



Department of Recreational Sports | Intramural Sports
USOA Basketball Tournament Policy Changes



Tournament Structure

All teams are placed into round robin play schedule on Saturday, January 28th. All teams from each round robin are eligible to advance to the single elimination playoff tournament to be played on Sunday, January 29th. Playoff seeding is based on team finishes during round robin play. The single elimination tournament brackets will be updated teams and posted on the Intramural Sports website as soon as all round robin play is concluded. To view schedules and brackets, please go to <http://www.recsports.vt.edu/intramurals>. *Do not call the Intramural Office for game times!*

Game Rules

1. Mercy Rule – The mercy rule is in effect during the entire tournament.
2. Overtime – All games will proceed to overtime if the score is tied at the end of regulation (round robin games included to determine seeding for the tournament). Overtime is a three-minute running clock period with possession determined by a jump ball with a stopping clock for all whistles in the last minute of the period. There are no time-outs in overtime.

Forfeit Reinstatement

Any team that forfeits a game during round robin play must pay the Forfeit Bond Reinstatement Fee (\$20) to the supervisor before the start of their next game. If a team fails to pay this fee, the team will be removed from the remainder of the tournament. If a team forfeits during the playoffs, the team is removed from the remainder of the tournament.

****Do not call the office to leave a message during the weekend!****

Sportsmanship

A team must maintain a 3.0 sportsmanship average during round robin play in order to advance to the single elimination tournament bracket. A team that fails to maintain a 3.0 average is not be eligible for the playoff tournament. During single elimination tournament games, each team must maintain a 3.0 sportsmanship average for each game. If a team fails to do so, that team will be removed from bracket.

Ejections

If a player gets ejected during the USOA Basketball Tournament, that player will be removed from the **remainder of the tournament (entire weekend)** and is suspended from regular season league play as well as all Recreational Sports activities until he/she meets with the Intramural Sports Graduate Assistant(s).

Rosters

A player must properly check in using his/her valid Virginia Tech ID to be added to a team's roster. Players can be added to a team throughout the weekend. Each player may play on only one team within each division (Men's, Women's, CoRec) during the tournament. Each player must have purchased the Full Intramural Membership and watched the required membership presentation (outlined in confirmation email when purchasing a membership) by Friday before the tournament. If a team(s) is found to have illegal players, that team(s) will forfeit all games that the player(s) played and owe the forfeit reinstatement fee as outlined above.

Protests

All protests must be filed according to the specifications outlined for regular season play with the only exception being that if a protest is going to be considered official the team's paperwork and Protest Fee (\$10) must be filed with the on-site supervisor immediately following the conclusion of that game. Any decisions will be made as quickly as possible on the same day of the protest by the Coordinator of Intramural Sports and/or an Intramural Sports Graduate Assistant.

Inclement Weather

All decisions concerning game cancellations will be made as weather conditions dictate. For game status decisions, please call the Intramural Sports Hotline at 540-231-6060. If games are cancelled for any reason, the teams will be contacted via email regarding possible reschedule times. Updates will also be made on the web page with information regarding possible reschedule times.

