
 - 1. Proposal to add/remove IFC Sports:
At any time during the year if IFC would like to remove/add a sport two thirds of a vote must be approved.

Article X

Sign Up Procedures

- A. Major Sports
 - 1. Pay Campus Rec Services, by the Entry Deadline, for each sport you wish to participate in.

Fall:	Football/Volleyball	\$170
Winter:	Basketball/ Soccer	\$170
Spring:	Floor Hockey/ Softball	\$170
 - 2. Turn in complete team entry form (with ID#'s) at the Intramural Manager's meeting.
 - 3. Attend IM Sports/IFC Sports Representatives Meeting on first Monday class of each quarter.
- B. Special Events/Tournaments
 - 1. Attend each of the IM Sports/IFC Sports Representatives Meetings to receive information on the upcoming Special Events and Tournaments.
 - 2. Follow procedures on the information sheets for each event.
 - 3. Payment due to Campus Rec Services (2nd floor of the ARC) by the deadline listed on the information sheet.
Make checks payable to UC Regents.

Fall:	Team Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee	\$30/team
Winter:	Wrestling, Track	\$30/team
Spring:	Sports Trivia (\$15/team), Bowling (\$75/team), Swim (\$30/team), Waterpolo (\$40/team),	

Article XI

Communication

Campus Recreation Sales Desk	824-3738	Monday-Friday, 8am-6pm
Director of Intramural Sports	824-6935	Monday-Friday, 8am-6pm
Student Assistant	824-1490	Mon-Friday, TBA
Intramural Weather Hotline	824-8194	After 3pm
Gear Up	824-6401	Equipment Check out
		Lost and Found
Campus Rec Web Site		http://www.campusrec.uci.edu
Schedules		The Web; Posted near the Wall of Champions

Article XII

Chapter Suspensions/Other

- A. Fraternities that are ineligible, meaning suspended by the University and/or IFC, at the time of registration for any IFC sport are ineligible to play that IFC sport for the remainder of the season. However they may be allowed to participate in the All University but will not count towards IFC points.
- B. Any chapter who is found guilty in the middle of the season and is suspended from IFC Intramurals shall finish the season and start their suspension in the following quarter. Teams that are suspended may participate in any of the Minor sports but will not count towards IFC points.
- C. Any Fraternity that is absent at two games per season within the same sport, without notification to the Director of Intramural Sports, IFC VP Programming, and/or the opposing team, shall be disqualified for the remainder of the season. The sports dues shall not be refunded as well for that particular season.
- D. The IFC council must inform the Intramural Director, in writing, if any IFC chapter is suspended for more than a quarter due to violations in IFC rules and policies that govern them.

THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME AND INPUT INTO THE CREATION OF THIS HANDBOOK. YOU HAVE STARTED THE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTINUE TO BUILD UPON THE IFC SPORTS TRADITION...

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