



University Recreation

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## **MISSION OF LSU UREC**

University Recreation provides exceptional recreation facilities and programs that inspire, educate, and empower students and the university to cultivate active lives.

## **VISION OF LSU UREC**

Learn. Play. Succeed.

## **COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY**

University Recreation is pleased to offer its members the privilege of participation in Intramural Sports. We take pride in offering a variety of activities in hopes of reaching a diverse clientele. We are committed to creating an inclusive environment through hiring and developing culturally competent staff members, outreaching to underserved populations and providing programs that support all members. Our expectation of the UREC community is to embrace an open-minded and respectful attitude toward individual differences of all participants. Any hostile act or uncivil behavior will be handled swiftly and the offending person may be referred to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability.

<https://www.lsu.edu/deanofstudents/about/commitment-to-community.php>

## **UREC AND SPORT PROGRAMS CONTACTS**

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## **ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

As a participant, please know that there is an existence of risk of injury while utilizing all University Recreation facilities and programs and recognize every activity has a certain degree of risk, some more than others. Therefore, by participating, you knowingly and voluntarily assume the risk of these injuries, regardless of severity, which from time to time may occur as a result of participation. Additionally, you certify that you have adequate health insurance to cover any injury or damage that you may cause to suffer while participating, or else you agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage to yourself. You further certify that you are in good health and have no medical or physical condition that could interfere with your safety in any activity, or else you are willing to assume and bear the costs of all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition. Further, you RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the State of Louisiana, Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College, and their respective officers, employees, agents, representatives and/or University Recreation from any and all liability, claims, cost, expenses, injuries, illnesses, or loss of personal property resulting, in whole or part, from your participation in association with the use of any UREC facility and/or programs.

## PETS

Pets and Service Animals are permitted at the UREC Field Complex and are required to wear a leash. Sport Programs Staff will notify any patron with an animal the following information:

- Location of designated waste areas
- Restricted pet areas
- Location of water fountains

Pet and Service Animal owners are required to dispose of any waste from the UREC Field Complex. Sport Programs Staff have the authority to ask Pets to leave the UREC Field Complex upon their discretion.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER/THORGUARDIAN SYSTEM

For your safety, LSU UREC utilizes the ThorGuardian System. If the possibility of a lightning strike is imminent, the system will issue one 15-second warning from its horn and a strobe light (located in the Student Recreation Center [SRC] and on the east side of the building at the Field Complex) will begin flashing. **When the horn sounds, all participants should immediately leave the outdoor fields and seek shelter indoors, with no dispute. It is the team captain's responsibility to assist clearing his/her team from the field.** When the all-clear (three 5 second warning blasts) sounds, it is the Supervisor's judgment to continue play for the evening, pending field conditions.

**\*University Recreation may cancel events at any time if they feel the participants are endangered by inclement weather or poor field conditions, regardless of the ThorGuardian's current status.**

## RAIN OUTS/CANCELLATIONS

In the event of bad weather, participants are encouraged to use the LSU Rain Hotline (225-578-RAIN) to check the status of games for that night. Regular season games that are canceled due to weather or poor field conditions will be rescheduled at the earliest possible time. However, due to tight time constraints on the master schedule, games cannot be guaranteed to be rescheduled in all circumstances. It is the captain's responsibility to monitor the team's schedule on the website and be aware of any changes.

## ALCOHOL/TOBACCO/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

**No alcohol or tobacco use is permitted on UREC premises.** This includes, but is not limited to cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes and vaporizers. Individuals suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or any other illegal substance, during any UREC event or activity, will be asked to leave the facility immediately and will be subject to University Disciplinary action.

## JEWELRY

The wearing of jewelry during an Intramural contest is prohibited for safety reasons. All forms of jewelry, bands, and non-essential decorative items must be removed prior to participating. Taping of earrings is not permitted. NOTE: The Intramural Staff are not responsible for keeping up with your jewelry and are not responsible for any pieces of jewelry lost or stolen during competition. Participants must contact the

Coordinator for Intramural Sports or Assistant Director for Sport and Camp Programs prior to participation for any necessary exceptions to this policy.

## COMMUNICATION

The Sport Programs staff will communicate with all participants primarily through their **LSU email account**. This enables our staff to easily document our conversations with you throughout the year. It is assumed that this account is functional and checked periodically by you. Due to the number of participants in our program, it is often difficult for us to communicate through phone calls.

## IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

A valid Tiger Card, UREC membership card, or government issued picture ID must be presented before participating in your Intramural game. **NOTE: A Tiger Card/UREC Membership card is required to access the Student Recreation Center. CAPTAINS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING ALL PARTICIPANTS ON THEIR ROSTER ARE ELIGIBLE AND ARE SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION IF A TEAM MEMBER IS CAUGHT WITH A FALSE ID.** Anyone found to be using another person's ID will be sent to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability. This penalty will also apply to the owner of the ID being used.

## CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

**Activities with a team captain requires a team captain to be present at all contests.** Team captains must complete the online captain's quiz and attend the mandatory captain's meeting prior to the start of the sport. The team captain is the vital communication link between the Sport Programs Office and his/her respective team (the participants) and is expected to:

- Become familiar with the Intramural Sports Participant Handbook and all the rules associated with the selected sport.
- Pass the required online captain's quiz.
- Attend the mandatory captain's meeting (if required for the sport).
- Know the location of your schedule and update your team members of any changes.
- **Make sure that all members of your team are eligible and that all members of your team present a valid Tiger Card prior to the start of every game.** This includes verifying that members of your team are not participating on multiple teams in the same league.
- Make sure your team members know all playing dates, times, and locations. In addition, it is your responsibility to make sure your team is ready to play at game time and has the minimum number of participants required for the contest.
- **REMEMBER: GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME.** Inform your team members of this rule.
- Pay any forfeit fees that are accumulated during the regular season. **All forfeit fees will be assessed to the Captain's University Fee Bill on a weekly basis.**
- Familiarize your team members with the Sportsmanship Rating System. Educate them as to the ramifications of poor sportsmanship both for the individual and the team. As the team captain, you are expected to lead your team by example and assist the UREC staff when requested. When asked, your cooperation is expected.
- Check to verify all the participants and scores are correct on the game sheet following each contest. Results are viewable online within 24 hours after each contest.

- Maintain communication with the Sport Programs Office throughout the season in regard to contact information changing, schedules, scores, playoffs, sportsmanship and constructive feedback. **UREC will utilize email as its primary source for contacting captains.**

## ROSTER MANAGEMENT

Team captains are responsible for providing the UREC Sport Programs Office with updated information on all players participating on their team for each sport. To do this, captains must keep in constant contact with the Sport Programs Office to ensure all players are eligible and each team’s roster is correct. It is the captain’s responsibility to update their roster. Participants may only play on one men’s or women’s team and one corec team (max of 2 teams) and are **tied to a team when they check-in for a contest (may not switch to another team).**

Captains may add players at any time during the regular season. All rosters are frozen at noon on the first day of playoffs; **no Roster changes may occur during playoffs.**

## ELIGIBILITY

All full time and part time students, faculty, staff, alumni and affiliates with a valid LSU UREC membership are invited to participate in activities programmed by the LSU UREC Sport Programs Office. **All participants must have a valid Tiger Card (or UREC membership card) present at all UREC activities.** Each participant should become familiar with and understand their respective eligibility requirements. The major responsibility for player eligibility rests with all participants; however, the Department of University Recreation (UREC) and the Sport and Camp Programs Office may research any participant’s eligibility and act accordingly. You must present your valid Tiger Card /LSU UREC membership card/Government ID at all UREC Intramural activities.

### FULL TIME STUDENTS

All full-time LSU students are eligible to participant in any UREC Intramural activity. LSU UREC recognizes a full time student as anyone who is currently enrolled for the following credit hours:

Fall/Spring	Undergraduate: 12 hours	Graduate: 9 hours	Law School: 12 hours
Summer	Undergraduate: 6 hours	Graduate: 6 hours	Law School 1&2: 4 hours
			Law School 3: 6 hours

### PART TIME STUDENTS / BRIDGE STUDENTS

All part-time LSU students and BRIDGE participants are eligible to participate in any UREC Intramural activity providing that they possess a valid University Recreation Membership.

### LSU FACULTY & STAFF

All Faculty and Staff of LSU are eligible to participate in any UREC Intramural activity providing that they are valid members of UREC. LSU UREC recognizes eligible employees on the following basis:

*Faculty:* those designated by the University as full time instructors or professors

*Staff:* those designated by the University as employed on a full time basis or assigned to work a 40 hour week.

### LSU AFFILIATE

LSU UREC extends membership opportunities to those groups who have a direct relationship with LSU. Some examples include: Campus Federal, Chartwells, LSU School of Banking, or the Louisiana Business & Technology Center.

## **LSU ALUMNI**

LSU Alumni that are valid UREC members may participate in any UREC Intramural activity.

## **LSU UREC PLUS 1**

LSU UREC's PLUS 1 membership allows a UREC faculty/staff member to extend their membership rate to one person of their choosing. This guest/member does not need to be LSU affiliated beyond their sponsor. Sponsor must hold a valid UREC membership. UREC PLUS 1 members of the LSU UREC may participate in any UREC Intramural activity.

## **RESTRICTED PARTICIPANTS**

Limits have been established for the number of teams on which an individual participant may participate. An illegal player will be suspended for the same amount of games played illegally and possibly the remainder of that sport season and/or academic year. The team captain also faces a possible suspension; it is the responsibility of the captain to ensure the eligibility of their team. If a team uses an illegal player in regular season play, all games or contests in which the ineligible individual participated will be forfeited to the opponents, regardless of the outcome. In elimination (playoffs) tournament play, the team will be disqualified from the respective position in the bracket at the time the legal protest is honored. Participation is defined as said individual's name being on the game sheet and checked in for the game.

***\*\*Note: the UREC staff reserves the right to perform random checks of team rosters and participants. It is NOT NECESSARY for a team to protest a player in order for the player to be ineligible\*\****

### **Sport Club Athletes:**

Sport Club members may compete in their respective sport but are limited to 2 club players per roster. Sport Club membership is determined by the roster filed with the LSU UREC Sport Programs office.

### **Current Student Athletes:**

Current student athletes that appear on an LSU or other collegiate roster are not eligible to compete in their respective sport or similar sport (baseball and softball) during that academic year (including red shirts). Participants appearing on a varsity roster in the fall or spring MAY NOT participate in a related summer sport. Academic year will begin in the fall and run through the following summer (August -July).

### **Former Student Athletes:**

Former student athletes that no longer appear on an LSU or other collegiate (any level) roster are permitted to play after not appearing on the roster for a full academic year (August-July). Teams are limited to 2 former student athletes per roster (in their respective sport).

### **Professional Athletes:**

Any athlete that has ever competed at the professional level for that sport will be evaluated on a case by case basis. A professional athlete is determined by whether or not the individual received compensation for their participation. These individuals should present themselves to the Sport

Programs office prior to participation in order to determine eligibility. Depending on the evaluation, participation may be restricted in certain sports.

## LEAGUES

Competition within the Intramural program will be broken down into five primary leagues: **MEN'S OPEN, MEN'S GREEK, COREC, WOMEN'S OPEN, WOMEN'S GREEK**. Not all leagues exist for every activity and the number of teams required to create a league will vary, depending on the sport and field availability. All participants may participate on ONE men's or women's team and ONE corec team.

*All eligible participants can participate in the gender-specific league that affirms each participant's personal gender identity. The participant's gender identity will also be applied when there are gender-specific rules or player ratio requirements in CoRec leagues. Any matters that arise in regards to gender identity are subject to review on a case-by-case basis by the Sport and Camp Programs Staff.*

### MEN'S OPEN

The **MEN'S OPEN** league will always be offered and consists of the majority of our male competitors. Teams may include players from any full-time student status or UREC membership (Greek, resident hall, faculty/staff, alumni, plus 1, etc). All teams are eligible for playoffs and will be able to choose their time and opponent in the playoff brackets during an online selection process. Participants in this league may participate on **only one Men's team (includes OPEN and GREEK LEAGUES)**.

*NOTE: Women are eligible to compete in the Men's Open League but there will not be gender specific rules in any sport and women are limited to 2 females per team.*

### MEN'S GREEK

The **MEN'S GREEK** league will include teams comprised of social organizations registered with the Greek Life Office. Each team member must be, and remain, an active member of his organization to be eligible to participate in this league. Pledges and/or New Members are eligible to participate with his organization only when they have officially been added to the chapter roster with the Greek Life Office for the semester in question.

All teams are eligible for playoffs and will be able to choose their time and opponent in the playoff brackets during an online selection process. Participants in this league may participate on **only one Men's team (includes OPEN and GREEK LEAGUES)**.

### WOMEN'S OPEN

The **WOMEN'S OPEN** league will always be offered and consists of the majority of our female competitors. Teams may include players from any full-time student status or UREC membership (Greek, resident hall, faculty/staff, alumni, plus 1, etc). All teams are eligible for playoffs and will be able to choose their time and opponent in the playoff brackets during an online selection process. Participants in this league may participate on **only one Women's team (includes OPEN and GREEK LEAGUES)**.

### WOMEN'S GREEK

The **WOMEN'S GREEK** league will include teams comprised of social organizations registered with the Greek Life Office. Each team member must be, and remain, an active member of her organization to be eligible to participate in this league. Pledges and/or New Members are eligible to participate with her organization only



when they have officially been added to the chapter roster with the Greek Life Office for the semester in question. All teams are eligible for playoffs and will be able to choose their time and opponent in the playoff brackets during an online selection process. Participants in this league may participate on **only one Women's team (includes OPEN and GREEK LEAGUES)**.

### **COREC**

Teams are comprised of male and female members and may include players from any full-time student status or UREC membership (Greek, resident hall, faculty/staff, alumni, plus 1, etc). All teams are eligible for playoffs and will be able to choose their time and opponent in the playoff brackets during an online selection process. Participants in this league may participate on **only one CoRec team**.

### **OPEN**

Not to be confused with the Men's OPEN and Women's OPEN leagues, this league is rarely offered and will be comprised of teams with an OPEN roster (no male/female limitations). This league is intended for those that place a high emphasis on participation and are not concerned with a win/loss record. All teams are eligible for playoffs and will be able to choose their time and opponent in the playoff brackets during an online selection process. Participants in this league may participate on **only one OPEN team**.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Players are expected to display good sportsmanship toward opponents and UREC staff at all times and be aware of the Code of Student Conduct and LSU's Commitment to Community. A player may be declared ineligible to participate in any organized intramural activity for inappropriate behavior toward UREC staff or opponents. UREC staff members have the authority to stop any contest when players and/or spectators engage in misconduct. No warning by the UREC staff is required. The staff member will declare a forfeit against one or both of the teams. Any or all members of the offending team may be suspended from organized intramural activities in addition to UREC facilities as a whole.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP RATING SYSTEM**

The sportsmanship rating system is intended to be an objective scale by which teams' attitudes and behavior can be assessed throughout the regular season and playoffs. Behavior before, during, and after a contest will be included in this rating. This rating will influence playoff seeding and extramural eligibility. The team captain is responsible for educating and informing all players and spectators affiliated with his/her team about the system. The sportsmanship of each team in each contest shall be rated by the officials and/or scorekeepers. The authority of the UREC staff exists before, during and after a contest. UREC staff may amend a rating at any time for inappropriate conduct, use of ineligible players, use of suspended players, and/or inaccuracy in reporting. NOTE: UREC staff members have been instructed not to comment to teams about ratings. Teams may view their ratings online the following day and contact the Sport Programs Office with any questions.

#### **4 (Normal Game)**

A sportsmanship of 4 will be given for a normal contest. Teams, spectators, and affiliates were all respectful and courteous towards the opposition and/or all UREC staff. **Defaulted games will result in both teams gaining a 4 in sportsmanship for that contest.**

**3 (Some Static)**

A sportsmanship of 3 will be given for a contest with moments of questionable activity. In this instance, players and spectators may not always be respectful and courteous towards the opposition and/or all UREC staff.

**2 (Difficulty)**

A sportsmanship of 2 reflects a situation where a team explicitly displays actions that are deemed to be unsportsmanlike or unfitting of the game. The team and spectators have many moments of questionable activity and show little respect and courtesy towards the opposition and/or all UREC staff. **Forfeited (non-appearance) games will result in the offending team gaining a 2 in sportsmanship for that contest.**

**1 (Harassment)**

A sportsmanship of 1 reflects a team who had little to no control over team members and spectators. The team constantly showcased questionable activity and showed no respect for the opposition and/or all UREC staff. **The ejection of a player will result in that player's team gaining a maximum of 1 in sportsmanship for that contest. Teams with multiple unsportsmanlike penalties will receive a maximum of 1 in sportsmanship for that contest.**

**0 (Unacceptable)**

A sportsmanship of 0 reflects activity that is completely unacceptable for any UREC participant(s). Teams exhibit blatant actions of disrespect towards the opposition and/or all UREC staff. **Teams that permit the participation of an ineligible player (for any reason) will receive a 0 in sportsmanship for that contest. Teams with three unsportsmanlike penalties/actions will receive a 0 in sportsmanship for that contest.**

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

Players shall not commit acts of unsportsmanlike conduct. In the event anyone acts in an unsportsmanlike manner before, during, or after an Intramural contest, the official(s) and supervisors at the game site have the complete authority to take action, as they deem necessary, in order to keep the game in control.

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to: arguments with officials and staff by any player, coach, manager, or spectator; flagrant foul, fighting, etc., before, during or after a contest. No player, coach, or team shall:

- Use foul or derogatory language, threaten, or verbally abuse any other participant or UREC employee before, during, or after a game
- Participate in a game for which he/she is ineligible
- Argue with or berate the game official(s)
- Intentionally strike, push, trip, or flagrantly foul another player
- Mistreat the facility, equipment, or supplies of LSU UREC

All unsportsmanlike penalties, technical fouls, yellow cards and unsportsmanlike fouls/acts will be recorded. Students may be referred to Student Advocacy and Accountability based on actions warranting an Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty. The accumulation of two such fouls/acts in either a regular season or playoff game will result in an automatic ejection from the contest. A team accumulating three unsportsmanlike fouls will result in forfeiture of the contest by that team.

## SIDELINE/SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

Only officials, players, and one coach are permitted on the field of play. Failure to comply with all Intramural and UREC policies and procedures for the fields by spectators will result in immediate expulsion of the spectators and possible forfeiture of the game.

## FIGHTING

Individuals fighting on UREC property will be suspended a minimum of one (1) semester from all UREC facilities & programs. Actual suspension will be based on the nature of the fight. Depending on the severity of the fight, an individual may lose UREC privileges indefinitely. All situations involving alleged or actual physical violence, fighting, or unwarranted aggression may be referred to Student Advocacy and Accountability for potential violations of the Code of Student Conduct (<http://saa.lsu.edu/code.htm>).

## EJECTIONS

LSU UREC reserves the right to eject any individual, team or spectator who interrupts the flow of a game in any manner. Players do not have to accumulate the required number of infractions to be ejected by an intramural sports official, supervisor or professional/administrative staff. Players may be ejected before, during, or after any contest and ejections can be made by any official on the contest or any Sport Supervisors or professional/administrative staff. **The jurisdiction of the UREC staff begins when the participant/spectator enters the LSU UREC facility and ends when the involved persons leave the facility in which the contest is being held and the visual confines of the playing area.** Any ejected player(s) must leave the playing area and facility immediately. If the player refuses to leave within a reasonable time, the game will be forfeited. Captains must assist UREC staff with retrieving the ejected participant's identification. Ejected players are ineligible to participate in any UREC activity or access any UREC facility until they meet with the Sport Programs Staff.

The player must email or call the Sport Programs Office to schedule an appointment and seek reinstatement. Be advised that any suspension will begin when the meeting with the UREC staff occurs, not at the time of the ejection/altercation. It is the responsibility of the ejected participant to set up a meeting time with the Sport Programs Office. ***Until this meeting takes place, the offending participant is considered an ineligible player and is not allowed to participate in any UREC activity or access any UREC facility.*** This includes games that he/she may have in other sports or divisions, the same night as the ejection.

Individuals may appeal the Sport Programs decision to the Associate Director for Outreach and Programming, but must be requested within 24 hours of the initial meeting with the Sport Programs staff. Appeals heard by the Associate Director may result in the decision being overturned, upheld, or additional sanctions added to the original decision. Decisions are final after 24 hours of the initial meeting and may not be adjusted.

**The minimum suspension for an ejection is 1 week AFTER meeting with the Sport Programs staff.**

## TEAM UNIFORMS

Matching colored team shirts will be required in **ALL** team sports. The sport of soccer requires each goalie to have a different color shirt than his/her teammates and opponents. **One-digit or two-digit numbers are required in basketball (recommended in all) and must be at least 3" tall.** Teams will have the opportunity to select a team color during the schedule selection process for each sport. The team is required to have all players wear the same shade of color to every game. **In Playoffs, all teams will also be required to bring an alternate jersey to each game.** Before each game, the IM Supervisor, in conjunction with the game officials, will determine if a conflict exists regarding jersey colors. The team in violation of the policy will be asked to wear their alternate jerseys. In the event they do not have an alternate jersey and cannot field the minimum number of players for that sport, that team will forfeit. If two teams are wearing the same jersey color, the visiting team on the gamesheet must wear an alternate jersey. If neither team has their alternate jerseys, thus causing a game to not be played, both teams will forfeit their contest.

LSU UREC recognizes that there are cases in which t-shirt colors will not match exactly and sports in which team uniforms are not necessary. We are striving to ensure that participants are able to play while maintaining the integrity of the game. The Sport Programs Supervisor has the discretion to allow a participant to play when their t-shirt shade does not exactly match their teammates.

## SPORT REGISTRATION & SCHEDULING

Entry requirements may vary by activity and payment is required for the majority of sports. Payment may be made online through IMLeagues or at the SRC Operations Desk. Payment at the SRC will result in receipt of a coupon code to enter online.

1. Navigate to IMLeagues.com through the UREC portal.
2. Select a schedule for your team online
3. Pass the online captain's quiz
4. Pay online or, enter coupon code received from the SRC Operations Desk
5. Invite/Add players to your roster

Intramural Leagues will be scheduled over the course of 3-9 weeks. The regular season will be scheduled for 3-5 weeks and all qualifying teams will then be placed into a single elimination playoff bracket lasting up to 4 more weeks. These schedules can be found on the [www.lsu.edu/urec](http://www.lsu.edu/urec) website on the Intramural page. Tournament schedules will vary based on participants registered. The majority of activities will be scheduled online, on a first come, first served basis.

## RESCHEDULING

### REGULAR SEASON RESCHEDULES

It is possible to reschedule games, but all requests must be submitted to [URECsports@lsu.edu](mailto:URECsports@lsu.edu) at least 72 hours prior to the contest. An email with alternative game times, if any exist, will then be sent to both captains. Both captains must agree to a new time for it to be changed. Teams are expected to appear at the scheduled game time until confirmation is received that the game has been rescheduled.

### PLAYOFF RESCHEDULES

During playoffs, it is encouraged to look at all dates and times within the bracket before selecting their spot. However, if any of the following conflicts arise, teams may request reschedules:

- Academic conflicts that prohibit a team having the **minimum** number of players to play in the respective sports.
  - Classes and labs are considered academic conflicts.
  - Study sessions are not considered academic conflicts.
  - Proof of conflict may be requested for verification.
  - Intramural sports conflicts such as weather, unforeseen circumstances, playoff games being scheduled for the same time when more than half of the team's roster is affected (taking into consideration the full amount of players on the team), etc.
- Playoff reschedules **must be requested** at least 48 hours in advance unless the next round is followed immediately the next day in which requests must be submitted by noon the day of the contest.
- Requests must be submitted by the captain to urecsports@lsu.edu.
- If the request is approved, UREC Sport Programs will notify the appropriate captain/individuals of the alternate playing date(s) and will require a timeline to hear back from both teams in order to reschedule the game.
  - **If the captain does not hear a reply within 24 hours, the game remains as originally scheduled.**
- Intramural sports reserves the right to postpone or reschedule a contest if circumstances warrant such action.
- Reschedules are not guaranteed until it is approved by UREC Sport Programs.

## DEFAULTS and FORFEITS

An individual or team registering for an intramural sport enters into an agreement with LSU UREC. UREC administers the events and provides staffing for said events. Participants must fulfill their obligation by being prepared to play at their scheduled game time (game time is forfeit time; teams should arrive to the game site at least 15 minutes prior to game time), ensuring all teammates are properly checked in and complying with all rules of play. **Any team that receives two (2) Forfeits or Defaults, including any combination of the two, will be removed from participation for the remainder of the league and may incur additional financial penalties.**

A DEFAULT will be issued and the contest scored 1-0, with a sportsmanship rating of 4 for the defaulting team, when:

The team captain contacts the Sport Programs Office through email by **12:00pm the day of the game** with their name, team name, league of play and intent to default. Once the default has been granted, the request cannot be overturned.

A FORFEIT will be issued and the contest scored 1-0, with a sportsmanship rating of 2 for the forfeiting team, and the team captain charged \$20, when:

A team fails to appear for a scheduled game and does not notify the Sport Programs office by 12pm the day of the game through email.

\*If both teams mutually agree to end a game early, the losing team will receive a loss but not a forfeit or default.

\*If a forfeit has occurred, the teams involved may still use the site to practice until 15 minutes prior to the next contest; however, intramural staff are not permitted to officiate any practice, scrimmage or contest the teams choose to participate in during that time.

## PROTESTS

Only protests based on questions of player eligibility and rule interpretation (when misinterpretation affects the outcome of the game) will be accepted. Protests which challenge the accuracy of a judgment call made by the officials or Sport Supervisors will not be accepted. **The team captain must make any protest involving rule interpretation to the Sport Supervisor prior to the continuation of play. Once a situation has passed it is no longer subject to change or protest.**

Any team protesting eligibility must furnish the player(s) in question's full name. During the regular season, any team found to be using an ineligible player will default all games which that individual played and be subject to removal from the league. All regular season protests must be filed before the final record deadline, which is 4:00pm of the day following the end of the regular season. In the playoffs, if an eligibility protest is found valid, the protesting team advances, but the previous rounds remain the same. During the playoffs, any team protesting the eligibility of a player must do so by 12:00pm of the next business day to allow the Sport Programs Staff adequate time to determine the validity of the protest. If their next playoff game is that same day, the protest must be turned in immediately following the protested game. Teams may be randomly screened for ineligible players by the intramural staff without a protest being filed. **In cases where a team chooses to protest eligibility at any point after a championship contest and the protest is upheld, the specific league will not declare a champion, no championship game will be rescheduled and no t-shirts will be awarded.**

## PLAYOFFS

At the conclusion of the regular season, all teams qualifying for playoffs will enter a single elimination bracket:

- To qualify, teams must have a 2.5 sportsmanship rating average and no more than 1 forfeit or default
- Two brackets will be created when there are over 32 teams participating in a league:
  - Teams at or above .500 will enter the A bracket
  - Teams below .500 will enter the B bracket
- Teams will be ranked according to winning percentage, sportsmanship avg., head-2-head and point differential
- A blank bracket with possible times will be posted for teams to choose their playoff schedule
- Teams ranked highest choose their schedule first
- Bracket placement will occur during an online selection process. Any team not selecting a spot will be placed into the bracket by the Sport Programs staff after all teams present have chosen.
  - During the online selection process, each team will be assigned a selection time. You may not choose before your assigned time, but you may choose after your time until the selection process is over.

## AWARDS

The Champions in each bracket will receive champion T-shirts. While efforts are made to ensure champions receive the proper sized t-shirt, we cannot guarantee accommodation of all champion's sizes. Only players who participate in a least one contest are eligible to receive a shirt.

## EXTRAMURAL COMPETITION

If teams are interested in representing LSU at various State/Regional/National competitions they must contact the Sport Programs Office at least 3 weeks prior to the selected tournament. All teams will be evaluated on the following criteria: sportsmanship, current record, and prior extramural experience.

***NOTE: Eligibility varies by tournament. Contact the Sport Programs Office for additional information.***

## EMPLOYMENT AT UREC

LSU UREC hires and trains hundreds of student workers, including sport officials and sport supervisors, each year. Officials are needed for all intramural league sports. No experience is necessary! We will train you in the sport(s) you wish to work. We are seeking officials for flag football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, and softball. UREC also offers advancement opportunities within the department based on performance and longevity. With competitive pay and flexible weekly scheduling, our jobs are some of the best student employment opportunities on campus. For more information on how to work for UREC please email [urecsports@lsu.edu](mailto:urecsports@lsu.edu) or visit <http://lsuuniversityrec.com/lsuurec/about-us/student-employment/>. We are committed to creating an inclusive environment through hiring and developing culturally competent staff members.