INTRAMURALS

Policy Statement

The goal of Recreational Sports is to be diverse and to offer each student the opportunity to participate, regardless of ability.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policy regarding intramurals.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

All members of The University of Southern Mississippi community.

Website Address for this Policy

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-stua-rec-001

Definitions

Policy/Procedures

Article 1: Program Objectives

The Southern Miss Recreational Sports staff invites students to participate in an Intramural Sports program with more than 30 sports offered, featuring team and individual/dual competitions.
Article 2: Participation

The Intramural Sports program is recreational in nature. It attempts to match equally skilled teams and individuals so that all participants can enjoy the opportunity to participate. Intramural Sports are offered so the campus community has the opportunity to recreate and have fun in an organized, structured and safe environment. Team and individual competition will take place in the following divisions: fraternity, men’s independent, sorority, women’s independent or co-recreational.

Article 3: Assumption of Risk Statement

Participants are encouraged to have a physical examination and obtain adequate insurance PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION in Recreational Sports activities. Individuals who participate in Recreational Sports activities will be doing so at their own risk. Participation in Recreational Sports is voluntary, and The University of Southern Mississippi is not responsible for any injury that may occur to participants. Student health and accident insurance information may be obtained through Student Health Services (601.266.5390).

Article 4: Photo Disclaimer

The Recreational Sports department may photograph or videotape participants and use these items in promotional materials. If you choose not to be photographed or filmed, please notify the staff.

Article 5: Intramural Sports Staff

Mark Crager, associate director of programming, received a Bachelor of Science in sport administration at The University of Southern Mississippi. He also received a Master of Science in sport administration from Mississippi State University. He is responsible for all programs within the Department of Recreational Sports.

Mike Valentine, Intramural Sports and Club Sports coordinator, received a Bachelor of Science in sport management from The University of West Florida. He also received a Master of Science in recreation and sport management from the University of Tennessee. Mike is responsible for Intramural Sports and Club Sports programs.

Shane Ferrara, graduate assistant for Intramural Sports and Club Sports, received a Bachelor of Science in business administration at North Carolina State University. Shane is pursuing a Master of Science in sport management while at The University of Southern Mississippi. Shane assists with the daily operations of the Intramural Sports and Club Sports programs.

Intramural Sports supervisors, representatives of Recreational Sports, oversee the nightly administration of the Intramural Sports program. They are responsible for upholding Intramural Sports policies and procedures, as well as providing risk management and overseeing officials and scorekeepers.
Intramural officials and scorekeepers are responsible for overall game management and rules knowledge for Intramural Sports contests. In coordination with Intramural Sports supervisors, they are representatives of Recreational Sports and are responsible for the nightly administration of the Intramural Sports program.

**Article 6: Employment**

Intramural Sports is a student-run program that actively recruits students as officials, scorekeepers and supervisors. No experience is required, and we provide all training necessary. We work with your schedule so that you can work, play and attend class. Interested individuals must attend officials’ clinics at the beginning of each sport.

**Review**

The Senior Associate Director of Recreational Sports is responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

**Forms/Instructions**

N/A

**Appendices**

N/A

**Related Information**

N/A

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As the Responsible Officer, I have reviewed this policy and believe it represents the current policy.

[Signature]
Responsible Officer

4/9/13
Date