

# **TJC**<sup>TM</sup>



## **All School Champs Handbook 2017-2018**

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## **MISSION**

The mission of the Recreational Sports program at Tyler Junior College is to provide students with a meaningful and memorable experience. This program helps students build confidence, gain a vibrant student life, and interact in a diverse community. We want to encourage students to get out of their comfort zone and engage in a friendly and supportive environment.

Rec Sports aims to make participation in the intramural sports program fun, fair, and safe for all people who are participating. We strive to provide students with a variety of recreational opportunities that allow them to engage in healthy competition while maintaining integrity and sportsmanship. The activities provided are diverse enough that there is an opportunity for everyone to get involved regardless of their level of ability.

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

All students, faculty, and staff are eligible for TJC Intramural activities. Each participant **MUST** have a valid TJC ID with the current sticker to participate. We will not accept regular ID's for you to check in.

Floors may submit only one team for any competitive sport but can submit multiple into any Co-ed leagues. Players may only play on one competitive men or women's team per sport. After the start of the season, players may not move between teams.

### ***Varsity Student Athletes***

Varsity athletes (scholarship, walk on, or red-shirt) are **not** eligible to participate in the same intramural sport they are a varsity athlete in (i.e. men's soccer players cannot play intramural soccer). Varsity

athletes who complete their NJCAA eligibility or are no longer varsity athletes will be eligible for any intramural sport, including the sport in which they were previously a varsity athlete.

Individual eligibility will be verified by the Rec Sports Coordinator (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor OHPE Center). Appeals on eligibility must be in writing and delivered to the Rec Sports office at least 72 hours before the team's game for which the individual wishes to participate.

## **TEAM**

### ***Floor Teams***

Each floor will need to choose an Athletic Chair leader. This person is someone who is responsible for keeping their floor engaged in all activities. It can be the RA or someone else of their choosing. They are **NOT** considered to be the floors captain, unless they choose to. A captain will need to be determined for each floor during their sign ups on IMLeagues. The captain of each team will need to attend the captain meetings for all major sports! Captains can change from sport to sport. It just needs to be determined during sign ups on IMLeagues. The Rec Sport office will communicate to the captains about weather, reschedules, rules and procedures, etc...

All residential students shall play with the floor they live on when participating in any Competitive Sport, unless that floor does not have a team participating in the sport. Floor Teams are limited to two residential and two commuters or four pick up total (E.g 4 residential, 4 commuters, 3 residential/1 commuter, 3 commuters/1 residential, 2 residential/2 commuters) or staff pick-ups per sport.

### ***Commuter Teams***

Commuters can form their own teams for any team sport or individual/minor sport. Commuter teams will not be eligible for All School points.

Commuters can also be "adopted" by a floor or wing and participate with that floor for the remainder of the year. In order to be adopted and considered part of the wing, commuters must attend. **Commuters who are adopted are not eligible** to be picked up by other wings and floors and are limited to participating with the wing/floor they were adopted by for the remainder of the year. Commuters who are adopted by a wing do not count against the 2 pick-up limit. Commuters to be adopted are limited to **full-time undergraduate** students. Part-time students are not eligible to be adopted but would count as a pick-up.

### ***Faculty/Staff Teams***

Faculty and staff are able to form their own intramural teams. Faculty/staff teams will not be eligible for All School points.

## PICK-UPS

Floors or wings are able to pick-up four (4) players per team sport. Two (2) of these pick-ups may be residential students from floors not fielding a team for that Competitive Sport. The other two (2) may be any combination of commuters, or staff (E.g 4 residential, 4 commuters, 3 residential/1 commuter, 3 commuters/1 residential, 2 residential/2 commuters).. **Commuters who are adopted do not count against** the pick-up total (see above), however, adopted commuters are not available to play for any team except their adopted wing for the remainder of the year. Residential Directors in the dorms may play for any team that is within the floors they reside over, without counting against that team's pick-up limit. They may also be picked-up by another wing/floor outside the floors they reside over, but they will count against that team's pick-up limit.

Pick-ups for Minor Sports will be on a case-by-case basis. Petitions for Minor Sports pick-ups must be submitted to the Rec Sports Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the OHPE Center at least 72 hours in advance of the competition.

## SPORT TYPES

### *Competitive*

Competitive sports allow rosters to be filled only with members of a singular status (i.e. same floor, commuter status, staff). Normal pick-up rules apply. All School points will be awarded for participation and performance in Competitive Sports.

### *Recreational*

Recreational sports allow rosters to be filled with any eligible TJC Intramural athletes. There are no pick-up rules, therefore teams can be comprised of any mixed group of residential students, commuter students, staff. No All School points will be awarded in Recreational Sports. (E.g Co-ed)

### *Major*

Major Sports are full length season featuring several different sports. There will be both Competitive and Recreational Major Sports.

### *Minor*

Minor Sports are one day tournaments featuring a variety of sports and activities. There will be both Competitive and Recreational Minor Sports. Pick-ups for Competitive Minor Sports will be on a case-by-case basis.

## ALL SCHOOL POINTS

### ***Community Points***

Team has matching jerseys = 1 point per team per sport

No forfeits for an entire season = 5 points per team per sport

Forfeit = (-1) point per forfeit

Sportsmanship = (-1) point per ejection

Sportsmanship = 1 point to any team that averages a 9.5+ regular season sportsmanship score

Athletic Chair Meeting Perfect Attendance = 3 points per semester

### ***Merit Points***

Win a Major Sport regular season game = 1 point per win (max of 5 wins)

Minor Sport champion = 4 points

Minor Sport runner up = 2 points

Qualify for Playoffs = 2 points

League runner up = 5 additional points

League Champion = 7 additional points

The Men and Women's floors who finish atop the standings at the end of the year will be awarded TJC Apache Team of the Year and earn a spot on the All School Trophy.

Some sports, both major and minor (examples: soccer, table tennis), may have a different system for All School Point allocation, which will be communicated to Athletic Chairs or through the rulebook for that particular sport.

The Rec Sports Director reserves the right to change the scoring system throughout the course of the year for any reason.

### **RESCHEDULES**

All reschedules must be done in the following steps:

***Step 1:*** Contact opposing team captain and get their approval to reschedule

***Step 2:*** Both captains email [crag@tjc.edu](mailto:crag@tjc.edu) to request a reschedule at least 48 hours before scheduled kick-off

**Step 3:** TJC Intramural Staff will give reschedule options to the teams to deliberate and decide amongst themselves

**Step 4:** Team captains will notify TJC Intramurals which of the available time slots will be best for the reschedule at least 48 hours before scheduled kick-off

Reschedule attempts that fail to follow these procedures, including a failure to request the reschedule at least 48 hours in advance, will not be considered. Be looking ahead at your schedule and get familiar with opposing team captains in order to make this rescheduling process as easy as possible.

## **FORFEITS**

A match will be considered forfeit if a team does not have at least the minimum number of players at the game site. A grace period of ten minutes after the scheduled game start will be given. Once these ten minutes are over, the game is forfeit unless the team has the minimum number to start.

Forfeits will be punished severely. One All School Point will be lost for each forfeit. Also, any team that forfeits more than 20% of their regular season games may be ineligible for playoffs in that sport.

## **ROSTERS**

Rosters must be entered on [IMLeagues.com/tjc](http://IMLeagues.com/tjc) by the time and date specified. Any rosters or teams entered in after the deadline will be placed on standby status. All team participants must include their full given name and A#. All eligibility will be verified by the Rec Sports Coordinator. Individuals who do not appear on the game card scoresheet prior to the game are not eligible to play in that game. Teams are responsible for verifying the eligibility of players added. Players who play in a game and are found to be ineligible will result in a forfeit for that game. Teams that forfeit over 20% of their regular season games will not be eligible for playoffs in that sport.

When the number of teams in a given league/bracket has reached the maximum, all other team entries will be placed on a waiting list. Teams on the waiting list will be inserted into a regular season slot if a registered team drops from the league. Entry deadlines will be communicated ahead of time and posted on IMLeagues. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Chair on each floor to submit rosters by the deadline time.

## **GAME SIGN-IN**

Check in will begin 30 minutes prior to game time. Teams should arrive in between that time to sign-in. All players must present a valid TJC ID with a valid sticker to the Game Crew at check-in. Game Crew will check-in players listed on the game card. Individuals who do not present a valid TJC ID with current sticker, will not be permitted to play.

## **PLAYOFFS**

All playoff seedings will be determined by the Rec Sports Coordinator and Intramural Staff with consideration of strength of schedule. Any team that forfeits over 20% of their regular season games are subject to being excluded from playoff contention. Teams will be notified if their forfeited games in a single season are in excess of this 20%, and their playoff status will be at the discretion of the Rec Sports Coordinator.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Teams will receive a sportsmanship score from 0 to 10 at the completion of each intramural game. Teams that have a player ejected **will receive an automatic 0**. All appeals of sportsmanship ratings will be reviewed by the Rec Sports Coordinator. Teams are also responsible for fans and their behavior, which will factor into the sportsmanship rating. Teams must have a sportsmanship rating average of 5.0 or above at the end of the regular season to be eligible for playoffs.

For Minor Sports, any individual/team that receives an F in sportsmanship will immediately be dropped from the bracket.

## **EJECTIONS**

Game officials are to be given the utmost respect. Harassment of game officials by players or fans can result in ejection. If things persist, Game Crew can declare the game a forfeit. Players who are ejected from a game are automatically suspended from further participation in intramural activities until they are reinstated by the Rec Sports Coordinator and the Director of OHPE Center. Players will only be reinstated after they have met with the Rec Sports Coordinator and Director of OHPE Center and completed any additional sanction requirements. Ineligible players who participate in a game will result in the game be forfeited by his/her team and their suspension from intramurals for the remainder of the academic year. Suspensions can be carried over from year to year if conditions for reinstatement are not met.



*All rules are subject to review and revision by the Director of OHPE Center, Rec Sports Coordinator, Intramural Staff, and student participants as warranted.*