ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The intramural sports program will share the responsibility for the eligibility of players. Each player and team captain is responsible for checking their own eligibility and that of their team members. The IM Office will assist team captains and individuals with questions of eligibility and interpretation of rules. Inquiring about eligibility questions in advance of contests prevents delays and potential protest(s). Violation of eligibility guidelines may result in forfeiture of games and/or removal from the league.

Who is eligible to participate in Intramural Sports?

- **Fall and Spring Semesters**
  - All undergraduate & graduate students currently enrolled in any department or college of the University and current faculty and staff members shall be eligible to enjoy all intramural privileges and shall retain that status until they withdraw, graduate, take a leave of absence, or fail to comply with eligibility rules or other guidelines. Please note some leagues are restricted to certain members of the campus community. Please see “League Classifications” guidelines beginning on page #
  - Alumni, University Affiliates and *Shady Grove* students are not eligible for any division.
  - Shady Grove students may become eligible upon paying an activity fee at the Shady Grove campus. Upon doing so, SGRV001 will appear on their class schedule and they would be eligible to participate in intramural sports

- **Summer Session ONLY**
  - Students: Those students, undergraduate or graduate, enrolled in summer session course(s) are only eligible to compete in summertime Intramural Sports that coincide with the session for which they are registered. For example, students registered for summer session 1 are eligible to participate in softball and soccer while students registered for summer session 2 are eligible to participate in sand volleyball and spike ball.
  - Those students who are not registered for the summer session for which they would like to participate may purchase a summer membership for University Recreation & Wellness (RecWell). This membership allows access to the ERC, Outdoor Pool, Intramural Sports and other RecWell programs.
Faculty/Staff: All faculty and staff are eligible to compete in Summer Session Intramural Sports. A RecWell membership is not required for participation. Graduate students with a 12-month assistantship may participant in both summer sessions without a RecWell membership.

RecWell Members: Those individuals who purchase a RecWell membership are eligible to compete in Intramural Sports during the Summer Sessions ONLY. Individuals eligible to purchase a membership include student/faculty/staff spouses, College Park Alumni Association Members, University Affiliates, and retirees. No individual under the age of 18 may participate.

**Photo Identification Policy:** All Intramural participants must present their University ID to the staff prior to each game. Anyone who participates under an assumed name or uses someone else’s ID is ineligible and may be suspended for the remainder of the season. Utilizing a false ID is a violation of the code of student conduct.

- **One-Time Exception Policy:**
  - An individual may participate without their University ID *once a semester* by completing the ‘one-time exception’ form.
  - In order to be eligible to use a ‘one-time exception’ form, individuals must:
    - Be pre-printed on the roster (to ensure they are enrolled/employed at the university)
    - Present a valid alternative (i.e. driver’s license, passport) photo ID (to ensure they are who they claim to be)
    - Have not used the one time exception previously during the current semester

**Gender Identity Participation Policy:** University Recreation & Wellness and the Intramural Sports Program are committed to serving all those in the campus community. As such, individuals participating in any Intramural sport may participate in accordance with their gender identity, regardless of medical status.

**One Team Rule and One Co-Ed Team Rule** (for all sports): The first team a participant plays for is the team that person is committed to for that sport. A player who has participated for a team cannot switch teams for the remainder of that sport, league, or tournament (exception: first team forfeits immediately and/or person did not participate in any contest). Participants may play on one Fraternity, Men’s, Women’s, or G/F/S team AND one Co-Ed team.

- **Regular Season and Tournament Eligibility** (for team sports only): Individual players may be added to the roster at any time during the regular season. Players should add their name and UID # via the IMLeagues.com/Maryland web site or on-site prior to their game.
  - Once play-offs have started players may ONLY be added through the Intramural Sports Office, NOT ON SITE.
  - Teams wishing to add players to their roster once play-offs have started must submit the name and U-ID # of the student by noon the day of the game (by 5pm on Friday for Sunday games). Once the student’s eligibility is verified, they will be added to the roster.
**Club Sport Participants:** Members of club sport teams are eligible to participate in Intramural Sports. However, Intramural Sports teams are limited in the number of individuals per ROSTER according to the following guidelines:

- **Individual and Dual Sports:**
  - Participants must play at the “A” Level.
  - Doubles Teams may only have one club player and must also play at the “A” Level.

- **All Team Sports:**
  - Teams with ONE (1) Club Member may participate at either the “A” or “B” Level.
  - Teams with TWO (2) Club Members/Practice Player must participate at the “A” Level.
  - Exception: For 11v11 Soccer, teams in the “B” level may have up to TWO (2) and teams in the “A” Level may have FOUR (4) Club Members.

- **Club members** are those persons who have within the current academic year:
  - Participated in ANY practices and/or games with the team; or
  - Have signed a Club Waiver; AND/OR
  - Listed as a member of the club on the Club Sport Roster

- **NOTE:** This is for same or “like sports” only. For example; if you are a club basketball player participating in soccer, this rule does NOT apply.

- **EXAMPLE:**
  - I was a member of a club soccer team but did not like it so I quit; however, my name is still on their roster and I want to play intramural soccer. Do I count as a club soccer player? YES! However, you may petition the Club Sport office to be removed from the roster. That is, if you are no longer a member of the club team (including not going to any type of practices) but still listed on their roster you may ask the Assistant Director, Club Sports (Kurt Klier, kklier@umd.edu) to be removed from the roster. You must have written approval from the Club Sport office prior to participation.

- **As a guide, “like sports” are defined as follows, this list is not meant to be inclusive:**
  - Basketball: 5v5 Basketball, 3v3 Basketball
  - Football: 7v7 Flag Football 4v4 Flag Football
  - Soccer: 7v7 Outdoor Soccer, 11v11 Outdoor Soccer, Indoor Soccer (Gym Class Heroes)
  - Tennis: Tennis
  - Volleyball: 4v4 Volleyball, 6v6 Volleyball, Sand Volleyball
  - Baseball/Softball: Softball

**Varsity Athletes**

- Membership on a varsity or junior varsity team in the season of that sport makes a player ineligible for that same or like sport during the same school year.

- **Letter winners:** Any participant who is awarded a varsity letter at the University of Maryland or any other four (4) year college or university is ineligible in that sport or related (like) sport in which that award was earned (see “like sports” above). Letter
winners are ineligible for 1 year from the term the last letter was earned and then must participate on “Level A” teams only.

- It is the duty of any person who has won a letter at another school, in conjunction with the team captain, to check on their eligibility status with the Intramural Staff before participating. Letter winners, not currently on a Varsity team, but before the one year sit-out period, may participate in the G/F/S League if they meet other G/F/S eligibility requirements.
- Redshirt: Those players, who are designated by the coaching staff as not participating in varsity games but may still practice and have status as a squad member, are ineligible for intramural play in that sport or a related (like) sport.
- Practice Players/Squad Members: See Club Sport Participant policy above.
- **Semi/Professional**: A person who has competed professionally in a sport will be ineligible to participate in that sport or related (like) sport.