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# Recreation and Intramurals offers variety of competitive team sports

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The University Recreation and Intramurals department is offering a variety of sports activities this fall, including league play in volleyball, flag football, indoor soccer, and half-court basketball.

All students and faculty are eligible to compete, from "the novice to the advanced competitor," said Karla Rice, RIM director. Most of the leagues have divisions for men, women, and co-ed play, with each division divided into different levels of competitiveness.

This fall's flag football season may be affected by a lack of playing space, Rice said. Two fields normally used for football are out of commission, due to heavy use the previous year.

The fields, near 18th Avenue between Howe Field and Hayward Field, will go unused in order to restore the turf there.

As an alternative, Rice said two new fields are being prepared. One will be just beyond the left-field fence at Howe Field, and the other will be at the hammer throw practice area near Hayward Field.

The Howe Field location should be ready by fall, said Physical Plant grounds manager Tim King. Workers recently installed a new irrigation system and re-seeded a rectangular area for the new field.

The hammer throw practice area should also be available for use, at least for the first part of the season.

However, "If the weather gets too wet, we can't use it.



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University Recreation and Intramurals department offers all students and faculty the chance to participate in a variety of competitive sports without having to be a varsity athlete.

We can't let that field get torn up," said Jim Jaeger, Athletic Department operations manager.

Should one or both of the new fields be unavailable, Rice said she would have to either cut the number of teams allowed in the league, or shorten

the season by a game or two.

"We want to accommodate as many people as possible, so we would probably cut the number of games rather than the number of teams," Rice said.

Flag football normally has a 100-team limit, and Rice said she encourages teams to sign up early to ensure a spot in the league. The entry deadline is Sept. 28, and the team entry fee is \$25.

The volleyball league also has a 100-team cap, with men's, women's, and co-ed divisions. More over, there will be a free volleyball skills clinic taught by two assistant coaches from the University's intercollegiate team. The clinic is Oct. 8, and the entry deadline for league play is Oct. 10. The fee for league play is \$25.

Two "mini-leagues" are scheduled for indoor soccer and 3-on-3 half-court basketball. These leagues have three regular season games instead of the usual four, but like regular leagues they have a post-season tournament. There is a 42-team limit for each mini-league, and a \$20 entry fee. Details and deadlines for these and other events are available in the RIM

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