



Northern Michigan University

Intramural Sports Handbook

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The policies and procedures stated in this handbook will be used as guidelines to apply towards the Northern Michigan University Intramural Sports program. The Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports Office reserves the right to modify and/or remove any of these guidelines or rules for the improvement of the program. All participants are expected to comply with these rules and policies that are stated within this publication.

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Mission

The Intramural Sports program at Northern Michigan University (hereinafter NMU) seeks to provide students, faculty, staff, and community recreation members the opportunity to participate in a diverse program of structured and competitive recreational activities, with an increased focus on player sportsmanship and safety. The goal of the Intramural Sports program is to provide comprehensive and varied programs to the NMU community in order to meet the needs and interests of students, faculty, staff, and community recreation members.

The following objectives and guiding principles give direction to the Intramural Sports programs offered at NMU:

1. To encourage self-participation and transform spectators into active participants.
2. To offer a variety of physical activities balanced between vigorous and light exercise and team and individual sports which meet present interests and future needs.
3. To provide incentive for a larger number of students in need of physical recreation experiences on an equal basis with fellow participants.
4. To provide an arena whereby social relations and attitudes can be developed and high standards of sportsmanship is encouraged.

Divisions of competition:

Intramural Sports programs offered at NMU are organized within the following divisions:

1. Men: Teams participating in this division consist of male participants.
2. Women: Teams participating in this division consist of female participants.
3. Co-Rec: This division is open to any participant. Teams are made up of males and females. For Co-Rec roster specific requirements, please see that desired sports rules.
4. Open: This division is open to any male or female participant. There are no restrictions to the number of males or females that are on the playing surface at a time.

Levels of Competition:

The Intramural Sports program strives to equalize competition within divisions by providing varying levels of competition when possible. This allows teams and individual players to compete at appropriate ability levels in which they feel comfortable participating in. At times, however, it may be required to combine levels when the number of teams is minimal. For leagues offered, participants will compete in a series of regular season matches. Records will be accumulated to properly seed players and teams within a single or double elimination tournament that will be used to determine a champion. Tournament seeding will be based on the following categories: Winning percentage, sportsmanship, head to head, and point differential.

Leagues offered will be divided into the following levels:

1. Class A – Highly/Moderately Competitive
2. Class B – Recreational

Student Leadership

The Recreational Sports department recognizes the importance of student involvement that contribute to the Intramural Sports program at NMU.

1. Intramural Sports Supervisors and Officials:
 - a. Sport supervisors are scheduled to assist with set up, game control, emergency action procedures, and/or other duties as assigned.
 - b. Officials are hired, trained, and scheduled by the Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager. Training clinics are offered prior to each sport to ensure quality officiating is taking place. Class room discussion, written quizzes, and “hands-on” practice are all required.
 - i. Any students interested in working for the Recreational Sports department should visit www.nmu.edu/recreation to request a student application.
2. Student Employees of the Physical Education Instructional Facility (hereinafter PEIF), Berry Events Center, and Superior Dome:
 - a. The PEIF, Berry Events Center, and Superior Dome use students to supervise the various activity areas in their respective facility. These students are asked to be first responders for emergency situations. These employees are CPR/First Aid/AED certified and are familiar with any Emergency Action Plans for their respective facility.
3. Intramural Team Captains:
 - a. Intramural Team Captains are a vital link between the Intramural Sports program and the team or organization they represent. This person should possess strong communication skills, especially between the Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager and his or her team. Each team or organization must have a captain. The method by which this person is chosen is entirely left up to the team.
 - b. Responsibilities for the captain include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Organize teams and enter them into competition before the deadline dates. All deadline dates are posted on IMLeagues or the Rec Sports website.

- ii. Ensure that all players purchase their Recreation membership. If players play Intramurals and do not have a membership, that student will be billed for a semester membership.
- iii. Encourage participation in all intramural activities.
- iv. Check eligibility of all players.
- v. Notify teams and players of date, time, and location of scheduled matches. All matches will be up to date on IMLeagues.
- vi. See that their organization or team does not forfeit a game. A \$25 forfeit fee will be charged to the captain's student account if a forfeit occurs. Two forfeits will exclude a team from tournament play.
- vii. Attend all scheduled manager's meetings. Captains will be held accountable for all information discussed at these meetings.
- viii. Check IMLeagues on a weekly basis to pick up, post, and distribute necessary information.
- ix. Accept responsibility for the conduct of team members/spectators before, during, and after all intramural programs.
- x. Evaluate the programs and officials when requested.
- xi. Agree to all rules, guidelines, and policies stated in this publication.

Participation

All students, faculty, staff, and community recreation members are encouraged to participate in Intramural Programs offered at NMU. In order to be eligible for participation, all players must have a current Recreation Membership on file at the Recreational Sports Administrative Office. A membership can be purchased in the PEIF in the Rec Sports Administrative Office, 126, during business hours (Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm). For more information on appropriate membership and associated fees, please feel free to contact the Rec Sports office at 906-227-2519, or by visiting their website (www.nmu.edu/recreation).

Participants who are found to be playing without a current membership will have three business days to purchase their membership. If students do not opt-in for the recreation fee, a \$25 fee will be charged to their student account and they may not be eligible for future participation.

In order to participate with Intramural Sports at NMU, all players are required to create an account on IMLeagues.com. Specific instructions on how to sign up, create a team, join a team, join as a free agent, etc., can be found on the "Registration" page (Page 12).

Medical, Accident, Injury Policies

- A. **Physical Examination:** All participants are encouraged to have a physical examination by their health care provider prior to participating in Intramural Sports activities at NMU. Players participating in Intramural Sports do so at their own risk and NMU accepts no responsibility in the case of an accident.
- B. **Voluntary Participation:** Since participation in the Intramural Sports program is on a voluntary basis, neither NMU nor the Recreational Sports department will accept responsibility or liability for injury or damage, resulting from participation in any activities or use of equipment in NMU's facilities.
- C. **Health Center:** The Vielmetti Health Center provides accessible comprehensive primary care medical services to university students and their spouses, and to university staff and their dependents 16 years of age and older. The Health Center is located on the ground floor of Gries Hall, adjacent to the University Center.
 - a. **Hours:** During the academic year, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Pharmacy is open 9am-5pm. For an updated schedule throughout the academic year, check the Health Center website (www.nmu.edu/healthcenter) or call 906-227-2355.
- D. **Injury Evaluation and Care Clinic:** The Injury Evaluation and Care Clinic's primary purpose is to provide the university community with a health care opportunity that specializes in the evaluation and primary treatment of sport and physical activity related injuries. Walk-in appointments are welcome. The clinic is located in room 226 of the PEIF.
 - a. **Hours:** During the academic year, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. For an updated schedule, check out the Health and Human Performance website (www.nmu.edu/hhp/node/5) or call 906-227-2174.
- E. **Emergency Medical Needs:** Students who have emergency medical needs may call the campus emergency telephone number 9-1-1, or go directly to the UP Health Emergency Department located on the west side of the hospital between College Avenue and Magnetic Street. The Superior Walk-In Center is also available until 9pm and is located on Fair Avenue in the UP Medical Center.
- F. **Insurance:** NMU does not carry accident or injury insurance covering intramural participants. Participants are encouraged to carry adequate health and dental insurance.
- G. **Injuries/Liability:** Participation in the intramural sports program is voluntary and participants play at their own risk. NMU will not assume responsibility for any injuries incurred during participation in any intramural sport. Participants injured during

intramural competition must report their injury to the attending sport supervisor prior to leaving the activity area. An injury report will be completed and participants will receive assistance in obtaining medical attention if needed. Intramural staff are not allowed to transport participants to the hospital. Injured participants seeking hospital attention must have their own transportation or EMS will be called.

- H. **Concussion Management Plan:** It is the plan of Recreational Sports to effectively address the increased concern with head injuries/concussions amongst participants within intramural sports activities. This plan details how head injuries/concussions will be managed for all participants in Intramural Sports.
- a. **Definition:** A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly back and forth. This sudden movement can cause the brain to bounce around or twist in the skull, stretching and damaging the brain cells and creating chemical changes in the brain.
 - b. **Signs and Symptoms:** Signs and symptoms of a concussion can occur immediately or hours later, and can include the following:
 - i. Headache or “pressure” in the head
 - ii. Nausea or vomiting
 - iii. Balance problems or dizziness
 - iv. Double or blurry vision
 - v. Sensitivity to light
 - vi. Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
 - vii. Confusion or memory problems
 - viii. Just not “feeling right” or “feeling down”
 - ix. Can’t recall events prior to or after a hit or fall
 - x. Appears dazed or stunned
 - xi. Moves clumsily
 - xii. Answers questions slowly
 - xiii. Loses consciousness (even briefly)
 - xiv. Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes
 - c. **Plan:** Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be immediately removed from the game and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate healthcare professional.
 - i. All instances of suspected head injuries/concussions will be documented through an accident/injury report and will be shared with the Risk Management Office and Public Safety Department. Locations for advanced medical assistance are listed on page 6 under C, D, and E.
 - d. **Preparation:** In order to manage head injuries/concussions that may occur during Intramural Sports participation, the following requirements have been implemented by the Recreational Sports staff.
 - i. Heads Up Training (accepted by Michigan Department of Community Health).

1. IM Supervisors, Officials, Student Managers, Full Time Rec Sports Staff Members, and Building Supervisors are required to complete this training within 1 month of their hire date.
- e. **Published information:** References to head injury/concussion can be found on IMLeagues, within this document, on the Rec Sports website, at Intramural Sports Captains Meetings, and in the Intramural Sports Supervisor's on-site binder. Any other information can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website (<http://www.cdc.gov/headsup/>).

Eligibility

A. Guidelines for Eligibility:

- a. Eligibility rules exist for the protection of each team and player in order to fulfill the general and specific objectives of the various intramural programs. Except as provided by the rules, all students, faculty, staff, and community recreation members (must be at least 16 years old) that hold current Recreation Memberships, are eligible to participate in Intramural Sports at NMU.
- b. Participants who are found to be playing without a current membership will have three business days to purchase their membership. Community members/students with less than 6 credits may purchase their membership through the Recreational Sports office in the PEIF. For students that are taking 6 or more credits and have already chose to opt out, may add the student recreation fee to their account by emailing the Student Services Center (ssc@nmu.edu). If students do not opt-in for the fee, a \$25 fee will be charged to their student account and may not be eligible for future participation.

B. Identification:

- a. All Intramural Sports participants must provide a valid student ID or membership card to be eligible to participate. Participants who do not provide this material will not be allowed to partake in the activity.

C. Rosters:

- a. A roster should only contain names of players who truly intend to play for that team.
- b. All participants must be listed on the official team roster prior to their participation in any Intramural Sports activity. All player additions must be completed and approved on the IMLeagues website prior to 4:00pm on the day of each contest, or by 5:00pm on Friday for all weekend contests. Each participant is required to create an IMLeagues.com account using their NMU.edu email address.
- c. Prior to competition in each game, every player must be entered on the daily roster sheet. A player who enters a contest before being entered on this sheet will be considered ineligible for that game.

- d. **Roster changes:** Additions/deletions can be made at any time during the regular season. Rosters will lock once the regular season has finished. In order to be eligible for post season play, a player must have played at least one regular season game.

D. Club Sports/Scout Team:

- a. Teams with sport club or scout team athletes, who are recognized by the University as active members, will be limited within their participation with Intramural Sports.
- b. There is no restriction on how many sport club or scout team athletes are allowed per team, however, there is a restriction on how many sport club athletes are allowed in the field of play (See below).
- c. No more than 40% of the players participating in the field of play for a single team may be sport club or scout team athletes. *Please see specific sport rules for more information.*
- d. If sport club or scout team players desire to play together, they may do so, but will not be eligible to receive a win. However, they will receive a default loss and will not be allowed to participate in tournament play.

E. Varsity/Professional Athletes/Other Restrictions

- a. **Professional Athletes:** Any participant who is ineligible for varsity competition because of loss of amateur status is prohibited from competing in the intramural sport in which he or she has obtained professional status.
- b. **Varsity Athletes:** Any participant who was a member of a varsity squad at NMU, or any other Division 1 or 2 college university, is therefore ineligible for intramural competition in that sport, or similar sport, for a period of one academic year. Any individual who attends the university on athletic scholarship or is on the active roster shall be considered a varsity squad member.
 - i. A candidate working out for a varsity squad, or “red shirt athlete”, is ineligible for the corresponding, or similar, sport until dropped from the squad. If a player leaves the squad after the first contest, that player will remain ineligible for that sport.
 - ii. Varsity athletes may participate in intramural sports that are not sports that they play at NMU. There is no restriction on the number of varsity athletes per intramural team.
- c. **Non-Varsity Award Winners:**
 - i. No regular member of freshman, reserve squads, practice squads (except scout teams), or red-shirted player shall compete in the same sport or similar sport for that academic year.

F. Coaches/Graduate Assistants:

- a. An individual who is employed or volunteers as a Coach or Graduate Assistant may not participate in the particular sport in which they are the Coach/Graduate Assistant.

G. Number of Teams

- a. Due to multiple leagues in some sports offered, teams are only allowed to have two players the same playing on a team for Class A and Class B. If caught, one of the teams will need to be dropped immediately.

H. Gender Restrictions

- a. No female shall be eligible for participation in a male division. Likewise, no male shall be eligible for participation in a female division. However, an individual may participate in a division of the opposite sex if Rec Sports does not offer a coed division or division of the appropriate sex during the academic year.

I. Transfer of Players

- a. A player is not permitted to transfer from one team to another once they have participated in a match for a team. Certain circumstances may apply.

J. Playoff Eligibility

- a. To compete in the playoffs, an individual must have participated in at least one league game for that team. Participating consists of "signing in" on the scoresheet for that game. Unforeseen circumstances will be handled by the Rec Sports office on a case-by-case basis.
- b. Teams that participate in leagues must average at least a 3.0 sportsmanship rating (See Sportsmanship).
- c. Teams that win the playoff tournament will be awarded intramural champion t-shirts. Team members must participate in at least 50% of the team's scheduled games in order to qualify for an award. Limits are placed on the number of t-shirts awarded based on the sport. Additional shirts may be purchased for \$5 per shirt.

K. Responsibility for Eligibility

- a. The Recreational Sports department assumes the responsibility for the eligibility of participants **ONLY** when called to its attention by opposing team managers, or when obvious infractions are noticed by the Rec Sports staff, supervisors, or officials. ***Captains will be responsible for checking the eligibility of their own players, as well of the eligibility of their opponent. Each participant is responsible for his or her own eligibility.***

L. **Special Events**

- a. Specific eligibility rulings may be made for particular tournaments, meets, and/or activities. Please see individual rule sheets for these particular events.

M. **Exceptions**

- a. Any request for exceptions must be made in writing to the Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager (chrsmith@nmu.edu). Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

N. **Consequences**

- a. A team using a player who has been determined as ineligible will forfeit that game and be excluded from tournament play. The ineligible player shall be banned from further competition in that sport for the remainder of the season. Any player using an assumed name shall be banned from that sport for one year. Other punishments are at the discretion of the Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager. (See Sanctions)

Registration

All intramural participants are required to create an account on IMLeagues.com in order to play Intramural Activities at NMU.

To create an **IMLeagues** account: **Note** IMLeagues offers a **live support button** in the bottom right corner of all pages, please use this button if you encounter any difficulties.

1. Go to www.imleagues.com/NMU/registration

OR

Go to www.imleagues.com and click **Create Account**

OR

Go to www.imleagues.com and click "Log in with Facebook" if you have a Facebook account with your school email attached - this will automatically create an account, fill in your info, and join you to the school (steps 2-3)

Enter your information, and use your School email if applicable (@nmu.edu) and submit.

2. You will be sent an activation email, **click the link in the email to login and activate your IMLeagues account.**
3. You should be automatically joined to your school – If not you can search schools by clicking the "Schools" link

How to sign up for an intramural sport:

4. Log in to your **IMLeagues.com** account.
5. **Click the Create/Join Team button** at the top right of your User Homepage page

OR

Click on the "Northern Michigan University" link to go to your school's homepage on IMLeagues.

6. The current sports will be displayed, click on the sport you wish to join.
7. Choose the league you wish to play in (Men's, Women's, Co-Rec, etc.)
8. Choose the division you'd like to play in (If available)
9. You can join the sport one of three ways:
 - i. **Create a team (For team captains)**
 - i. Captains can invite members to their team by clicking the "Invite Members" link on the team page. Any invited members must accept the invitation to be joined to your team.
 - i. If they have already registered on IMLeagues: search for their name, and invite them
 - ii. If they haven't yet registered on IMLeagues: scroll down to the "Invite by Email Address" box, and input their email address.
 - ii. **Join a team**
 - i. Use the Create/Join Team Button at top right of every page
 - ii. Accepting a request from the captain to join their team
 - iii. Finding the team and captain name on division/league page and requesting to join
 - iv. Going to the captain's player card page, viewing their team, and requesting to join
 - iii. **Join as a Free Agent:** You can list yourself as a free agent in as many divisions within a league as you'd like. You will be visible to all members of the site and can request to join teams, or post information about yourself so teams can request to add you to their team.

Sportsmanship

The purpose of Intramural Sports at NMU is to provide exercise, recreation, and fun to our participants in a safe, relaxed, yet structured environment. All participants are encouraged to play to the best of their abilities. Cheating, verbal and physical abuse, and a "win-at-all-cost" attitude are considered inappropriate. Having these principals of sportsmanship in our foundation is necessary to facilitate the spirit of competition. Therefore, a team sportsmanship rating has been developed to encourage ethical conduct at all Intramural Sports contests.

Sportsmanship Rating System:

"5" – Excellent Conduct and Sportsmanship

"4" – Good Conduct and Sportsmanship

"3" – Average Conduct and Sportsmanship

"2" – Below Average Conduct Sportsmanship and/or Forfeit

"1" – Poor Conduct and Sportsmanship

In order to qualify for the playoffs, a team must average at least a 3.0 sportsmanship rating.

Team Name Policy (New 2016-17)

The Recreational Sports department is committed to assuring that Intramural Sports are free from discriminatory, inappropriate, and disrespectful conduct or communication; therefore, Recreational Sports reserves the right to disallow any team name that they feel may be unacceptable due it being racial, sexual, or otherwise degrading in nature. In the event a team name needs to be changed, the captain will be contacted. If the name is not changed, an appropriate team name will be selected for them.

Player Conduct

Purpose: A successful intramural sports program is built on fair play and good sportsmanship. In order to ensure proper conduct before, during, and after a contest, officials, supervisors, and administrative personnel are responsible for deciding when to penalize or eject player(s)/team(s) involved in acts of unsportsmanlike conduct.

- A. Ejections: Participants and spectators that choose to practice unsportsmanlike behavior before, during, or after a contest, directed toward a participant, official, or a staff member, may be ejected from that contest. An official, supervisor, or administrative staff member may administer the ejection. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct which will result in ejection include, but are not limited to, the use of profanity, vulgar and abusive language, disrespect towards a staff member, unnecessary roughness, excessive fouls/penalties, flagrant actions towards an opponent, official, or staff member, and a fight/physical altercation.
 - a. Leaving the playing area: Any player, coach, or spectator who is ejected from the Intramural contest as a result of unsportsmanlike conduct shall be required to leave the facility immediately. Failure to cooperate with the staff and leave the facility immediately may result in contacting Public Safety.
 - b. Automatic Suspension: Any player or coach who is ejected from an intramural contest as a result of unsportsmanlike conduct is automatically suspended from all intramural activity until official reinstatement is made by the Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager (See Sanctions and Appeals).
 - i. Spectator Ejection: Any spectator who is ejected from the intramural contest as a result of unsportsmanlike conduct is automatically suspended from that contest. Further sanctions may result at the discretion of the Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager.
 - c. Destruction of Property: Any player, coach, or spectator who willfully causes the destruction of or damage to equipment belonging to NMU shall be held

- responsible for all subsequent damages and any costs of repairs or replacement. In some cases, public safety and/or the dean of students may be contacted.
- d. Abuse of intramural staff: Any player, coach, or spectator who verbally threatens, strikes, or physically abuses any Rec Sports staff member or official will be immediately suspended from all participation in Rec Sports activities for a minimum period of one year (at the discretion of the Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager). Such actions may result in the immediate intervention of public safety, possible criminal charges, and the case may be sent to the Dean of Students for review. Please be aware that any and all types of verbal and/or physical abuse toward any staff member will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
 - e. Attempted Abuse: Physical contact or a verbal/physical threat by a participant or spectator with intent to intimidate or harm a staff member or opponent shall result in a minimum one-year suspension from all Rec Sports activities (at the discretion of the Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager).
 - f. Fighting/Physical Altercation: Any team, spectator, or individual player(s) that strikes or attempts to strike, elbow, kick, or handle an opponent, teammates, and/or spectator shall be automatically suspended from the Intramural Sports program for a minimum of two (2) consecutive games with the possibility of an indefinite suspension.

Sanctions

A. Suspensions:

- a. Any player ejected from a game/activity is automatically suspended indefinitely from the Intramural Sports program. The disqualified participant will be required to meet with the Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager prior to being reinstated into the program.
 - i. A player disqualified from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be suspended for a minimum of two (2) consecutive games in that specific sport.
 - ii. In the case the suspension cannot be completed in that specific sport, the suspension may be served in the next Intramural Sport league that they participate in.
- b. No individual may participate and/or spectate any intramural activity during their suspension.
- c. If an individual is suspended as a result of any unsportsmanlike conduct offense, the team or organization that the individual represents could be placed on disciplinary probation.

d. Probation:

- i. All participants that are ejected from an Intramural Contest will be placed on probation for a determined amount of time. If it is considered to be late in the academic year, the probationary period may carry over into the next semester which Intramurals are held. If during the probationary period the ejected participant is involved in any further disciplinary proceedings, he/she may be subject to further suspension once their sanctions have been decided upon. The Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager will determine the appropriate probation period for the participants and/or teams in question.

Appeals

- A. Any individual who does not meet the criteria necessary to play in an intramural event has the option to petition the rule to the Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager. Once a ruling has been made, that will be the final ruling. All cases are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- B. Any requests for exceptions must be made in writing to the Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager (chrsmith@nmu.edu).

Protests

- A. Protests:
 - a. Protests will not be received or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving accuracy of judgment on the part of a game official.
 - b. Protests will be received and considered when concerning the following:
 - i. A misinterpretation of a playing rule.
 - ii. A misapplication of a rule to a given situation.
 - iii. Failure to impose the correct penalty for a given violation.
 - iv. Matters of eligibility: A protest concerning player eligibility can be made before, during, or after a contest.
 - c. Filing a protest:
 - i. All protests must be filed by the team captain at the time the situation occurs (eligibility must be filed within 24 hours of contest).
 - ii. Every attempt will be made to settle any protest on site by the supervisor.
 - iii. A written protest (email to Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager) and a \$10 protest fee must be provided to the Rec Sports office within 24 hours, or one business day of the incident.
 - d. Matters of Eligibility:
 - i. If an eligibility question is before a game, the player and team will be notified and given the choice whether or not the player will play.

- ii. If the player chooses to play and is found ineligible, the contest will be forfeited, that player will face disciplinary action (see Sanctions), and the team may be held from postseason play.
- iii. If the player leaves the contest and is found to be ineligible, the player will face disciplinary action.

Reschedules and Postponements

- A. **Rescheduling:** If a team is unable to attend a scheduled contest, but desires to play the game at another date or time, it may be possible to reschedule. Requests for scheduling must be received at least **48** hours in advance of the originally scheduled time of contest. There is no guarantee that a game will be rescheduled.
- B. **Rescheduling in Tournament Play:** During tournament play, contests must be rescheduled within a period of time that will not delay progress in the tournament itself. Both teams must agree with the rescheduled time in a tournament setting.
- C. **Postponements:** If NMU closes due to inclement weather, all scheduled intramural games will be cancelled. Participants will be notified via email, but are encouraged to check IMLeagues for all cancellations. There is no guarantee that a game will be rescheduled, however, the Rec Sports staff will do their best to reschedule any tournament games by the following business day.

Forfeits

- A. All contests shall be played on the date and time scheduled. Teams not ready to play at their scheduled game time will be penalized. A forfeit will be declared if the team(s) are not present within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time. Specific sports have a point penalty that will be scored against a team that is late but arrived prior to a forfeit being declared.
- B. If a team does not have the minimum required amount of players present within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time, the team will be charged a forfeit and the captain may be charged \$25 to their student account. Certain circumstances may apply.
- C. ***Teams that are charged with a forfeit will receive a 2.0 sportsmanship rating.***
- D. Teams that forfeit twice during the season will not be eligible for postseason play.
- E. A double forfeit will be charged if both teams are unable to provide the minimum amount of players required to start a match.
- F. In the event that a team is unable to attend their match, but notifies the Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager under the 48 hour reschedule policy, a default loss can be given. A team will not be charged a forfeit, but will only be given a loss, only if the

Intramural Sports and Outdoor Recreation Manager is able to contact staff and the opposing team in time.