

IM Sports Football FairPlay Rating Guidelines

The UC Davis FairPlay program was instituted to ensure that all participants in Intramural Sports have the opportunity to have the most enjoyable experience as possible. Teams in IM play should not have to contend with 'trash talking', excessively rough play or other forms of unsportsmanlike conduct.

An average fair play rating below a 3.5 renders a team ineligible or the playoffs

- 5 – No unsportsmanlike conduct calls** (Exemplary) Team displays excellent sportsmanship. The captain calmly converses with officials about rule interpretations and calls. The captain also has full control of his/her teammates and spectators. Team displays respectful conduct towards opposing team members (e.g. retrieving balls that go out-of-bounds and getting it to the officials, helping teammates and opponents to their feet, handing flags to opponents after play is ruled dead). Regardless of score or game situation, team aims to create a positive atmosphere for all (e.g. complimenting and encouraging everyone involved in the game). Team does not intentionally run up the score if leading by a large margin. Team picks up after self (e.g. throwing away empty water/ gatorade bottles) Teams counts and consolidates flags.

Each team starts the contest at a 4.

- 4 – 1 unsportsmanlike conduct call** (Above Average) Team displays above average sportsmanship. Team members and captain exhibit control over teammates and him/ herself. Team members rarely engage in trash talk or taunting. Team members do not retaliate towards participants. As a team, players consistently make clear attempts to go for the flag and not the player. Players respond to official's warnings and requests. Team makes an active effort to learn and comply with IM policy and game protocol.
- 3 – 1 unsportsmanlike conduct call on two different team members** Team displays average to below average sportsmanship. Team shows occasional verbal complaints towards officials and/or opposing team or teammates, some members show minor dissension. Team members occasionally engage in trash talking or taunting. Team members do not retaliate towards participants and/or spectators. Captain exhibits some control over teammates. Team members occasionally engage in rough play
- 2 – 1 ejection or 3 unsportsmanlike penalties** (Below average) Team displays below averages sportsmanship. Team consistently engages in verbal dissent of officials, opponents, teammates and spectators. Team captain displays little to no control over teammates, spectators and him/herself. Team members consistently engage in rough play. Team members engage in excessive trash talking. Game gets out of hand to the point where IM staff may need to intervene.
- 1 – More than one ejection or 4 unsportsmanlike penalties** (Unacceptable and not eligible for playoffs) Team is completely uncooperative. Team displays poor sportsmanship. Captain has no control over teammates and/or himself/herself. Team creates an unsafe environment to the point that IM staff have to step in and stop the game (e.g. verbal or physical threats, punching fighting). Other examples may include multiple penalties or joining in an altercation that has started (e.g. sideline, spectators, or other participants leaving respective areas).

A team that wins by no show the team will not receive a sportsmanship rating.