

Eleven intramural sports to be offered this year

Touch football and coed softball among those set to start this fall

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It is the crack of an aluminum bat. The snatching of a yellow or red flag. The slamming of a ball 60 miles per hour off a wall.

It is intramural sports and it is underway at Penn State Harrisburg.

With the arrival of the fall semester, students looking to participate in team sports have a chance to showcase their ability against one another in six different sports. Five more are tentatively set for the spring.

"It's probably big because as far as team competition, it is the only team competition offered on campus," said Bud Smitley, Recreations/Athletics coordinator.

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participate in team sports at a much lower level."

While some cries for intercollegiate athletics will still be heard, Smitley wants everyone to understand the intramural advantage.

"It saves money. I think we will talk about intercollegiate athletics again with the influx of freshman. But this is very competitive. This is more for fun," Smitley said.

Starting Sept. 15, students, faculty and staff will begin participating in coed softball. Touch football and racquetball will get underway in October, followed by coed table tennis, bowling and billiards in November. Five more sports are tentatively slated for the spring semester; they include coed basketball, volleyball, softball, table tennis and a 5K race.

While these sports are strictly for fun Smitley also points out the rules each participant must follow.

"We are strict on the rules. Rules keep people from getting hurt and we want to keep the participants injury free."

"The past three years or so we've had few injuries, we don't want any animosity from the players and we want to keep the injuries down because they can get out of hand," Smitley said.

He also said that the reason for the success of intramural sports on campus is due to the scheduling of students. Not everyone on campus has time for a total team effort. Intramurals will allow some flexibility to those who have other matters to attend to away from campus.

While the re-addition of intercollegiate sports might not be far off, given the success rate of intramurals, they are here to stay and about to take flight.

Some sports will take place inside the Capital Union Building (C.U.B) and the softball and football games will be held on the "lighted field" behind the C.U.B. located just off of College Avenue. Anyone wishing to obtain information should do so in room 122 of the C.U.B.

Tentative Fall Schedule

- Coed softball will start Monday Sept. 15

Activity	Entry Deadline	Play begins
Touch Football	Oct. 13	Oct. 16
Racquetball-coed	Oct. 21	Oct. 27
Table Tennis-coed	Nov. 4	Nov. 6
Bowling-coed	Nov. 10	Nov. 10
Nine ball coed	Nov. 17	Nov. 18

Tentative Spring Activities

- Coed 5 vs. 5 basketball

- Coed Volleyball

- Coed one-pitch softball

- 5K race

- Coed table tennis

How to enter an intramural team

- Pick up an official entry form from room 122 in the Capital Union Building
- List your team members on the entry form and return the entry form by the listed due date
- Indicate any times your team is unable to play and concessions will be made if possible
- Obtain copies of your team's scheduled games once schedule is completed
- Check the intramural bulletin board in the Capital Union Building for team standings and possible schedule changes
- For any further questions, contact Bud Smitley at 948-6267