

Phone Numbers to Know:

- * Intramural Reservations: 662-254-3721
- * Intramural Office: 662-254-3721

Article I. PARTICIPATION AND SIGN-UP PROCEDURES

1. All Students, faculty and staff at Mississippi Valley State University are eligible to participate in the Intramural Sports Program.
2. Team Rosters: Each registering team's Manager must submit a team roster during the specified registration period. Additions or corrections must be made in person at the Intramural manager's office prior to the team's third league contest or first tournament competition. Non-registered players may not participate. So doing will result in a forfeit of ANY contest in which the ineligible player participated.
3. Members the MVSU Intercollegiate Varsity teams are not eligible to compete in the same (or relate) sport activity throughout the entire academic year.
4. Students whose name has been dropped from an Intercollegiate roster may only become eligible for participation upon approval of the IM Director.
5. Any student, faculty or staff member who has participated professionally in a sport shall not be permitted to participate in that or other related sport activity.
6. Teams/Individuals registering in multiple leagues may register in the next lower division only. I.e. "A" teams may also register in "B" leagues but not "C", "B" teams may register in a "C" leagues but not "D", etc.
7. All sign-ups are on a first come-first served basis and must be submitted in person by the team's Manager to the IM Assistant or Director. Registrations left with persons in the PE/Athletic office will not be accepted. Managers must be prepared with students ID at the time of registration.
8. Team Sports: Managers are required to disseminate information provided by the IM department to their team members. A manager may represent only one team under all circumstances. There may only be one team per manager and one manager per team. Managers may not manage teams in separate leagues.
9. Individuals without a team may be placed on one by registering with the draft board, located in the IM office. Special events sign-up may be made at the site of the event or the IM office, according to publicity. Each team is required to hold two roster spots in which to accommodate draftees. Draftees will be placed on a team with the first week of competition and should confirm their placement with the IM office.
10. The IM office decides if a deposit for participation is needed in accordance with specification from the office of fiscal affairs.

11. Anyone who has the desire to participate in intramural activities and lives on campus but does not work on campus is also eligible to participate. Example: faculty and staff teams.
12. Anyone who represents a fraternity or sorority must be a member of that fraternity or sorority or pledging at the time of that particular sport; providing that he/she has not played with another team in those sports.

Article II. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

1. The philosophy of the Intramural Sports Department is one of good sportsmanship and fair play by all. In order to encourage proper conduct during contest, officials, supervisors or administrative personnel shall make decisions on whether to warn, penalize or eject players or teams for poor sportsmanship. This includes conduct directed toward officials.
2. Participates/Teams ejected from any contest are suspended for 3 consecutive games (including playoffs). This is a minimum. Further penalty may be invoked depending upon the infraction.
3. Drinking of alcoholic beverages on the field or court by any player or spectator is strictly prohibited. Breach of this by-law will result in the elimination of the offending party or parties from intramural participation for the remainder of the season.

Article III. INSURANCE/ACCIDENTS

1. Participation in activities offered by the Intramural Sports Department at Mississippi Valley State University is on a voluntary basis. The Intramural Sports Department does not assume responsibility for injuries during participation.
2. Questions regarding student's coverage should be directed to the Students Health Center office at 3331. Questions regarding faculty or staff coverage should be directed to the Personnel Department.
3. Former MVSU students are no longer eligible for participation in intramural activities at MVSU.
4. Training room facilities are not available to intramural participants. In the event of injury please follow IM procedure policy as directed by the IM staff member on location.
5. With any accident, regardless of severity, the IM staff member on site is required to fill out an accident report. Please be patient and cooperative with this process.
6. All injuries in which blood is present will result in the injured party's removal from competition until such time as blood is cleaned away and the wound sufficiently covered.

7. In order for a Student, Faculty or Staff member to participate in Intramural Activity, Participant must fill out **Intramural Program Policies and Procedures Insurance/Accidents Form.**

Article IV. AWARDS

1. Awards are determined and provided by the Intramural Sports Department.
2. Awards quantities are limited to a 2-deep roster. i.e.:Basketball 5x2=10 awards. Volleyball 6x2=12.
3. Leagues and/or tournaments numbering fewer than five(5) teams are not eligible to receive awards.

Article V. FORFEITS

1. Teams that acquire three or more forfeits relinquish their games and are ineligible for post -season play.
2. Criteria for determining forfeits are as follows:
 - a) failure to provide an official when scheduled
 - b) failure to appear for a scheduled competition
 - c) failure to provide the minimum number of players needed for a particular sport.
3. To make Intramural an enjoyable experience for all, those whom sign-in should have a genuine interest in participating. If you sign-up, please show-up. Only register players may participate (Article II, #!)

Article VII. OFFICIALS

1. On occasions, when used as a laboratory the Health Physical Education and Recreation Department may provide officials.
2. When peer-officiating is utilized teams must provide an official for the contest either prior to or immediately following their game.
3. Officials are required to sign the score sheet, along with their team name, before the start of the contest they are officiating.
4. FAILURE TO PERFORM EITHER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED DUTIES WILL RESULT IN A FORFEITURE BEING CHARGED TO THE OFFENDING TEAM.
5. In order to have a successful program, cooperation in providing quality officials is necessary.

Article VIII. PROTESTS

1. All protests must be made in writing and submitted to the Intramural Director within 24 hours of the completion of the contest being protested.
2. Protests must be based on the use of ineligible players or the interpretation of rules. Under no circumstances will judgment calls on the part of an official be grounds for protest.
3. Contestants and/or team managers shall be permitted to present their version of the case before a decision is made. The final decision rests upon the Intramural advisory Council unless the ruling is clearly stated in the Intramural Handbook or Game Rules. In such a case the Intramural Director will make the final ruling.
4. Games in which a protest is sustained shall be replayed from that point in play deemed most fair and equitable by the Intramural Director. This may involve replaying the contest in its entirety.

Article IX. PLAYOFF STRUCTURE

1. Because all teams do not necessarily play the same number of games qualification for post-season play is determined by overall winning percentage.
2. The following tie-breaking criteria are observed in determining post-season qualifications:
 - a) head-to-head competition
 - b) avg. points against
 - c) avg., number of forfeits
 - d) avg., points for