



Intramural Sports & Code of Conduct

Campus Recreation

The intramural sports program is designed to provide recreational sports and activities for the SMC community, encouraging students to stay active and involved.

Eligibility & Registration

- All participants must register for each intramural sport prior to participating. Registration includes acknowledgment of the required Assumption of Risk and Liability Waiver.
- Participants may request teammates during registration; however, team placement is subject to roster availability and league capacity.
- Team captains are responsible for ensuring that all team members are properly registered before participating in any contest.
- Only currently enrolled Saint Mary's College students are eligible to participate unless otherwise specified by Campus Recreation.
- Alumni, affiliate members, and other non-student members are not eligible to participate in Intramural Sports.
- Current Saint Mary's College faculty and staff are welcome to participate in designated leagues and are required to pay the applicable intramural registration fee.

Free Agents

Individuals without a team are encouraged to register as Free Agents.

- Campus Recreation will make every effort to place Free Agents on existing teams or to create a Free Agent team when sufficient numbers are available.
- Placement on a team is not guaranteed.
- Intramural staff will facilitate introductions but will not require captains to accept additional players.
- If there are not enough Free Agents to form a team, participants may be encouraged to contact existing team captains regarding available roster spots.

Varsity Athlete Participation

Varsity student-athletes are eligible to participate in Intramural Sports under the following conditions:

- No more than two (2) varsity athletes from the same or related sport may participate on the same intramural team.
- Campus Recreation reserves the right to determine whether a varsity sport is considered related to a specific intramural sport.

Team Names

Campus Recreation reserves the right to reject or modify any team name that is deemed offensive, discriminatory, inappropriate, or inconsistent with the mission and values of Saint Mary's College.

Photography & Videography

Photography and videography intended for promotional, commercial, or organizational purposes must receive prior approval from Campus Recreation. This includes but is not limited to videotaping games and competitions.

Participants and spectators using personal mobile devices for photography or videography must do so respectfully and without interfering with play or others' privacy. Campus Recreation reserves the right to prohibit photography or videography that is disruptive or violates the privacy of participants.

Participant Expectations

All participants, team captains, coaches (if applicable), and spectators are expected to:

- Follow all Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center policies and procedures.
- Abide by the Saint Mary's College Student Code of Conduct.
- Demonstrate behavior consistent with the College's Lasallian Core Principles.
- Treat participants, officials, staff, and spectators with respect.
- Comply with all directions given by Intramural Sports staff and Campus Recreation personnel.

Campus Recreation follows Saint Mary's College's Zero Tolerance Policy regarding harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and other prohibited conduct.

Team Captain Responsibilities

Each team must designate a Team Captain prior to the start of league play. The Team Captain serves as the primary contact between the team and Campus Recreation and is responsible for:

- Ensuring all team members are properly registered and eligible to participate.
- Communicating schedules, game times, rule updates, and league information to team members.
- Serving as the team's spokesperson during contests.
- Promoting good sportsmanship among players and spectators.
- Assisting Intramural Sports staff in maintaining a safe and respectful playing environment.
- Cooperating fully with officials, Intramural Sports staff, and Campus Recreation personnel.

Playing Rules

Each intramural sport has its own set of playing rules designed to promote fair competition and participant safety. Sport rules can be found on our website and are shared with the captain pre-season.

- Participants are responsible for understanding the rules of the sport in which they are competing.
- Intramural officials and staff have the authority to interpret and enforce all playing rules.
- Situations not specifically addressed by the published rules will be resolved at the discretion of Intramural Sports staff, whose decisions are final.

Campus Recreation reserves the right to modify league rules, schedules, or formats as necessary to ensure participant safety and the successful operation of the program.

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Participant Code of Conduct

The Intramural Sports Program is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for all participants. All participants, team captains, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner at all times. This Code of Conduct applies before, during, and after all intramural contests and related events.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in ejection from a contest, suspension from Intramural Sports, loss of facility privileges, or additional disciplinary action in accordance with Saint Mary's College policies.

Prohibited Conduct - The following behaviors will not be tolerated:

- Verbal abuse, harassment, intimidation, or physical aggression directed toward officials, Intramural Sports staff, Campus Recreation employees, participants, coaches, or spectators.
- Fighting or any act of physical violence.
- Threatening behavior or actions that create an unsafe or hostile environment.
- The use of abusive, profane, or discriminatory language.
- Taunting, unsportsmanlike conduct, or intentional provocation of another individual.
- Cheating or intentionally violating the rules of play.
- Refusing to comply with the directions of officials or Intramural Sports staff.
- Throwing equipment or damaging facility property.
- Participating while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Any participant exhibiting signs of intoxication will be removed from the contest immediately and may be subject to additional disciplinary action.

Sportsmanship Expectations

Good sportsmanship is expected from all participants, coaches, and spectators. Poor sportsmanship includes any conduct that is disrespectful, disruptive, intimidating, or contrary to the principles of fair play and respect for others.

Examples of poor sportsmanship include, but are not limited to:

- Abusive or profane language.
- Harassment, threats, or intimidation.
- Taunting or excessive arguing with officials.
- Fighting or attempting to injure another participant.
- Disrespect toward officials, Intramural Sports staff, Campus Recreation staff, opponents, or spectators.
- Destruction of property.
- Any behavior that disrupts play or creates an unsafe environment.

Ejections and Disciplinary Action

Any participant ejected from a contest must leave the playing area and surrounding facility immediately. Failure to leave promptly may result in additional disciplinary action. An ejection, red card, technical foul, flagrant misconduct penalty, or other major disciplinary penalty may result in suspension from future contests. Additional sanctions may be imposed depending on the severity of the incident. Following an ejection, the participant and team captain may be asked to meet with the Director or designated Campus Recreation staff before the participant or team is eligible to return to play. The purpose of this meeting is to review the incident, discuss expectations for future conduct, and determine any applicable sanctions.

Team Responsibility

Team captains are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators. Teams whose participants or spectators repeatedly display poor sportsmanship may be subject to forfeiture of the game, probation, suspension, or removal from the Intramural Sports Program.

Campus Recreation reserves the right to remove any individual or team from participation if behavior is deemed unsafe, disruptive, or inconsistent with the mission and values of the Intramural Sports Program.