

SCHEDULE CONFLICTS and POSTPONED CONTESTS

The Intramural Recreational Sports Staff recommends participants establish a healthy balance of involvement and realize that sometimes a person must make some hard choices as he/she cannot do everything. Inevitably there will be unavoidable conflicts between intramural contests and other activities. Intramural participants are encouraged to choose wisely when such conflicts occur. For example, a participant may have to choose between an IM contest and homework, or an IM contest and their job, or an IM contest and an organizational meeting, or an IM contest and class.

Players or teams requesting postponement of contests

The following principles will guide players, teams and the Intramural Recreational Sports Staff when a request is made to postpone a contest:

1. The Director of Intramural Recreational Sports has final say in determining contest times and dates. The Director may make exceptions to these guidelines in the case of extreme circumstances or emergencies.
2. Requests for postponement of preseason contests will most likely result in the contest not being rescheduled due to budgetary reasons.
3. Requests to postpone a contest must be received by the Director of Intramural Recreational Sports by 2:00pm of the last business day prior to the day of the contest. For example, a request to postpone a Monday contest must be received by noon on Friday.
4. Postponement requests will not be considered if the postponement will result in changes to subsequent but already scheduled contests. For example, if the request is to postpone a 6:00pm contest, yet the winner of that contest is to play again that same evening, then the request will be denied. Another example, if the request is to postpone a 6:00pm contest and winner of the 6:00pm contest is to play the next day, and there is no opening in the facility schedule or officials are not available before the winner would play the next contest at its scheduled time, then the request will be denied.
5. When it might be possible to grant a request to postpone a contest and reschedule it, the following guidelines will apply:
 - a. The players (for single or doubles activities) or team captains must agree on a makeup date/time in consultation with the Director of Intramural Recreational Sports if facility or officials availability is to be considered.
 - b. This agreement of a makeup date/time must be reached and communicated in writing (email) by each player (for singles and doubles activities) or team captain to the Director of Intramural Recreational Sports by 2:00pm on the day of the contest. For example, if a team wants to postpone a 7:00pm Wednesday contest, the captain must notify the Director of the request by 2:00pm on Tuesday, and if the request is granted, an agreement as to a make-up date/time must be reached by noon on Wednesday.
 - c. Failure to reach an agreement as to a make-up date/time by the deadline results in the original contest time being in effect.

Postponing and rescheduling intramurals contests

The Intramural Recreational Sports Staff may postpone and reschedule contests due to several reasons: inclement weather, unplayable field conditions, space usage conflicts, unavailable officials, emergencies, or other unanticipated reasons.

In most cases, the contests will be rescheduled using the following principles:

1. Preseason contests may or may not be rescheduled depending on the availability of play dates for that particular facility and budgetary reasons.
2. Contests that will be rescheduled will be scheduled for the soonest possible date that the space is available.
3. In most cases play-off tournament contests will be scheduled for the very next day.
4. Contest times will be kept the same when possible for rescheduled contests, even if the day of the week changes for the contest.