

# Intramural Sports Handbook

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## **Section I. General Information**

### Article I. Assumption of Risk

There are certain risks of injury that are inherent to participation in sports and recreational activities. Injuries may be minor or serious and may result from the actions or inactions of themselves or others. Maintenance of good physical health and appropriate financial planning in the form of insurance in the event of a physical mishap can give you more peace of mind while participating. **The University and its staff are not held responsible for any injuries incurred while participating or as a spectator in the intramural sports program.**

### Article II. Health

The Department of Recreational Services believes that participation in recreational sports is a positive, healthy experience that provides enjoyment to our participants. To foster health benefits and maximize enjoyment for participants and student staff, consuming alcoholic beverages before, during, or on site after participation is a violation of University policy. Individuals or teams who violate this policy will not be eligible to participate. All participants are strongly urged to have a yearly medical examination. Furthermore, all full-time students and international students at the University of Rhode Island are required to be covered by a health insurance plan. The URI Health Services Office has information entitling all students to a special rate from an insurance company. Please contact the URI Health Services Office for more detailed information.

### Article III. Injuries, Open Wounds & Lacerations

Whenever an Intramural Sports participant suffers a laceration or wound where oozing or bleeding occurs, the competition shall be stopped at the earliest possible time, and the participant will be required to leave the field of play. The participant will not be allowed to return to the competition until the wound has been covered and the oozing or bleeding has stopped.

Participation in sporting activities may cause injury and exposure to blood borne pathogens. Blood borne pathogens are pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause diseases in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, Hepatitis B virus (HBV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). The Intramural Sports Program will make every effort to minimize exposure to its employees and participants. Because the Intramural Staff is trained and certified to respond to emergency and blood exposure situations, we ask that they be contacted immediately to respond to any injury.

All injuries should be reported to the game officials, game managers or sport supervisors. All minor injuries can be handled by the IM Staff with a first aid kit or the injured person may go, with assistance, to the Health Services Office located in the Potter Building for treatment. All major injuries or emergencies will be handled immediately by the student supervisor in charge by calling campus police at 401.874.2121 and proceeding with First Aid/CPR as needed. Assistance will be sent as soon as possible. Medical expenses incurred such as ambulance, doctor bills and x-rays will be the responsibility of the participant.

### Article IV. Bulletin Boards and Website

The Intramural Sports website, [www.uri.edu/athletics/recservices/imsports](http://www.uri.edu/athletics/recservices/imsports), will serve as the primary source for all Intramural Sports Program information. The IM Sports website will contain current information regarding entry deadlines, captains meeting dates and

times, event schedules, team standings, tournament and playoff brackets, cancellations, information on upcoming events and all other information pertaining to the IM Sports Program. The Intramural Sports bulletin boards are located in two places: across from the Member Services desk in the Mackal Field house and outside of the Intramural Sports Office in Keaney Gym. These bulletin boards will serve as secondary sources of Intramural Sports information. Participants and team captains are urged to check the website and bulletin boards daily during sport seasons in order to receive the most up to date information regarding our programs. Any questions or discrepancies in schedules, game results, etc. should be directed to the IM Sports Office (401.874.5972) as soon as possible in order to rectify potential mistakes in a timely manner.

## **Section II. How to Enter/Participate**

### **Article I. Schedule of Events**

Each semester's schedule of events, entry deadlines and the starting dates are published before the start of the upcoming school year. Additional activities and information are announced periodically through the Intramural Sports Bulletin Board, Intramural Sports flyers and the Intramural website ([www.uri.edu/recservices/imsports](http://www.uri.edu/recservices/imsports)). IM Sports brochures are available on the website and in the IM Office. All activities are subject to change.

### **Article II. How to Enter/Entry Fees**

All registration information and entry forms are available online. Team entry forms must be submitted prior to the mandatory Captains Meetings held for each sport/event. Check the IM Calendar of Events for specific entry deadlines. Don't wait until the last minute to submit team entry forms as space may be limited for certain programs. Teams will receive scheduling priority based on the order in which team entries were received. ***Submitting an entry form does not guarantee a spot on the playing schedule. All teams must have at least one representative (preferably the team captain) attend the mandatory Captains Meeting for each particular event. Team entry fees and forfeit deposits will be collected at the mandatory Captains Meetings. Teams that do not attend the Captains Meetings will not be scheduled.*** After the completion of the mandatory Captains Meeting for each event **NO REFUNDS** will be granted.

### **Article III. Free Agency**

If you cannot put together your own team, you may be able to participate as a Free Agent. The IM Sports Program has created a Facebook profile geared toward putting Free Agents in contact with teams that are looking to add players. All Free Agents should add **Uri Intramuralsports** as a friend on Facebook. Free Agents can then join the groups for all sports in which they are interested in participating. Free Agents and Team Captains looking to add players can then post messages on The Wall in order to communicate with each other. **Free Agents**, be sure to attend the appropriate Captains Meeting for the sport/event in which you are interested. **This increases your chances of getting on a team!!!** **Team Captains**, if your team is short of players, please check the **Uri Intramuralsports** Facebook profile for a list of those students that are interested in joining a team.

### **Article IV. Entry Deadlines**

Registration deadlines are established to allow enough time to schedule league/tournament games and playoffs. In order to run an efficient program, these deadlines must be strictly enforced. If the deadline has passed for an event in which you are interested, please contact the Coordinator of Intramural Sports to determine if spaces are available or to be placed on the waiting list for that program. Late entries will be accepted solely at the discretion of the Coordinator of Intramural Sports.

## **Section III. Eligibility**

### **Article I.**

Participants are responsible for their own eligibility. Furthermore, each team captain is responsible for checking the eligibility of their team members. Inquiring about eligibility in advance of contests precludes delays and potential disqualifications. The Intramural Sports Staff will check the eligibility of players if an opposing captain lodges a protest or the Intramural Staff has reason to believe the person in question is not eligible.

### **Article II.**

All student participants must be enrolled (full or part time and matriculating) at the University of Rhode Island **AND** have paid the recreation fee in order to be eligible for participation in the Intramural Sports Program. All URI faculty and staff must have purchased a current REC Pass Membership in order to be eligible to participate in the Intramural Sports Program. URI Alumni are not eligible to participate in the Intramural Sports Program. All participants must present a valid URI ID Card to the Intramural Staff before the start of every scheduled contest. No other form of identification will be accepted. **No URI ID Card = No Participation, no exceptions.**

### Article III.

Anyone who participates under an assumed name or uses someone else's ID is ineligible and will be suspended for the remainder of that sport's season and may face additional penalties. A team guilty of using such a player will forfeit all contests in which the ineligible player participated.

### Article IV. Intercollegiate Team Members and Junior/Community College Athletes

**Intercollegiate Team Members:** "Active" members, including redshirts of the varsity or other intercollegiate teams are ineligible to participate in the same or related sport for a period of one (1) year from the date of their last intercollegiate competition. For example, varsity baseball and softball athletes cannot compete in IM Softball. "ACTIVE" members shall be defined as any athlete whose name appears on an official varsity team roster. Intercollegiate athletes may participate in other Intramural activities but are strongly encouraged to check with their coaches and gain their approval prior to participation in any Intramural event.

**Junior College/Community College:** Athletes who have competed for a junior college or community college team are ineligible to compete in those sports or related sports during the same academic year.

### Article V. Professional/Semi-Pro Athletes

Any student, faculty or staff member who is or has been a professional player or athlete is ineligible for 5 years from the date of the last professional participation in that sport or a related sport. A professional/semi-pro player or athlete is defined as one who has received monetary remuneration for his/her athletic services.

### Article VI. Sport Club Members

Sport club members are eligible to participate in intramural team sports. Teams will be limited to three (3) club athletes per team in the same or equivalent sport in which they participate. Club members are those persons who have participated in practices/games with club during the current academic year, paid membership dues to a club or are listed as a member of a club on the sport club roster.

### Article VII. Penalties

Any team or individual found guilty of violating any of the eligibility rules shall forfeit all contests in which ineligible players participated. The Intramural Staff shall determine an individual's eligibility to engage in future contests.

### Article VIII. Identification/URI ID Cards

All participants must present a valid URI ID Card prior to participating in any intramural sports contest or event. Players forgetting their ID's will not be allowed to participate. **No URI ID Card = No participation. No exceptions to this policy will be made.**

## **Section IV. Rosters**

### Article I. Adding Players to Roster

In an effort to reach as many participants as possible, players may be added to the roster at any time during the regular season and tournament play, provided the new players meet **ALL** eligibility requirements. Players may not be added to rosters during league playoffs. Team rosters freeze on the final day of competition during the regular season for league events.

### Article II. Team Participation

Any individual whose name appears on more than one team roster is considered to be an official member of that team for which he/she first plays and is not eligible to play for any additional team. **An individual may play on only one men's or women's team AND only one coed team.** A player listed on a scoresheet cannot switch teams for the remainder of that sport, league or tournament (*exception: person did not participate in any contest*). Any player who has played but has not signed the roster form subjects his/her team to forfeiture of that game. Any individual that has not signed the roster will be considered an ineligible participant.

### Article III. Transferring Teams

A player wishing to change teams after they have already played for another team will not be allowed to transfer. You must remain with the same team for the duration of the particular sport season. If, however, you appear on another team's roster but **have not played** for that team, you may request to transfer to another team. All transfer requests must be approved by the Coordinator of Intramural Sports in advance prior to participation. These decisions will not be made on site for any Intramural events.

## **Section V. Captains Responsibilities**

### **Article I.**

Each team entering an intramural sports activity must have a captain. Captains must be playing members listed on the official team roster. The captain should be interested in the welfare of the Intramural Program as well as that of his/her team. He/she should be a capable and conscientious person who will serve as a liaison between the Intramural Sports Office and the team. The role of the captain is crucial to the overall relationship between the Intramural Sports Program and the participants. Team captains' responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Attending mandatory captain's meetings before the start of each intramural sport.
2. Being familiar with the Intramural Sports Handbook rules and policies, passing along this information to all teammates and ensuring team compliance with all policies and procedures.
3. Maintaining team sportsmanship.
4. Checking the schedule on the intramural sports bulletin board or the website for your team's schedule. (Information concerning date, time, location of contest will **not** be given via telephone by the IM Sports Office Staff due to potential for miscommunication and subsequent participant dissatisfaction).
5. Checking the IM Hotline (874.5815) for any potential weather cancellations involving your team and passing that information along to your teammates.
6. Promptly responding to Intramural Staff concerning schedule changes, eligibility inquiries, and player ejections.
7. Representing the team in the case of a protest.
8. Checking email at least 3 times per week during sport season for updates and/or changes from the Intramural Staff. (**Email is the fastest and easiest way to contact you with this information**).
9. Keeping their address, phone number and email up to date in the Intramural Sports Office.
10. Notifying the Intramural Sports Office if your team will not be showing for a scheduled contest.
11. Submitting complete and correct team/player information on all entry forms.

### **Article II. Contest Rules**

Rules and regulations are designed for the safety and protection of participants. It should be understood that by participating in Intramural Sports contests each individual has agreed to abide by all rules and regulations and is responsible for his/her behavior.

All contests shall be governed by Intramural rules adopted from NCAA, NIRSA, Rhode Island Interscholastic League or amateur rules. Modifications will be made to adjust for risk, space, time and other constraints. The official rules for each sport will be made available to all participants via the Intramural website before competition in that sport begins. The Intramural Sports Program reserves the right to institute any rule changes as deemed necessary and will notify team captains of any such changes.

## **Section VI. Forfeits/Defaults**

### **Forfeits**

Forfeited contests needlessly waste time and resources and detract from the overall satisfaction levels for all parties involved in the Intramural Sports Program. By registering for any Intramural Sports event, participants are making a commitment to attend all regularly scheduled contests. It is with this commitment in mind that the following policy regarding forfeits has been designed.

At the time of registration, each team is required to pay the registration fee plus a forfeit deposit of \$25. If the team does not forfeit any games during the course of the season, the forfeit deposit will be returned to the **team captain and only the team captain** at the conclusion of the season. Team captains may pick up forfeit deposits for a period of two weeks from the end of the playoffs for each sport. If the team captain does not pick up the forfeit deposit within the two week period, the forfeit deposit will not be returned.

A forfeit is defined as any team or individual that fails to appear for any scheduled contest. Similarly, a forfeit will result when a team does not have at least the minimum number of players needed to play the activity **signed in and ready to play** at the appointed playing area by the time of the game. **Game time is forfeit time. There is no grace period.** It is recommended that teams arrive 15-30 minutes prior to the start of each game in order to allow time to sign in and warm up. All forfeited games will be recorded as a loss and the initial forfeit deposit will not be returned. Subsequently, a new forfeit deposit of \$25 must be paid in the Intramural Sports Office located in Keaney Gym **48 hours prior to the next scheduled game**. This deposit is refundable provided that the team does not forfeit any other games. If a team does not put down another forfeit deposit within this time frame, they

will be permanently removed from the schedule for remainder of that particular sport season. This policy will be strictly enforced. If there are any questions in regard to the forfeit policy, the Intramural Sports Office can be reached by calling 401.874.5972.

### Defaults

If a team knows in advance that it will not be able to make a scheduled contest, the captain should contact the Intramural Sports Office (874.5972). A default will be granted to each team or individual that has notified the Intramural Department according to the following deadlines:

- Games scheduled Monday-Friday→ notification must be received by 12pm on the day of the scheduled game
- Games scheduled Saturday/Sunday→ notification must be received by 3pm on the Friday before the scheduled game

Captains may contact the Intramural Sports Office by phone (874.5972) or by email at [imsports@etal.uri.edu](mailto:imsports@etal.uri.edu). This notification must come from the team captain only. All defaulted contests will be counted as a loss. However, the team will not be charged with a forfeit, will not owe a forfeit fee and will otherwise remain eligible for league playoffs and will remain in double elimination tournaments provided the defaulted contest does not result in the second loss.

### Dropped from Play

Teams are allowed to forfeit or default one game per season and still remain eligible for league playoffs. Teams with any combination of more than one forfeit and/or default will not be eligible for league playoffs. Teams that forfeit or default tournament games in a double elimination tournament will remain eligible unless the forfeited/defaulted contest results in the second loss. Teams that forfeit a game in a double elimination tournament will be eliminated unless an additional forfeit deposit is paid as outlined above. Forfeited and defaulted contests will not be rescheduled and are counted as losses.

## **Section VII. Protests**

### Article I.

No protests shall be entertained which concern judgment calls on the part of an official. Games which are protested over the interpretation of rules which are upheld by the Coordinator of Intramural Sports with the infraction **believed to have a bearing on the final outcome of the game** shall be played from that point, excluding time limit infractions.

### Article II. Player Eligibility

Any team or individual protesting the eligibility of a player should have sufficient reason to believe that the player is ineligible. To ensure honest sport competition, **protests of alleged eligibility violations must be made prior to games to the supervisor rather than waiting to determine the outcome of the contest.** The Intramural Staff will check the eligibility of the accused player during the next business day.

### Article III. Rule Interpretation

A team captain can lodge a protest on a rule interpretation made by the Intramural Staff but must do so at the time of the incident. If a protest is going to be lodged, the captain must inform the Intramural Supervisor or Game Manager of his/her desire to protest and complete the necessary paperwork.

### Article IV. On-Site Procedure

The on-site Intramural Supervisor will act as an arbitrator and can make a decision on the field. The Intramural Supervisor has the power to render a decision as he/she deems appropriate. If the protesting party is not satisfied with the decision of the on-site Intramural Supervisor, they may appeal in writing to the Coordinator of Intramural Sports. Protests must be lodged by the team captain at the time of the incident and the proper paperwork should be completed and filed with the Intramural Staff at the end of the game. Any protests lodged after this time will not be considered. All decisions rendered by the Coordinator of Intramural Sports are final.

## **Section VIII. Scheduling of Contests**

### Article I. Leagues

Some team sport events will be offered in a round robin league format. Each team will be scheduled for three to five regular season games (pending time constraints) and a single elimination post-season tournament for all teams that qualify. Only teams with a .500 or better record **AND** an average sportsmanship rating of 3.0 or higher **AND** not more than one sportsmanship rating of 2 or less during the regular season are eligible for the playoffs.

All leagues will be scheduled by the Intramural Staff based on the availability listed by the team captain on the registration forms for each event. Scheduling priority is given to teams based on the order in which the Intramural Sports Office receives registration forms for each event. A minimum of four teams is required for all divisions. All schedules are final once posted upon the completion of the captains meetings for each event.

## **Article II. Tournaments/Playoffs**

Upon completion of regularly scheduled league play or in the event of a single or double elimination tournaments it is the responsibility of the team captain to check the tournament brackets posted on the Intramural Sports Bulletin Boards or on the Intramural website ([www.uri.edu/athletics/recservices/imsports](http://www.uri.edu/athletics/recservices/imsports)) to find the date and time of the next game. In some cases, teams may be required to play more than one game on the same day. Team captains are urged to pay particular attention to brackets in order to be aware of such instances. Copies of all tournament/playoff brackets will be on site for all Intramural events.

## **Article III. Postponement**

With the exception of inclement weather and facility scheduling conflicts, no contests shall be postponed without the approval of the Coordinator of Intramural Sports. Any contest postponed without formal approval shall be recorded as a loss for one or both teams.

## **Article IV. Rescheduling**

Because of the number of teams involved in intramural play and corresponding facility space restrictions, there are very limited time frames to complete scheduled contests. Rescheduling of contests is rare. However, if a team is unable to attend a scheduled contest but desires to play that game at another time or date, it may be possible to reschedule. The Intramural Sports Program cannot guarantee a new playing time. In elimination tournaments, postponed contests must be rescheduled within a period of time that does not delay progress of the tournament itself. If a player or team knows of potential conflicts, notify the Intramural Sports Office as soon as possible (874.5972). All accommodations will be made by the Intramural Sports Program to work out these requests. However, if time/space is not available or the opposing team does not agree to reschedule, the contest will be played at its originally scheduled date and time.

## **Article V. Cancellations/Weather**

In some cases cancellations may be necessary due to inclement weather or facility scheduling concerns. In the event of inclement weather, call the IM Sports Hotline at 401.874.5815 an hour before scheduled game time for an update on the game schedule. Every effort will be made to reschedule cancelled/postponed games as best as space and time permits, however, we may not be able to reschedule all contests. The Intramural Department makes decisions regarding inclement weather as early as possible. Sport supervisors have the authority to postpone a contest in the event of inclement weather.

## **Section IX. Officials**

### **Article I.**

The Department of Recreational Services encourages students from diverse backgrounds to consider employment opportunities within the Intramural Sports Program. Experience is not necessary (but preferred); the desire to learn and participate is. The Intramural Sports Staff will provide training to all officials and game managers. Every official will be required to attend training sessions, which may include:

- Official clinics and meetings
- Rules examination
- Observation of games
- Continual evaluation and performance feedback

Intramural Sports Officials are University of Rhode Island students. They assume an important and difficult task. Their role is to produce a healthy sportsmanlike and enjoyable game situation for all. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all participants to respect the judgment of the official. The Intramural Sports Program will make every effort to obtain the best possible officials. Any student who wishes to work as an official should inquire in the Intramural Sports Office located in Keaney Gym.

## **Section X. Sportsmanship**

### **Article I.**

Every team is responsible for the conduct of its players **AND** fans. Any conduct judged as detrimental to the participants, program or any particular contest may result in loss of the contest, suspension of the individual player, suspension of the entire team, or further disciplinary action. Simply put, poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated and will be dealt with swiftly and severely.

## **Article II. Code of Conduct**

All University of Rhode Island students are subject to a Code of Conduct outlined in the URI Student Handbook ([www.uri.edu/judicial/studenthandbook.pdf](http://www.uri.edu/judicial/studenthandbook.pdf)). One of the sections of the code states, "Physical or verbal threats which endanger the health, safety or welfare of oneself or another person are unacceptable. Repeated unwanted contact or communication by any means and behavior or verbal abuse that threatens to injure or endangers the health, safety, or welfare of oneself or another person is unacceptable. Harassment is conduct that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment." The Department of Recreational Services and the Intramural Sports Program will vigorously enforce all sections of the code to insure that all participants feel welcome and enjoy the benefits of a recreational activity.

## **Article III. Sportsmanship Rating System**

The team sports rating system will be instituted to provide additional sportsmanship regulations. Each team will be given a sportsmanship rating for each game by that game's officials/game manager. The rating will be given on a point scale. Teams may be excluded from the playoffs if they are habitual offenders of the sportsmanship rating system or are determined to be detrimental to the Intramural Sports Program and the other teams in that sport. The sportsmanship rating system is as follows:

- 5 Extremely good conduct in regards to teammates, opponents and program personnel.
- 4 Conduct is above average.
- 3 Warnings for foul or abusive language, taunting or threatening behavior, arguing or an ejection.
- 2 Multiple warnings or ejections.
- 1 Game is stopped. Team is belligerent toward IM Staff and/or is fighting

Teams which win by a default or forfeit will receive a "4" sportsmanship rating.

The maximum sportsmanship rating possible is a "3" for games in which a player is ejected. Teams receiving a "2" or "1" rating during the regular season will receive written notification from the Coordinator of Intramural Sports informing them of their unacceptable behavior and that they are being placed on probation for the remainder of the academic year. This communication will be sent to the team captain. Teams receiving a "2" or "1" rating twice during a single sport season will be ineligible for the playoffs at the end of the season. Teams receiving a "2" or "1" rating during the playoffs will be eliminated from further competition in the playoffs and are subject to further disciplinary action to be determined by the Coordinator of Intramural Sports.

Any organization or individual ejected from any Intramural Sports event due to poor sportsmanship or any other violation of Intramural guidelines or sport rules is immediately suspended from **ALL** Intramural Sports activities/events for an indefinite period of time and is not allowed to participate in any other games/events pending a disciplinary hearing. Any such individual must meet with the Intramural Sports Disciplinary Action Committee and/or Coordinator of Intramural Sports prior to being reinstated in the Intramural Program. Individuals will be given the opportunity to present their side of the story and participate in due process to insure protection of their rights. The Committee will hear information from all involved parties and render a final decision on further disciplinary action, if any, and subsequent player eligibility.

## **Section XI. Discipline Policy**

### **Article I.**

All participants will be subject to this policy. Please read the policy carefully and be prepared to inform your teammates once the season starts. The following policy serves as a general framework for addressing violations of Intramural policies and procedures. The Disciplinary Action Committee and Coordinator of Intramural Sports reserve the right to adjust any penalty on a case-by-case basis.

### **Article II. Major Offenses**

Major offenses will simply not be tolerated. Major offenses and their ramifications include, **but are not limited to:**

**Fighting/attempting to strike another individual or involved in an altercation**

**Aggressive physical contact with an intramural employee**

**Playing under the influence of alcohol or drugs**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> offense | 6-month suspension (summer does not count)** |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense | Permanent suspension from intramurals        |

\*\*In order to be reinstated after 6 months, you must schedule a meeting with the Coordinator of Intramural Sports.

#### **Intentional damage/destruction of facilities/equipment**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> offense | Participant is removed from the game, team charged with a loss, team and player suspended until participant pays for replacement of damaged equipment. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense | Participant is given a permanent suspension and will be charged for the replacement of the damaged equipment.  |

If spectators are involved in one of the major offenses, the ramifications are as follows:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> offense | Spectators will be banned from the Mackal/Keaney/Tootell Complex for 3 months |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense | Spectators will be banned from the Mackal/Keaney/Tootell Complex for 1 year   |

**\*\*\*In addition to the aforementioned sanctions, the Intramural Sports Program will send a copy of the sanction letter to the Office of Judicial Affairs. This letter will be placed into your permanent file at the University. If the action warrants, the Intramural Sports Program will refer the case to the Office of Judicial Affairs for further disciplinary action.**

#### **Article III. Secondary Offenses**

Secondary offenses will be dealt with in a different manner. Any player ejected from an intramural contest for any reason is automatically suspended indefinitely from all intramural activities and must meet with the Intramural Sports Disciplinary Action Committee and/or Coordinator. The Coordinator and/or Committee will render a decision on further disciplinary action (if any) and subsequent participant eligibility. Individuals will remain suspended from all intramural activities until meeting with the Disciplinary Action Committee. Secondary offenses and their ramifications include, **but are not limited to:**

##### **Profane language/obscene gestures**

##### **Unnecessary physical contact/minor contact with any Intramural Sports employee**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> offense | Removed from the game and suspended indefinitely                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense | Removed from the game and suspended permanently from intramurals |

##### **Verbally abusing/threatening an official/supervisor**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> offense | 1 month suspension                    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense | 6 month suspension                    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> offense | Permanent suspension from intramurals |

##### **Ineligible player/playing under a false name**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> offense | Team that player played for will be charged with a loss for ALL games that there were playing as an ineligible participant |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense | Player is suspended from intramural play for 1 year  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> offense | Permanent suspension from intramurals  |

**\*\*\*In addition to the aforementioned sanctions, the Intramural Sports Program will send a copy of the sanction letter to the Office of Judicial Affairs. This letter will be placed into your permanent file at the University. If the action warrants, the Intramural Sports Program will refer the case to the Office of Judicial Affairs for further disciplinary action.**

#### **Article IV. Appeals**

The sanctions listed above serve only as a guideline for addressing poor sportsmanship and inappropriate behavior by Intramural participants. However, the Intramural Sports Program reserves the right to impose additional sanctions on a case by case basis. All disciplinary matters will be handled by the Intramural Sports Program Disciplinary Action Committee and/or Coordinator of Intramural Sports. Participants may appeal any penalty imposed by the Intramural Disciplinary Action Committee to the Coordinator of Intramural Sports, but run the risk of having the penalty increased if the appeal is not upheld by the Coordinator of Intramural Sports.

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Article I. Athletic Attire**

Proper athletic attire must be worn during all Intramural Activities. Proper attire pertains to all articles of clothing including footwear. Participants may not wear sandals or flip-flops during any Intramural activity.

#### **Article III. Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco Policy**

Smoking and any other tobacco use is strictly prohibited in all URI facilities including all outdoor facilities. In order to maintain a safe playing environment for everyone, possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages (or any other illegal substances) is strictly prohibited in all recreation facilities. Furthermore, any person (participants, coaches and spectators alike) who appears to be

intoxicated or under the influence of an illegal substance will be removed from the Mackal/Keaney/Tootell Complex or designated playing area and may face further disciplinary action.