



Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology  
ATHLETICS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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**COMMON SPORTS RULES**

**Eligibility:**

1. All **Full-Time** postsecondary fee-paying students are eligible to participate in the Intramural Program. In addition, staff/faculty and alumni who have paid a user fee are also eligible to participate. Note: Eligibility checks will be done prior to the start of the programs.
2. Student identification cards must be presented to conveners at the start of each game. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. Each team is allowed to have 2 alumni and 1 staff/faculty participant (in good standing) on their roster.
4. Current varsity players are eligible to participate in the sport they play intercollegiately in, however their participation is limited. One varsity athlete (current student or alumni) can participate in their respective sport unless in a sport of 7 or more players where two may participate. Varsity athletes must indicate status on the team sign-up sheet.
5. Only players listed on the entry forms/rosters are entitled to play. Additions are made by registering before taking part in the game. No additions may be made after the *final registration deadline*, which will take place at the midway point of the season.
6. Players may only play for one team per sport.

**Registration Process:**

1. Completed entry forms must be submitted to the Athletics & Recreation Department on or before the Sport Entry Deadline. In the event that the maximum numbers of teams have registered, selection will be determined on a first come, first serve basis.
2. An official team entry must consist of enough players to meet the minimum player requirement of that sport.
3. Individuals interested in participating but unable to form a team may enter the draft list.
4. The Entry Fee and Performance Bond must be paid at the Captain's Meeting of each sport/activity.
5. Alumni must pay a fee of \$25/semester; \$50/year before participation. This fee allows the alumnus entry into any Campus Recreation Activity.

**Regulations:**

1. Team Captains' meetings are mandatory. Your team must be represented or they will not be scheduled to play.
2. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to ensure that all players are well versed in the rules of play. Additionally, the team captain will be responsible for picking up suspension notifications and delivering them to the suspended player.
3. No rescheduling of games; however, the Campus Recreation Coordinator will consider special circumstances with proper notification (eg. Snow days, rain dates etc.).
4. Ten minutes will be allowed for a team to field the minimum number of eligible players. After this period, a default will be called.
5. It is the team captain's responsibility to sign the game sheet at the conclusion of each game and to ensure that all information is correct and that all players have registered.
6. Dress codes and protective equipment will be enforced, where applicable.
7. Teams are responsible for those spectators on their bench or sideline. Teams will be penalized if those individuals behave inappropriately.

**Forfeits and Postponements:**

1. **Each sport has very specific default rules.** Please read sport specific rules to determine variations.
2. One default = loss of half of performance bond. Two defaults = loss of entire performance bond and removal from league.
3. Postponements due to inclement weather may occur. Check with the Athletics & Recreation office (905-575-2075) or the website <http://athletics.mohawkcollege.ca> by 4:00pm on game day for cancellations.
4. In the event of a forfeit, non-scheduled play may be permitted at the discretion of the Coordinator.

**Protests:**

1. Protests will be considered where a team can prove the use of an ineligible player or an improper application of the rules that affected the outcome of a competition.
2. Protests **WILL NOT** be considered on the basis of judgment calls or equipment used.

3. The captain of the protesting team must submit, in writing, a legible report to the Campus Recreation Coordinator (Room CO24) by 4:00pm the day following the game under protest.

#### **Officials:**

1. Officials are completely in charge of the game. All officials' decisions are FINAL. Officials are instructed to call the game as closely as possible.
2. Abuse WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Verbal abuse of officials will result in ejection from the game and a possible suspension. Anyone striking/pushing an official will be immediately suspended from all Campus Recreation activities for life.

#### **Disciplinary Action:**

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct and fighting are not tolerated in any Campus Recreation activities. Suspensions will be handed out based on the severity of the incident in relation to the sport in question.
2. Suspensions vary from one game to a life suspension from all Campus Recreation activity.
3. Any player who uses profane language or makes demeaning/intimidating remarks directed at any player or official will be assessed with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and ejected from the game/tournament. Verbal threats are a serious matter and will be handled as such.
4. Any fight will result in an automatic removal from the game being played, and an automatic suspension for the players involved. Fighting: 1 punch = a fight
5. A second occurrence in the same league will result in expulsion from the league.
6. Players can be suspended for any conduct not conducive to the philosophy of Campus Recreation.
7. Teams under certain circumstances may also be suspended.
8. Any player facing possible suspension is encouraged to contact the Athletics & Recreation office the day following the incident.
9. All suspensions occurring in one semester that may carry over to the next semester, will be fully served unless noted otherwise by the appeal committee.
10. After a suspension occurs, the penalized participants probation period will be one full academic year.

#### **Alcohol and Drug Policy**

1. At no time should an individual participate in a Campus Recreation Intramural event if they are under the influence of alcohol or non-prescription drugs. Consumption of alcohol by coaches, active players, bench players and spectators is prohibited. Teams are responsible for those spectators on their bench or sideline. Teams will be penalized if those individuals are inappropriate. If a player, is found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs (discretion of the official(s) on duty), Campus Recreation reserves the right to ask the player in question, to leave the contest. That player may be assessed a one year suspension. If the player, in question, does not comply, that team will be assessed a game forfeit and the contest will not continue. The team will lose half of their bond fee and the captain must make an appointment with the Campus Recreation Coordinator before their next schedule game. Failure to do so will result in the team's removal from the league.

#### **Appeal Procedure:**

1. All suspensions of more than one game are appealable.
2. All appeals are to be in writing and addressed to the Discipline & Conduct Board of the Student Athletics Committee.
3. After receiving the suspension notification the suspended team or player must submit the appeal by 4:00pm on the following day.
4. The player is not permitted to participate in any activity for which the suspension covers while the appeal is being processed.

#### **Scoring System:**

1. All intramural scoring will be based on the following (unless otherwise stated):
  - 3 points for a win
  - 2 points for a tie
  - 1 point for a loss
  - 0 points for a default
2. In the case of a tie, standing will be determined as follows (unless otherwise stated):
  - Win, Loss record between the teams involved.
  - Total point differential between the teams involved.
  - Total points for the teams involved.
  - Total points against the teams involved.

*\*Mohawk College's Student Behavior Policy will also be in effect for ANY Campus Recreation Activity or Special Event.*