

# Sportsmanship/Punitive Action Policy

The William and Mary Campus Recreation Department encourages sportsmanlike conduct from all participants. Unsportsmanlike or any other inappropriate behavior on or in College facilities occurring during Campus Recreation events will be handled in an expeditious manner within the guidelines set forth below. Action taken may range from probation for any length of time to expulsion from the program (and facilities) for anywhere from 1 game/day to the individuals' collegiate career. Other actions taken may include: a) forfeiture of the game/match; b) suspension of a particular team for a period of up to 1 year or; c) such other action as the offense dictates. The professional staff in charge of the particular activity will determine what action is appropriate after consultation with all involved parties. If this seems unsatisfactory to the individual/team involved, they may appeal that decision to the next level of the Campus Recreation Department professional staff. **EJECTIONS WILL CARRY A MINIMUM ONE GAME SUSPENSION.**

Teams will be awarded a sportsmanship rating by officials after each game. The point scale used will be 1 ... 5, with 1 being poor sportsmanship and 5 being exceptional sportsmanship. Any team having a rating of less than 3 for any 2 games of the regular season will be dropped from the league. Any team with less than a 3 average for the entire regular season will not advance into the playoffs. Any team not receiving at least a 3 rating for each game in the playoffs will not advance in that playoff.

**ANY PERSON WHO IS EJECTED FROM AN INTRAMURAL ACTIVITY MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-INTRAMURALS OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THAT PERSON WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY INTRAMURAL EVENT UNTIL HIS/HER CASE HAS BEEN HEARD.**

Each offense will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. All offenses include automatic probation for the individual and possibly the team for a period determined by the professional staff.

**\* ANY ABUSE, PHYSICAL OR VERBAL, OF AN OFFICIAL WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL BE DEALT WITH SEVERELY.**

Teams will be awarded a sportsmanship rating by officials after each game. The point scale used will be 1-5 in accordance with the following standards:

**“5” Points:** Excellent Sportsmanship

Players cooperate fully with game officials about rule interpretations and calls. Players and team spectators adhere to instructions and advice given by game officials and Intramural supervisors. The team captain displays and maintains control of his/her teammates. Team members and spectators were respectful of equipment, opponents, game officials, and Intramural supervisors.

#### **“4” Points: Acceptable Sportsmanship**

Team members and spectators are respectful of opponents and game officials except for a few minor incidents and/or comments which may or may not have merited a warning from game officials or supervisor but may or may not have been penalized.

#### **“3” Points: Sportsmanship Needs Improvement**

Team members or spectators are disrespectful to opponents, game officials, and/or Intramural supervisor on more than a few occasions which may or may not have warranted a penalty. Captain exhibits minor control over his/her teammates and spectators. If a player is ejected for an unsportsmanlike act, that team cannot receive a rating higher than a “3”. In almost all cases, unless it is an isolated incident or directly related to a rule of play, the team should receive a lower rating.

- Any team having a rating less than a “3” for any two games of the regular season will be dropped from the league.
- Any team with less than a “3” average for the entire regular season will not advance into the playoffs.
- All teams must receive at least a “3” rating for each game in the playoffs or they will not advance in that playoff.

#### **“2” Points: Poor Sportsmanship**

Players and/or spectators are constantly commenting to game officials, Intramural supervisors and/or opposing team members from the field and/or sideline. The team captain exhibits little or no control over teammates and/or self. A number of individuals on this team are disrespectful to equipment, opponents, game officials, and/or Intramural supervisor on a consistent basis. Team receives an excessive amount of contact penalties. Team has a player ejected due to unsportsmanlike conduct

#### **“1” Points: Unacceptable Sportsmanship**

Team is completely uncooperative and out of control before, during, and/or after intramural contest. Team captain exhibits poor or no control over self, team, and/or fans. Team has multiple ejections and/or displays blatant unsportsmanlike conduct, as well as conduct that endangers participants, spectators, officials, and/or supervisors. Team fails to cooperate or comply with Intramural sports staff. Team falsely represents or withholds any information requested by Intramural sports staff including but not limited to officials, supervisors, and administrators.