The purpose of the Policy Manual is to ensure an equitable and enjoyable experience for all participants, but most of all, for participants to have fun!

**The Intramural Sports Program will follow all campus COVID-19 guidelines.**

**Eligibility**

**General Eligibility**

All current UNM students, staff and faculty are eligible to participate in intramural sports.

**Leagues**

Participants may play on one (1) Mixed Rec team and one (1) non-Mixed Rec team (men’s, women’s, etc.). Once a player participates in a game for a team, they will be locked into that roster for the season.

A wide variety of leagues may be offered based on the experience participants would like to have including skill level and affinity groups. When applicable, the ‘A’ league will represent the more experienced, competitive league and the ‘B’ league will represent a more recreational experience.

For Mixed Rec leagues, a team is required to start and/or continue a game with at least two genders represented. Any gender may have a majority, however not more than half of the players on the playing surface rounded up.

- For example, for 5 v 5 basketball, half of the players rounded up would be 3 players. The five players on the court could be 3 females, 1 male, and 1 nonbinary player, but not 4 females and 1 nonbinary player. If they did not have enough players, they could play with four players and play with 3 males and 1 female.

All other leagues besides Mixed Rec are considered ‘Open’ leagues and there are no roster or gender requirements.

Transgender participants are eligible to play based on their expressed gender identity.

For more information, please contact the Intramural Sports Program.

**Game Day Eligibility**

Participants who are in good standing and on their IMLeagues online roster by noon the day of their game will guarantee eligibility to play.

Each participant needs to sign in with the staff member on their playing surface and prove their identity, typically with either their Lobo Card or a government issued photo ID.

If a participant is either not on the printed roster or crossed off as ineligible, they will need to see the on-site staff member.
Use of Fraudulent Lobo Card

If a player is caught using a Lobo Card that is not their own, the team for which that individual was playing will forfeit that game, the game will not be played or will end immediately if in progress, and the individual will be subject to disciplinary action from the Intramural Sports Program including being prohibited from playing intramural sports for the rest of that season or involvement with the Dean of Students Office.

The Intramural Sports Staff will confiscate the fraudulently used Lobo Card and the individual the Lobo Card belongs to must meet with an Intramural Sports Professional in order to get the Lobo Card back.

If the occurrence was in the regular season, the team will be prohibited from playing in the playoffs. If the occurrence was in the playoffs, the team will be disqualified from continuing in the playoffs.

Restricted Participants

Each Intramural Sports team roster is limited to a total combined two (2) restricted participants in the sport or related sport of membership. Restricted participants include:

- Club Sport Members - any individual who is listed on the official roster during that Academic Year, including Club Sport coaches. They are considered as such for the entire Academic Year.
- Former Intercollegiate Athletes - any individual who has practiced or competed with a varsity intercollegiate squad for more than 10 days and are given this distinction once one (1) entire term (Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer) has elapsed since the termination of participation with an intercollegiate team (i.e. if an individual's sport ends in October, the entire Winter term must elapse, and he/she will become a 'Former Intercollegiate Athlete' starting in the Spring/Summer term)

Current Intercollegiate Athletes, both active and inactive, and current ineligible athletes are barred from participating in their sport or related sport.

Related sports are up to the discretion of the Intramural Sports Program based on the offered sports.

The Intramural Sports Program reserves the right to bar from, or limit the intramural competition, of any participant of varsity, Olympic or professional caliber who may or may not be participating in varsity sports or playing as a professional.

Use of Ineligible Participants

Any team found to be using ineligible participants will be subject to discipline from the Intramural Sports Program including, but not limited to, a forfeit for the game in question and future game suspensions.

Alcohol and Drug Use

The possession and/or consumption of alcohol and/or illegal drugs by Intramural participants, coaches, and spectators is strictly prohibited at all facilities where Intramural Sports take place. Any participant, coach, or spectator who is under the influence or suspected to be under the influence will not be allowed to participate in any Intramural Sports activity, will be required to leave the facility immediately, and further disciplinary action may be taken.
Sportsmanship

The Intramural Sports Program is dedicated to providing a safe, fair, and enjoyable environment during all intramural contests. Unsportsmanlike behavior generally causes games to become not enjoyable, unfair, and in some cases, unsafe. In order to maintain the proper playing environment, the Sportsmanship Rating System (SRS) has been established and is in effect for all regular season and playoff contests.

Teams are given 10 points at the start of each game and maintain those points through positive actions and behaviors. Points are deducted for things such as in-game penalties (varies by sport), unsportsmanlike conduct issues (-3), and ejections (-7). Teams can only earn 10 points per game. A regular season game will be terminated if a team's SRS point total for a game goes below zero (0).

In order for a team to make the playoffs, they must have accumulated a total of twenty-one (21) SRS points for ‘A’ and ‘B’ seasons throughout the regular season. Teams must earn at least seven (7) SRS points in each playoff game in order to advance to the next round.

Forfeits

Forfeits should be avoided at all costs.

Teams must have the minimum number of players required checked-in with the referees and ready to play on the playing surface at the regularly scheduled game time. If one team (Team A) fulfills this requirement and their opponent (Team B) does not, Team B will lose three (3) SRS points and a mandatory 10 minute grace period will occur to allow the team to arrive. The game clock will start at the regularly scheduled game time. If neither team fulfills the requirement, the referees will start the game clock and wait 10 minutes to see if either team is able to fulfill the non-forfeiting requirement.

If a team forfeits, they will lose seven (7) SRS points.

Defaults

If a team is aware they will not have enough players necessary to play their game, they may notify the Intramural Sports Program by sending an email to andypb@unm.edu with their team name and division with this information at least 24 hours before their game and they will receive a default. This allows our staff to attempt to fill that game with another opponent and/or contact the opposing team and officials notifying them of the situation.

If a team defaults, they will lose three (3) SRS points.

Inability to Continue

If a team is able to begin a game with the minimum number of required players and they drop below the minimum number of required players during the game, due to situations such as injury or ejection, the team will be charged with a loss but not a forfeit.
Scheduling/Rescheduling

Inclement Weather

A scheduled contest may be postponed, rescheduled, or cancelled only by a staff member of the Intramural Sports Program and the decisions will be made in an effort to protect the safety of the participants and the quality of our playing surfaces. Decisions will be made as soon as possible and notifications will be sent out through the IMLeagues messaging system. Games that are cancelled may or may not be rescheduled.

Scheduling

Teams will play their regularly scheduled games based on the division they select in IMLeagues. Division times may be altered slightly to provide additional teams the opportunity to participate.

Rescheduling

It is extremely difficult to reschedule games based on facility/field availability, opponent availability, and time constraints.

The Intramural Staff will attempt to reschedule playoff games when teams are playing multiple sports, have academic conflicts and/or need religious accommodations, but it is not guaranteed.

Playoffs

Participants must be on their roster by their last regular season game in order to be eligible for the playoffs.

Teams must play in at least one (1) regular season game and obtain twenty-one (21) SRS points throughout their three (3) regularly scheduled regular season games to make the playoffs.

Playoff Scheduling

Playoff registration will open at 10:00 am on the announced day on imleagues.com and teams will have until 4:00 pm to select their spot or they will be placed into an open spot by an Intramural staff member.

Due to weather, forfeits, sportsmanship, and other unforeseen circumstances playoff times are subject to change.

Rule Interpretation and Administrative Interpretation Objections

If a captain has a concern that a rule or administrative policy has been misinterpreted, they should bring the matter to the officials and/or supervisor’s attention immediately. The officials and/or supervisors will make a determination based on the facts available to them. If they are unable to come to a final determination, the Intramural Sports Program will make a case-by-case decision as to the results including but not limited to a team forfeiting, the game being replayed, or the game being replayed from the point of objection.

Discipline

Participating in Intramural Sports is about having fun with your friends, or making new friends!

Individuals participating in the Intramural Sports Program are expected to conduct themselves within the boundaries of sportsmanship and fair play as well as within the rules, policies, and procedures of the program. Ensuring the integrity of the program, be it rules, safety, or enjoyment, is a high priority for the Intramural Sports Program. In cases where an individual’s or team’s conduct violates these principles, such conduct will cause disciplinary action to be taken.
Health and Injuries

Participation is on a voluntary basis. Participants assume the risks normally associated with activity characteristic of a particular sport. It is recommended that all participants undergo a physical examination prior to participating in any intramural activity, and carry some form of health and injury insurance. Neither the University of New Mexico nor the Recreational Services Department accepts responsibility for ill health or injury sustained while participating in any of the events or activities. Neither the University of New Mexico nor the Recreational Services Department shall pay any medical and/or ambulance expenses incurred by a participant.

Each recreation facility is equipped with basic first aid supplies for minor injuries. Should an injury occur, that injury should be immediately reported to the game official, the intramural supervisor, or the facility supervisor.

Officials and supervisors have the authority to disqualify someone from participation due to physical or mental state, injuries sustained, or other player safety reasons.

General Information

Anything not specifically outlined in this policy manual is up to the discretion of the Intramural Sports Program. The policies and procedures outlined in this Intramural Sports Participant Handbook are subject to change at any time by the administration of the Intramural Sports Program.