

# Yale Intramurals

## Eligibility Rules



### UNDERGRADUATES

All undergraduate students who are affiliated with a residential college and are currently enrolled in classes at Yale University are eligible to participate for their college in undergraduate intramural athletics, subject to the following restrictions:

1. Any undergraduate athlete who is currently practicing or playing in a sport on a intercollegiate varsity, junior varsity, freshman, graduate-professional is ineligible to participate in that sport, or any associated sport.
  - a. "Currently practicing or playing" a varsity, junior varsity, or freshman level is defined as an individual practicing, playing or listed on the active roster with the team after the date designated on the specific intramural sport rules.
2. Any varsity award winners are ineligible to participate in the sport in which they have won their award, or in any associated sports. However, undergraduate varsity award winners may regain eligibility in their awarded or related sport after a one year absence from current varsity practice or playing status.
3. The following sports are declared associated:
  - a. Tackle football with intramural razzle-dazzle touch football.
  - b. Cross country and track running events with intramural cross country
  - c. Court volleyball with intramural court and lawn volleyball.
  - d. Waterpolo with intramural inner tube waterpolo.
  - e. Softball and Baseball with intramural softball.
4. Any undergraduate athlete who has competed at the Olympic, professional, or world-ranked amateur level is ineligible to participate in that sport or any associated sport.
5. Any undergraduate who is currently practicing or playing on a club sport team that is the highest level of its sport at Yale and received funding from the Club Sports Office is ineligible to participate in that intramural sport while a member of the club team.
  - a. In the event of a protest, whether or not a player is "currently practicing or playing" shall be determined by interviews with the player and the club team captain.
6. All sports shall be classified men's, women's, coed or open and competition shall be categorized as round-robin, double round-robin, tournament, invitational or special events. No man shall be eligible to participate in a woman's sport, and no woman shall be eligible to participate in a man's sport. In coed sports with individual events (tennis, for example), no woman shall play in a man's spot, and no man shall play in a woman's spot.
7. No person shall participate simultaneously in men's and coed touch football against the same college, with the following exception:
  - a. If a football team wins by forfeit, eligible players on the winning team may enter the simultaneous game at the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.
8. In men's basketball a player has the option to participate in the beginning of the season at the various levels before determining his ultimate league selection. The following guidelines should be followed:

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- a. If a player participates during the fall portion of the season then he may not play against the same opponent in the A, B and C games. Once the season resumes in January his participation in a game in either league denotes his league choice.
  - b. If a player does not participate in the fall portion of the season he may participate in both A and B leagues (not against the same opponent) or in C league. Then participation in his second game in any league denotes his league choice.
  - c. No player who chooses A league may, thereafter, play in a B or C league game.
  - d. No player who chooses B league may, thereafter, play in a C league game.
  - e. No player who chooses C league may play in B or A league after his team's final regular season C game.
  - f. Any B or C player may, prior to his team's final regular season game, elect to move to a higher level of play, but, once he participates at the higher level he must remain there for the remainder of the schedule.
9. To be available to participate in any league's playoff or championship game an athlete must have played in at least one regular season game (appeals/exceptions must be presented to the Director for approval at least one day prior to the contest). To be eligible to participate any invitational, tournament or special event an athlete must meet general and sport specific eligibility rules.
  10. In team sports where no or limited substitutions are available only one non-undergraduate may compete during the contest. Currently these sports include: Badminton, Coed Court Tennis, Coed Table Tennis, Coed Bowling, Men's and Women's Squash, Coed Billiards, Coed Swimming, and the Borsodi Golf Tournament.
  11. In sports where an unlimited number of team members may compete but a limited number affect the scoring more than one non-undergraduate may participate but only one non-undergraduate's result may affect scoring. Currently these sports include: Men's and Women's Cross Country and Coed Golf.

## OTHER ELIGIBLES

The following non-undergraduates are eligible to participate in intramural athletics, provided they meet the undergraduate eligibility regulations.

1. Masters, their spouses, and any of their children living in the college.
2. Deans, their spouses, and any of their children living in the college.
3. Fellows and Associate Fellows.
4. Colleges are allowed:
  - a. One male and
  - b. One female affiliated person per season
  - c. In order for eligibility to be granted, colleges must petition to the intramural director for eligibility before the player participates in his/her first intramural game.
  - d. Any withdrawn student must petition to their Residential College Master or Dean before petitioning to the intramural director

## INELIGIBLES

The following people are ineligible to participate in undergraduate intramurals. *However, anyone officially associated with a residential college who is declared ineligible by the above regulations yet wishes to participate may appeal to the Intramural Director for a review and judgment by the Athletics Secretaries Ad Hoc Eligibility Committee. Such appeal must be submitted in writing by an Athletic Secretary and the judgment rendered before the first game in which the athlete wishes to participate.*

1. Spouses and children of undergraduates and fellows.
2. Graduate and professional students.

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3. Alumni.
4. Employees of the University.
5. Students not currently enrolled in classes.
6. Any player participating under an assumed name.
7. Any player who has been ejected or suspended and has not met with the Intramural Director to discuss the circumstances.
8. Anyone else not specifically declared eligible.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

The Athletic Secretaries and team captains are responsible for ensuring that all players meet the eligibility regulations before participating in any contest. Therefore, in order to preserve the integrity of the system it is permissible for any Athletic Secretary or team captain to challenge the eligibility of any player on any team. An official challenge may be made at any time before 24 hours after the team's last regular season game. The challenger must submit, in writing to the Intramural Director, the suspected ineligible's name and reason for ineligibility.

The Intramural Director will then investigate the viability of the claim. If he finds the player ineligible, he will inform the challenged college of the protest. If he cannot reach a conclusion about the player's ineligibility due to extraordinary circumstances, he will convene an eligibility committee of himself, the Head Intramural Secretary, and 3 other non-involved secretaries. This committee will decide upon the ineligibility of the player. When the committee has reached a decision the Director will inform the challenged college of the protest. Once informed, the challenged college will be allowed 36 hours to appeal any decision.

Appeals must be made in writing to the Intramural Director with reason for the appeal. If the reasons are sufficient, the matter will be discussed and decided by the Intramural Secretaries Council. Each college, except for the challenging and appealing colleges, shall be given one vote. The decision of the Council will be final.

Any team which is found using an ineligible player shall forfeit all games in which that individual participated or is presumed to have participated and the individual and team may be suspended from further competition.