

Edinburgh University Sports Union

Intramural Rugby Rules

1. Sports Union

Edinburgh University Sports Union is responsible for administering the IMS leagues and as such, all decisions taken by the IMS Committee (following consultation with VPIM or the IM coordinator) are to be abided by. The SU reserves the right to ban any participant from taking part in IMS activities for continued breach of code of conduct rules.

2. General conduct

Players should all wear footwear appropriate for the pitch surface and ensure the area round the pitch is left tidy. The IMS leagues are run in the spirit of good sportsmanship and this should be upheld in matches. Participants in IMS activities are representatives of Edinburgh University and as such, the conduct of players should be a credit to the University and not cause for complaint.

3. Cancellations

In order for games to be considered for rescheduling, they must be cancelled at least 72 hours in advance of their start time. If you need to cancel a game you must contact all of the following:

1. Either the Coordinator - Competitions (polly.pearse@ed.ac.uk) or Sport Participation Activator (callum.ball@ed.ac.uk)
2. Either the Vice-President Intramural (esus.vpim@ed.ac.uk) , the IM Coordinator (esus.imcoordinator@ed.ac.uk) or the IM Football Officer (esus.imfootball@ed.ac.uk)
3. The Opposition Captain
4. The Referee

Failure to give at least 72 hours' notice to all parties will result in a forfeit which includes the recording of a 25-0 defeat and a deduction of 3 points. Failure to notify the referee will result in an obligation to pay the £50 match fee owed.

Failure to give more than 72 hours' notice for cancellations on 3 occasions throughout the year will designate the team at risk of disqualification from the league under the discretion of the Coordinator - Competitions.

It is very important that these cancellation procedures are abided by, as failure to do so will risk the wider allocation of pitches to Intramural Sport being cancelled.

4. Results

Results should be reported as soon as possible after the game to allow League tables to be updated promptly.

The deadline for results to be reported is 12pm the day after your fixture. BOTH teams are to report the results, regardless of the outcome, to ensure consistency and make sure they are reported on time.

If the result has not been reported by the end of the season's allocated fixtures, a 0-0 result will be allocated.

5. Membership

All individuals taking part in Intra-Mural competitions must purchase a Sports Union Membership available on the SU website <https://www.eusu.ed.ac.uk/organisation/IntraMural/>

Not more than one first team member (University or outside Clubs) may play in any team in his/her own sport in an Intra Mural competition. (This at the discretion of the Bye Laws of the Sections).

In no circumstances shall any professional sports people play in that same sport in Intra Mural competition.

6. THE GAME RULES

The games shall follow the rules (where applicable) as stated by the SRU and World Rugby. It may be arranged between teams to play with fewer players up to a minimum of 12 a-side, however this must also be arranged within 24 hours and have the consent of both captains. This is to try to reduce the number of matches called off due to lack of numbers.

Following World Rugby rules scrums can only be contested if the three front row players (and any of their replacements) are suitably trained and experienced. This rule stands to prevent inexperienced and untrained players from suffering serious injury whilst a scrum is taking place.

If any of the front row players on either side do not fit these requirements then the scrum is NOT to be contested.

- No 1st team players are allowed to take part in any fixtures.
- No Professional or Semi-Professional players are allowed to take part.

7. Officials

Each team is obliged to send two people, preferably members who are not in their final year and who will be playing Intra Mural Rugby in the future (although this stipulation is not compulsory), on a Referee Training Course at the start of the season.

This course will be arranged by the Sports Union and the SRU and teams will be notified of when the course will be as soon as the dates have been finalised.

Teams who fail to send two members to the Referee Training Course will be expelled from the League. Proof of players attending the Course will need to be presented to the Sports Union at the start of the season or after the course has taken place, whichever one is sooner.

8. Injuries

If any serious injuries were sustained during a game please state who was involved, the nature of the injury and the action taken.

9. Insurance

All Intra Mural rugby teams will be covered by Insurance arranged through the SRU. Squad lists must be provided for cover to be arranged. Squad list forms will be sent to each captain.