

Intramural Participation

ELIGIBILITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

The intramural program was developed to provide competition and recreation during the academic year for WSU faculty, staff, and currently enrolled WSU students and their spouses/partners who do not participate in other organized sports on campus, and do not have the benefit of professional coaching, scheduling, equipment, and facility use. We try not to limit the restrictions on eligibility, but some are necessary to provide fair opportunities for participation for the majority of the students on campus. These restrictions have been developed by students and reflect the philosophy of the intramural program at WSU. In questionable cases, or where the student believes their case is an exception, the individual involved can present all the facts in writing on an eligibility petition and seek approval to participate from the intramural program.

- **Varsity Award Winners:** Students who have received a varsity award (letter) at WSU or an institution of comparable athletic stature are **not eligible to compete in intramurals in that intramural sport or related sport** until they have been out of that varsity sport for one full off-season and one full varsity season. Examples of same or related sports include but are not limited to football/flag football or punt, pass & kick; baseball/softball, wiffleball, or home-run derby; track and cross country or 5K run; volleyball/4-on-4 volleyball/sand volleyball; soccer/indoor soccer or 5-on-5 soccer; basketball/3-on-3 basketball, or free throw/3-point contest; golf/golf skills or any golf tournament. Varsity award winners may participate in other intramural activities outside of their varsity sport.
- **Intercollegiate Squad Members:** Any individual who is a member of a varsity, junior varsity, red shirt squad, or is on an athletic scholarship at WSU or an institution of comparable athletic stature is **not eligible to compete in that intramural sport or related sport** until they have been out of that varsity sport for one full off season and one full varsity season. Membership shall include persons practicing or working out with the team whether they play or not (partial qualifiers and academic ineligible). Students who **try out** for a varsity squad **and are cut/quit** are ineligible until they petition the intramural director and/or assistant directors for approval to compete in that intramural activity and/or related activity. Intercollegiate squad members may participate in other intramural activities outside of their varsity sport.
- **Varsity Limits and Former Varsity Limits:** Each team will be limited to one or two players who have been out of their varsity sport for one full off-season and one full varsity season. For example, no more than two former varsity athletes may participate in a contest in their like sport in six person volleyball, spring soccer, flag football, basketball, or softball. No more than one former varsity athlete per team may participate in their like sport in a contest for indoor tennis, 5-on-5 soccer, indoor soccer, 4-on-4 volleyball, sand volleyball, golf scramble, 4-on-4 football, 3-on-3 basketball, or wiffleball. In activities with both competitive and recreational skill levels, the individual/team **MUST** participate in the competitive division. These one or two players may be former varsity letter winners, former intercollegiate squad members, or individuals who have been or are currently coaching at WSU in the same sport or related sport.
- **Professionalism:** People who have continued to compete in a structured/formal manner beyond their collegiate career are ineligible from participation in their same or related sport. This shall include anyone receiving **any** form of compensation.

Professional athletes may participate in other intramural activities outside of their sport.

- **Assumed Name:** People who participate using an assumed name are ineligible.
- **Playing on More Than One Team:** A player may play on one team (men's or women's) and also play on one team in the coed division in the same sport. However, a player may not play on more than one team in the same division even if they are different skill levels or height restrictions. **Once you have played for a team, you may not switch to another team.**
- **Sign Activity Entry/Roster (Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability):** Players must put their name and signature on the entry/roster (**Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability**) form before playing in a contest to be an eligible participant in the contest. Placing a name on a scoresheet does not make a person eligible to participate.
- Each player must be listed (first and last name) onto the scoresheet prior to their participation in an IM contest. All names listed on scoresheet shall be considered as participating in that contest.
- **Eligibility of Opponents:** When questioning the eligibility of an opponent it is mandatory that the protesting player(s)/ team(s)/official(s) "announce" those questions to the opposing captain/manager **and** game official(s) before the game is completed. A blue card will be displayed by the official(s) to indicate the contest is under protest. If warranted, player(s)/team(s)/official(s) need to follow up with a written protest within 24 hours after a league contest and within one hour after a post-season tournament contest.
- The program is open to all currently enrolled WSU students, faculty, and staff. The program is also available to their spouses/partners. "Nonaffiliated" player(s) are ineligible.
- The intramural department reserves the right to handle eligibility violations without formal protest.

Intramural eligibility rules and regulations are subject to change for the 2009-2010 academic year. For more information contact Intramural Sports, SRC 250, 335-6639.