

# IM VOLLEYBALL – Spring 2009 Announcement

## REGISTRATION

- For this volleyball season, we will be using AthLeague.com, an intramural sports website.
- Teams interested in participating 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.
- Provisional and Independent teams must provide a \$75 refundable forfeit deposit. Deposits should be delivered to Bernice Ward ([bward@mit.edu](mailto:bward@mit.edu)) in the Zesiger athletic offices prior to registration.
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 11:59 PM on Saturday, February 28, 2009.
- 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. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 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.

## MANAGERS

- The Sport Manager is Michelle Nason ([mnason@mit.edu](mailto:mnason@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 must consist of at least 8 players, but no more than 30.
- Roster challenges may be initiated by anyone before, during, or after a match. Any team found to be playing with an ineligible player or a player not on its roster will forfeit the match 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.
- For the co-ed league, there must be at least 2 male and 2 female players of the 6 players on the floor at any given time.

- A player is allowed to play for both one co-ed league team and one regular league (A, B, C) team.
- Varsity and MIT-club players are not eligible to play at any level.
- There must be at least 5 players available at game time or the game will be forfeited.

## **LEAGUES**

- There will be four leagues. Three of these leagues will be “regular” leagues, and one will be co-ed. In descending order of skill, the regular leagues are A, B, and C.
- When registering, teams should indicate their preference of league (level of competition). Leagues may be combined or split at manager’s discretion.
  - A – Experienced players who may have been playing together for some time
  - B – Majority of team has played the sport but not necessarily on a formal team
  - C – A casual league for those who have never played or wish to play leisurely. This league is played without referees.

## **FINES**

- Fines will be issued according to the IM Handbook Section XII. Refer to the handbook for more information.
- For the A, B, and Coed leagues, team captains will be required to act as a referee for other games within their league. If the team captain cannot make it to one of their referee assignments, they must send a proxy referee in their place. Missed referee assignments will result in fines:  
 First offense: \$20;  
 Second offense: \$35 and removal from playoffs  
 Third offense: \$50 and removal from league
- Teams that do not have 5 players on the court within 10 minutes of scheduled start time will be charged with a forfeit. Forfeits during the season will result in fines:  
 First offense: \$75;  
 Second offense: \$100  
 Third offense: \$125 and removal from league

## **EQUIPMENT**

- If your team does not bring its own ball, a ball can be checked out from the customer service desk outside Rockwell cage with a valid MIT ID. The volleyball nets will be in carts around the perimeter of Rockwell cage.
- Referees should bring a whistle; these will not be supplied.

## **SCHEDULE**

- AthLeague.com allows teams to set their own preferences regarding conflicts and desired times for games. Any questions about this process can be sent to the Sport Manager.
- Matches not completed by the end of the season will be considered double-forfeits.

## **RULES / CLARIFICATIONS**

- Typical NCAA volleyball rules will be used; any specific questions about rules can be sent to the Sport Manager for clarification.
- All games are played in Rockwell Cage. There are four courts: Court 1 will be the NW court. Moving clockwise around the gym, Court 2 is the NE court, Court 3 is the SE court, and Court 4 is the SW court.

### **GAME PLAY**

- You need at least 5 players to start a game, and can have as many substitutes as you desire. However, once the game starts, the rotation cannot be broken.
- Matches will be the best 2 out of 3 games. Games will be rally scoring. The first two games are to 25 points; the third (if necessary) is played to 15 points. As always, you must win by 2 points to win the game.
- If time expires (the next match is scheduled to begin, or DAPER staff ask you to vacate the court) before the end of the match, the team with the lead will be recorded as the winner.
- If you are to referee / play the first match of the day, it is your responsibility to get the nets set up in a timely matter. If you referee / play the last game of the day, it is your responsibility to return the nets and all equipment to the carts it came from.

### **INJURIES**

- Although not typical in volleyball, any injuries must be reported to the Manager ([mnason@mit.edu](mailto:mnason@mit.edu)) as soon as possible after the incident. Please send an email including how the injury happened, who was hurt, what game they were playing and what team they are on, a description of the injury, and what action was taken (MIT EMS, ambulance, etc.).