SPORTSMANSHIP

Policy Statement

A part of the philosophy of the Intramural Sports program is that good sportsmanship is vital to every Intramural.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policy regarding sportsmanship in 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-009

Definitions

Policy/Procedures

Article 1: Sportsmanlike Conduct

A part of the philosophy of the Intramural Sports program is that good sportsmanship is vital to every Intramural Sports contest. In order to encourage proper conduct during games, officials, supervisors and administrative personnel shall make decisions to warn, penalize or eject players, teams and spectators for poor sportsmanship. These decisions are final. In addition, the
Intramural Sports program has adopted a sportsmanship code and rating system in order to improve sportsmanlike behavior in Intramural Sports contests. The following rules of sportsmanship will be enforced.

Article 2: Sportsmanship Rating System

A sportsmanship rating will be given to teams after each contest by the Intramural Sports supervisor and officials. These ratings reflect behavior before, during and after the contest.

Article 3: Sportsmanship Scale

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NOTE: For any non-forfeit "F" rating the team captain will be brought in to discuss actions with the Intramural Sports Coordinator before the team is allowed to participate in any Intramural Sports activity. For any grade "D" or below the Intramural Sports Coordinator may drop the team from the league if felt necessary.

Article 4: Post-Season Sportsmanship

Once bracket play has begun, a team must maintain a “B” rating to continue in the
tournament. Any team that receives a non-forfeit “F” rating will automatically be suspended until the team captain meets with the Intramural Sports coordinator prior to participating in any additional Intramural Sports contests.

Article 5: Sportmanship Ratings for Defaults, Forfeits and Cancelations

If a game is canceled and not rescheduled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, both teams will receive an “A” rating.

- A team winning a game by forfeit or default will receive an “A” rating.
- A team that defaults a game will receive a “B” rating.
- A team that forfeits a game will receive a “C” rating.

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

History

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Amendments: Month, Day, Year – summary of changes
Authorization

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

\[\text{Signature} \quad \text{Date} \]

Mark Crager

Date 4/9/13

Responsible Officer