

Department of Recreational Sports

**2016-2017 RULES & ELIGIBILITY**

*All eligibility requirements and procedures will be governed by the National Intramural – Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) with the following Midwestern State RecSports Modifications.*

**Eligibility & Registration**

- All participants must show a valid MSU I.D. to participate in Recreational Sports. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Student must be enrolled for at least part time to participate.
- **Teams or free agents may sign up at <http://www.IMLeagues.com/MWSU>**
- Updates to the roster can be made at any time before and during regular season play. This excludes playoffs and championship games. Different limits may be set for one day or two day tournaments.
- Varsity athletes must sit out one entire Fall or Spring semester before participating in their sport of specialty. (i.e. Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball, etc.)
  - This means if John Doe played football in the spring, but quit before the fall, he still may not play until the next Spring semester because the Fall semester will be his semester off of the roster.
- Fraternity/Sorority organizations participating in intramural activities at Midwestern State University must be considered a registered student organization and in good academic standing with the Office of Student Development and Orientation for the respective semester they wish to participate
  - Grade reports for Fall will effect participation for Spring; grade reports for Spring will effect participation for Fall.

**Independent Teams & Free Agents**

- **All major sports (i.e. Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Softball, Dodgeball, etc.) will have a meeting prior to the season opening. A team representative and free agents are required to attend. Violation of this rule will result in a pre-registered team not being entered into the official tournament/league schedule.**
- Teams may sign up and participate in multiple sports under the same team name.
- **Once you choose your team and play 1 game, you MUST stay on that team! Team hopping is not allowed.**
- All teams are responsible for making sure all sports rules are understood clearly.
- **FREE AGENTS** (i.e. those who do not belong to a team) may request to join a team but it will be at the discretion of the captain of the team being requested to join (Teams do not have to accept free agents).

**Fraternities & Sororities** (Below will be in additional to all other rules)

- Under no circumstance can a non-Greek participate with a sorority or fraternity in a Greek League format. Teams must consist of pledge(s) or member(s) of that particular sorority or fraternity in a Greek League format.
- During regular season play, all Greek teams will compete against each other in a Greek League format. Playoff and championship may differ depending on season record.
- Fraternity/sorority organizations that wish to participate must be eligible to participate in accordance with the Office of Student Development and Orientation (See Eligibility & Registration).

**Game Compliance & Forfeiture**

- A team will have no more than 10 minutes after their scheduled game time to have the minimum amount of eligible players present to play
  - For every minute late, there will be a point total (different for each sport) added to the opponents score
  - No matter the game prior, the clock to show up will be started at the posted scheduled start time
    - For example, if the 6:30PM volleyball game ends at 7:03PM, the 7:00PM game forfeit clock will still begin at 7. The entire game will be played if both teams are on time
  - To receive a forfeit, a team must have the minimum number of eligible players present
  - All teams will be given 1 forfeit for the season. Once used, another forfeit for that team will be eliminated from the tournament.

***Default***

- If a team knows prior that they will be unable to attend a game, then they may contact the Assistant Director of Recreational Sports by 2pm the day of the game and explain
  - A team will be allowed 2 defaults per season, but any more than 2 they will be disqualified from the playoffs (subject to change per sport)

- In the event of bad weather, games will likely be rescheduled at a later date but is not a definite.

### **Reschedules**

- To reschedule a game, a team must talk to the Assistant Director of Recreational Sports by noon one business day before the game.
  - The captain wishing to move the game will need to contact the other captain and **BOTH** captains must contact the Assistant Director of Recreational Sports by phone or in-person (text and email may be used at the permission of the Assistant Director) expressing their willingness to move the game to an approved time
  - There may not be any openings for a game to be rescheduled; therefore this is strictly on a first come first serve basis
- The Assistant Director of Recreational Sports may disallow reschedules or allow reschedules not abiding by these rules under his own digression

### **Protests**

- A team or player may protest a team's eligibility, a player's eligibility, or a call made during the game at any time during the scheduled game time
- If order to make a formal protest, a player/coach from either team must verbally protest to a Recreational Sports Manager
  - Once verbally communicated to a manager, a protest form will be filled out
  - If a protest occurs, the game shall still be played and completed as scheduled with a score determined pending a decision on the protest
- Each protest will be looked at by the Assistant Director and a decision will be made regarding the protest


### **Sportsmanship**

- At the end of each game/match, the officials, managers, and any staff working will give the participating teams a sportsmanship rating of 0-4.
  - 0 will automatically be given for a forfeit
  - No higher than a 2.5 will be given if a team receives a Technical Foul/Unsportsmanlike/etc.
- A team must have an average of 2.5 throughout the league to be eligible for the playoffs
  - For example, if a team is 5-0 but they're sportsmanship average is 2.4, they will not make playoffs
  - No rounding will be used for average of sportsmanship rating
- Any type of verbal or physical abuse (unsportsmanlike) will not be tolerated and will result in ejection from the game and potential suspension from future Recreational Sports games/events/tournaments.
- Any type of language that is deemed to be offensive or vulgar will not be tolerated and will result in ejection from the game and potential suspension from future Recreational Sports games/events/tournaments.
- **Officials are in charge of the game and will do their best to call each game; however, the officials calls are final.**

### **Liability**

- Participation in MSU Recreational Sports is on a "at will" basis. MSU Recreational Sports is not responsible for any injuries that may occur.
- Students may purchase insurance through the Vinson Health Center.
- All participants in MSU Recreational Sports will be required to sign a liability waiver form before competition.

\*The Department of Recreation Sports is not liable for any injuries that may occur while participating in its events. This includes but is not limited to broken bones, dislocations, lacerations, or even possibly death. Please see MSU's Liability Waiver Form/Master Roster.

 To request disability accommodation, please contact Disability Support Services (940) 397-4140, [disabilityservices@mwsu.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@mwsu.edu), at least one week prior to the event.

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