

UW-La Crosse Intramural Sports

Team Name Policy

Overview

One of the components that make intramural sports unique is the opportunity for all teams to name themselves. There are, however, instances when questionable team names are used. Please follow the guidelines outlined in this form when naming your team.

Competitively Unfair Names

Team names deemed competitive unfair will be changed automatically. These names may not be offensive but may cause confusion to an opponent when reading the schedule. Examples include: "You Have a Bye", "No Game", "Home/Away Team", "Team Spot Available", "Cancelled Game".

Suggestively Inappropriate and Offensive Names

Team names may not reference items including (but not limited to):

- Profanity
- Sex and/or gender inequality
 - *Portrays one gender as inferior to another*
 - *Anti-trans or non-binary*
- Racial or ethnic references
 - *Portrays one ethnicity/race as inferior to another*
 - *Utilizing ethnic slurs*
- Derogatory use of someone's likeness
 - *Disparaging another person*
- Physical violence
 - *Threats, references to sexual violence/harassment*
- Distasteful cultural or societal references
- Offensive innuendos
 - *Innuendos that are obscene or vulgar*
- Alcohol, drugs, and or other substances
 - *Obscene or vulgar references to drinking, being drunk, high, etc.*

Duplicate Names

Duplicate team names within the same leagues will be changed to add the captain's last name to avoid confusion with the schedule.

Disclaimer

The goal of intramural sports is to provide a welcoming environment in a way that is safe, fair, and fun for ALL involved. Team names violating these components will be changed in IMLeagues. It is not guaranteed that Rec Sports staff will catch a team name violating these policies right away, or at all. Names may be changed at any time, including playoffs.

Thank you for helping us create a fun environment for everyone!