

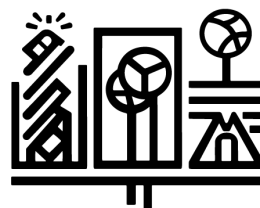
**THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY:
INTRAMURAL SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS - OPERATING MANUAL**



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ABOUT INTRAMURAL SPORTS

The Intramural Sports Championship provides competitive and recreational sport leagues, tournaments and special events for all residential students of the University of Sydney (the '**University**'), regardless of skill level. These activities foster leadership, sportspersonship and education.

This Intramural Championship Operating Manual (the '**Manual**') has been developed to ensure that residents participating in the Intramural Sports Championship have all the relevant information available to them.

The University and Sydney Uni Sport are committed to ensuring all facets of the Intramural Championship continue to grow in stature, as well as ensuring the delivery of high quality and professionally administered programs. The Championship's success is heavily dependent on each Participating Residence and its residents ('**Competitors**').

Due to the varying sports contested within the Intramural Sports Championship, this Manual has been produced to clearly outline the requirements of participation in the Intramural Sports Championship. All sports are officiated under different sporting rules, however, for the most part, these sporting rules are set by a national body. There are some variations added for differing reasons, including safety, game times and draw issues.

Sydney Uni Sport have also developed policies to aid in the professional conduct and administration of the Intramural Sporting Championship. These policies relate to social behaviour, particularly alcohol at events, safety, academic standards, and social media.

The majority of the Intramural Sporting Championship is played in a pools format. The Championship is supportive of Participating Residences potentially unable to furnish a full team, by still providing point opportunities to keep them in the running. At the conclusion of an event, points are compiled, with points allocated to a Participating Residence based on their ranking in that event. The residences points are totalled at the end of the year, with the highest-ranking male and female teams being awarded with the Thomas Whalan and Liane Tooth Cup's respectively.

Intramural Sporting Championship is an integral part of a distinctive education at The University of Sydney.

The Thomas Whalan Cup (Men's Championship)

Thomas Whalan is a member of a select group of Australian Water Polo players who have participated in four Olympic Games. He made his Olympic debut at the 2000 Sydney Olympic games where he was the youngest Australian player on the team, finishing in eighth position. Whalan, an outside shooter, then competed in the Athens (2004) and Beijing (2008) Olympic games, finishing ninth and eighth respectively. Whalan married Olympic swimmer, Elka Graham, just after the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

In the London 2012 Olympic Games, after losing three of their first four matches, the Australian Water Polo team defeated Greece, 13-8, reserving themselves a spot in the quarterfinals against Serbia. The Aussies took a 7-4 halftime lead prior to their 8-11 defeat by Serbia, the eventual bronze medallists. Whalan finished with eight goals in the competition.

In 2001, Thomas was named Cleo 'Bachelor of the Year'. He is an Alumnus of the University of Sydney, having attained a B. Commerce/Law.

The Liane Tooth Cup (Women's Championship)

Liane Tooth was the first women's Hockey player to participate in four Olympics games, representing Australia from 1984-1996. Tooth was a member of two Olympic gold medal teams, in 1988 and 1996, with the team placing fourth in 1984 and fifth in 1992. As a defender, Tooth was an exciting player for the Hockeyroos, emerging as one of the best Australian teams competing on the international stage. She was honoured for her contribution to sport when chosen as one of eight Olympic flag bearers during the Opening Ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Tooth's career began when she started playing field hockey at school in Sydney. Since 1994, she has devoted much of her professional life to increasing sporting opportunities and promoting physical activity, particularly for females; for the Active Women unit of the WA Department of Sport and Recreation. Most recently, she has worked for the same department as an Officiating and Coaching Consultant, assisting with the development of sporting officials; such as referees and judges, and coaches.

She was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1996. She is an Alumna of the University of Sydney, having studied a Bachelor of Education (Physical Education) 1981 – 1983.

Clause 1 - Committee, its Purposes and Fundamental Policy

1.1 Name

The committee concerning all Intramural Sporting Championship shall be known as the 'Intramural Championship Committee (ICC)', commonly referred to as the 'Intramural Committee'.

1.2 Purposes

The purposes of this Committee are:

- (a) To initiate, stimulate and improve Intramural Sport for all students, and to promote and develop educational leadership and participation as a recreational and educational pursuit;
- (b) To uphold the principle of student-lead responsibility for the Intramural Sports Championship in conformity with this Manual and bylaws of this Committee;
- (c) To uphold participation eligibility rules that comply with satisfactory standards of scholarship and sportpersonship;
- (d) To formulate and publish rules of play relating to the Intramural Sporting Championship;
- (e) To preserve records related to the Intramural Sports Championship;
- (f) To maintain and cultivate a friendly and supportive nature in the Intramural Sports Championship; and
- (g) To study all phases of the Championship and establish standards whereby Participating Residence and the University can maintain a high-level program.

1.3 Fundamental Policy

1.3.1 Basic Purpose

The Intramural Championship is designed to provide a competitive outlet for Participating Residences and is a vital part of the University of Sydney's educational system.

1.3.2 Participating Residences

Participating Residences are the following residences affiliated with the University. These may be added or removed at the absolute discretion of Sydney Uni Sport. Not all residences may participate in every year of the Championship.

- Abercrombie Student Accommodation
- Darlington House
- Iglu
- Mandelbaum House
- Queen Mary Building
- Regiment Building
- Sancta Sophia College
- St Andrew's College
- Scape
- St John's College
- St Paul's College
- Sydney University Village
- UniLodge Kensington
- The Women's College
- The Darlington Terraces
- Wesley College
- Y Suites

1.3.3 Obligations of Participating Residences

Participating Residences are obligated to apply and enforce the requirements of this Manual. The Committee's Disciplinary Process may be applied to a Participating Residence, should it fail to fulfil this obligation.

Clause 2 - Principles for Conduct of the Intramural Sports Championship

2.1 General Principles

Regulations enacted by the Committee, concerning the administration of the Intramural Sports Championship related policies shall be designed to advance one or more basic principles, including the following, to which Participating Residences are committed. In some instances, a delicate balance of these principles is necessary to help achieve the objectives of the Intramural Championship.

2.2 Residential Control and Responsibility

Responsibility for Control: It is the responsibility of each Participating Residence to control its arm of the Intramural Sports Championship in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Committee.

Scope of Responsibility: The Participating Residence's scope of responsibility related to Intramural Sports Championship includes responsibility for the actions of its staff members and any other individual or organisation engaged in activities, promoting the sporting interests of the Participating Residence.

2.3 Resident-Competitor Well-being

The Intramural Sports Championships shall be conducted in a manner designed to protect and enhance the physical and educational well-being of students in Participating Residences.

Overall Educational Experience: It is the responsibility of each Participating Residence to establish and maintain an environment where a resident competitor's activities are conducted as an integral part of the competitor's educational experience.

Cultural Diversity and Gender Equity: it is the responsibility of the Committee to establish and maintain an environment and suite of sport that clearly value cultural diversity and gender equity.

Health and Safety: It is the responsibility of Participating Residences, the Committee and Sydney Uni Sport to protect the health of, and provide a safe environment for, each of the Competitors.

Competitors/Sporting Staff Relationship: It is the responsibility of each Participating Residence to establish and maintain an environment that fosters a positive relationship between Competitors and coaches, umpires and referees.

Fairness, Openness and Honesty: It is the responsibility of the Committee, in conjunction with Sydney Uni

Sport, to ensure coaches and administrators exhibit fairness, openness and honesty in all interactions with Competitors.

Resident Competitor Involvement: It is the responsibility of each Participating Residence to direct Competitors to opportunities provided by the Committee.

2.4 Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct

The Intramural Sports Championships aims to promote character development of Competitors, enhance the overall experience of their tertiary education and to assist in the meeting of the University of Sydney's strategic goals. The Intramural Sports Championship should adhere to the fundamental values of the University including respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should not only be displayed in the Intramural Sports Championship, but also in the broad spectrum of activities concerning the Intramural Championship. It is the responsibility of the committee to:

- (a) Establish policies outlining sportsmanship and ethical conduct in the Intramural Sports Championship, consistent with the educational mission and goals of the University of Sydney; and
- (b) Educate, on a continuing basis, all Competitors about the policies and updates within this Manual.

2.5 Sound Academic Standards

The Intramural Sports Championship shall be maintained as a vital component of the educational program at the University of Sydney for all Participating Residences. The academic standing of a Competitor should not be impacted by participation in any aspect of the Intramural Sports Championship.

2.6 Non-Discrimination

The Committee shall promote an atmosphere of respect and sensitivity to the dignity of every Competitor.

2.7 Rules Compliance

Responsibility of Participating Residence: Each Participating Residence shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations outlined in this Manual as determined by the Committee regarding its conduct in the Intramural Sports Championships. A Participating Residence shall monitor its arm to assure compliance and to identify and report to the Committee instances in which compliance has not been achieved. In any such instance, the Participating Residence shall cooperate fully with the Committee and take appropriate corrective actions. Members of a Participating Residence's staff, Competitors and other individuals and groups representing the Participating Residence's arm of the Intramural Sports Championships shall comply with the applicable Committee rules, and the Participating Residence shall be responsible for administration of such compliance.

The Responsibility of the Committee: The Committee shall assist each Participating Residence in its efforts to achieve full compliance with all rules and regulations.

2.8 Play and Practice Seasons

The time required of Competitors for participation in the Intramural Sports Championships are to be regulated, to minimise interference with their acquisition of a quality education in a manner consistent with that afforded to the general student body.

CLAUSE 3 – Organisation

3.1 General Principles

Structure: A representative from Sydney Uni Sport shall assume the responsibility of Director of the Intramural Championship. The Director of the Intramural Championship will oversee all operations of the Championship and manage the Participating Residence's nominated sports representatives.

Selection and Term of Office: Participating Residence may appoint representatives (a 'Sport Representative') to the committee by means they see fit and must be approved by Sydney Uni Sport.

3.2 Committee Duties and Responsibilities:

- a) Provide final approval and oversight of the Intramural Sports Championships.
- b) Facilitate a culture of participation in sport and recreation activities.
- c) Work harmoniously with Sydney Uni Sport and the University of Sydney.
- d) Provide recognition for sporting achievements in Intramural Sports Championships of resident competitors.
- e) Convene as required to discuss matters relating to the Intramural Sports Championships.
- f) Maintain accurate and accessible sporting records in conjunction with Sydney Uni Sport's representative.
- g) Nurture and maintain an open and friendly nature present in the Intramural Sports Championships.

CLAUSE 4 – Ethical Conduct

4.1 General Principles

Honesty and Sportspersonship: Individuals associated with the Committee and Competitors shall always act with honesty and sportspersonship. They are tasked with upholding the reputation and nature of the Intramural Championship through their representation of their Participating Residence and themselves. They are to represent the honour and dignity of fair play and the generally recognised high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

4.2 Unethical Conduct

Unethical conduct by a Competitor or staff member of a Participating Residence or other affiliated with the above, may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) Knowing involvement in offering or providing a prospective or current resident an improper inducement or extra benefit or improper financial compensation to participate in the Intramural Sports Championships;
- (b) Knowing involvement in providing an illegal substance or impermissible supplement to a Competitor or knowingly providing medications to Competitors contrary to medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care in sports medicine practice, or state and federal law;
- (c) Engaging in any sport under an assumed name or with intent to otherwise deceive;
- (d) Engaging in an intramural conflict; or
- (e) No Competitor, spectator, referee or staff member will be allowed to participate in any aspect of the Intramural Sports Championship if they are (or are suspected of being) under the influence of alcohol or illicit substances. Any person suspected of such will be asked to leave the facility. The incident will be pursued by the Committee as seen fit.

4.3 Code of Conduct and University of Sydney Student Charter

Individuals associated with the Intramural Committee and Competitors must act within the limits of the Sydney Uni Sport Sporting Code of Conduct and University of Sydney Student Charter. The Code of Conduct is available on the Intramural website via the following link:

<https://susf.com.au/intramural-sport/>

The University of Sydney's Student Charter is available on the University of Sydney's website via the following link:

<http://sydney.edu.au/policies/showdoc.aspx?recnum=PDOC2011/215&RendNum=0>.

4.4 Use of Illicit Substances

Any member of a residences with knowledge of a resident's use of an illicit substance shall follow their residence's procedures regarding drug or alcohol abuse or may be subject to disciplinary actions.

4.5 Disciplinary Action

Competitors found in violation of the provisions of this Manual are ineligible to participate in

the Intramural Championship subject to appeal to the Committee on Competitor Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

CLAUSE 5 - Eligibility, Promotion & Ineligibility

5.1 General Principles

Eligibility for Intramural Sports Championships: Amateurs and student athletes are eligible to participate in the Intramural Sports Championships, including live-in student-staff members. General staff who do not take residence and are not students of the University of Sydney are not eligible to participate in the Championship. A Competitor NOT concurrently participating in the University of Sydney's Intercollegiate Sporting Championship will be given priority to participate in that same sport in the Intramural Sports Championship in that same year. This is at the discretion of Sydney Uni Sport.

Participating Residence Responsibility: A Participating Residence shall not permit a Competitor to represent it in the Intramural Sport Championships unless the Competitor meets all applicable eligibility requirements.

Academic Status: To be eligible to represent a Participating Residence in Intramural Sports Championships, a Competitor must be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student and reside within a Participating Residence of the University of Sydney's Intramural Sports Championship (see **1.3.2**).

5.2 Promotional/Marketing Activities

Sydney Uni Sport, The University, or a Competitor's residence may ask students to participate in promotional and/or marketing activities to better enhance the Intramural Championship. Residents may opt out of this by informing their Sports Representative or Sydney Uni Sport.

5.3 Residence Responsibility for Eligibility Certification

The Sports Representative of any Participating Residence is responsible for approving the procedures for certifying the eligibility of a Competitor.

5.4 Ineligibility

Participating Residence Obligation to Withhold Competitor from Championship: If a Competitor is ineligible under the provisions of this Manual, bylaws or other regulations of Sydney Uni Sport, the Participating Residence shall be obligated to withhold that Competitor from the Intramural Sports Championships.

5.5 Restoration of Eligibility

Basis for Appeal: When a Competitor is determined to be ineligible under any applicable provision of this

Manual, operating by-laws or other regulations of Sydney Uni Sport or the University, the Competitor may appeal to the Committee on Competitor Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility if it is concluded the circumstances warrant restoration. Competitors are only eligible for restoration provided their Participating Residence and Sydney Uni Sport concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration of eligibility.

CLAUSE 6 –Playing and Practice Sessions

6.1 General Principles

Intramural Championship Committee Limitations: The Committee shall limit the length of its playing season and the number of its regular-season contests and/or dates of the Championship in all sports, to minimise interference with the academic programs of its Competitors.

6.2 General Playing-Season Guidelines

Segments of Season: Sydney Uni Sport will divide the playing year into sporting segments as to create a fair and equitable competition for all Participating Residences. Sydney Uni Sport may temporarily discontinue a segment due to severe inclement weather, and restart the discontinued segment provided the permissible overall length of that segment is not exaggerated. Sydney Uni Sport will notify all Participating Residences of this decision, with a written summary explaining any extra conditions placed on the extension.

Sports-Safety Certified Staff Presence During Countable Physical Activities: It is the responsibility of the Participating Residence to ensure that appropriately qualified first-aid/sports safety staff are present at all practice season activities. It is the responsibility of Sydney Uni Sport to ensure that appropriately qualified first-aid/sports safety staff are present at all organised intramural sporting matches.