

IM Softball 2009 Announcement

REGISTRATION

- REGISTRATION: February 21, 2009 until 11:59 PM on February 28, 2009
- Teams interested in participating in Softball must register an account with AthLeague.com, create a team, and join their desired league (see league descriptions below).
- Full or Provisional Affiliations must include their affiliations' name in their team name or description, and the Athletics Chairperson must approve the team by joining it. Without the Athletics Chairperson's approval, a team will be assumed Independent.
- Team Captains should ensure that all of their team members register an AthLeague account. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER WITH ATHLEAGUE. Captains are responsible for reviewing the MIT IM handbook and ensuring that their affiliations and teams are in compliance with all regulations.
- Provisional and Independent teams must provide a \$75 refundable forfeit deposit. Deposits should be delivered to Bernice Ward (bward@mit.edu) in the Zesiger athletic offices prior to registration.
- Any outstanding fines must be paid before a team is put on the schedule. Captains of teams that have outstanding fines or deposits will be notified by the Sport Manager. Teams that have not paid fines or deposits by 4:00 PM on Thursday, March 5, will be removed from the sport.

MANAGER

- The Sport Manager is Heather McDonald (hem11@mit.edu). All questions related to registration or league rules should be addressed to the Sport Manager.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- Proper sportsmanship is expected of all teams at all times. Captains are expected to control the behavior of their team members. The manager reserves the right to remove any player or team from the league without prior warning if there are any incidents of unacceptable sportsmanship. Any complaints should be reported to the manager immediately.

ROSTERS

- Rosters may consist of no more than 30 players.
- Members must not have been a part of an MIT-sponsored varsity or club baseball or softball team in the past 12 months. This includes those who have practiced/trained with these teams.
- Participation is limited to registered (or cross-registered) undergraduate and graduate students, post-docs, faculty, and alumni with DAPER or alumni association membership.
- No player may be on more than one team in the same league.

- Roster challenges may be initiated by anyone before, during, or after a game. Any team found to be playing with an ineligible player or a player not on its roster will forfeit the game and face corresponding fines at the discretion of the manager. Teams wishing to file this type of complaint should inform the opposing team captain immediately and the referee, if applicable.
- It is expected that Captains make a reasonable effort to ensure all of their players are on their AthLeague roster.
- Roster changes may be made up to the start of playoffs. During this time, players may join, quit, or switch teams. Once playoffs begin, rosters will be locked.

LEAGUES

- There will be three leagues: A, B, and C with playoffs in all leagues. Please note league choice on the roster form. Leagues may be combined as need arises.
- Skill levels of leagues are approximated as follows:
 - A: Players have played on a team before and are competitive
 - B: Players have not necessarily played on a formal team, but are competitive
 - C: Players are interested in playing, but many not have played at all.
- No player may play on more than one team in the same league.

FINES

- Fines will be issued according to the IM Handbook and are described below.
- Missed referee assignments
 - First offense: \$20;
 - Second offense: \$35 and removal from playoffs
 - Third offense: \$50 and removal from league
- Forfeited matches
 - First offense: \$75,
 - Second offense: \$100 and disqualification from playoffs
 - Third offense: \$125 and removal from league

SCHEDULE

- In the event of inclement weather, it is up to team captains to decide whether a match shall be conducted at the regular time. Captains should confer on this decision and inform the manager and their referee, if applicable.
- Times will be provided if teams need to reschedule for any reason. Matches that are not completed by the end of the season will be considered double-forfeits.
- **Rules, fines, and other info can be found on the IM Softball website below, but please be aware that some of the data may be outdated.**

<http://web.mit.edu/athletics/www/intramurals/softball/index.html>