



Spikeball Rules

The department of University Recreation, Intramural Sports assumes no responsibility for injuries; however basic, first aid will be available

Regulations published in the Intramural Sports Handbook will be the governing policies for all intramural sports. Participants are responsible for possessing a thorough understanding of these regulations and their implications.

Spikeball is a self-officiated sport. The Intramural Sports Supervisors will have the final decision on any and all discrepancies.

Spikeball will be conducted under the rules of USA Spikeball. A review of these rules, along with the intramural sports modifications are as follows:

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

All participants must meet the eligibility guidelines as outlined in the Intramural Sports Participants Handbook.

PLAYERS AND ROSTERS

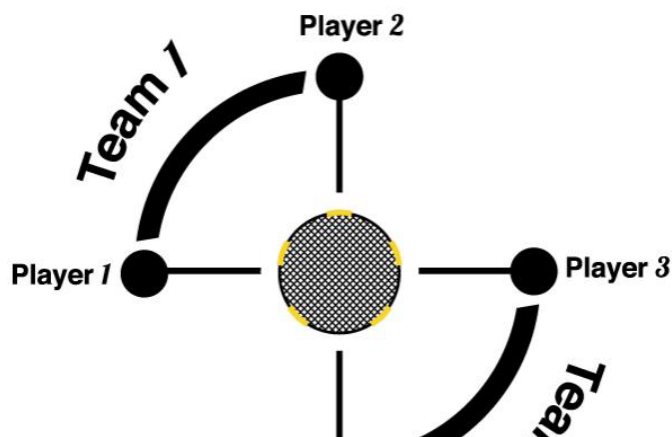
1. Spikeball is played between two (2) teams of two (2) players each.
2. Both players must be signed in at their scheduled game time to avoid the Forfeit Fine.
3. Opposing players are across the net from one another.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

1. All teams are required to furnish their own jerseys.
 - a. All jerseys must be of the same color.
 - b. All jerseys must have numbers on the back.
 - i. Numbers 0-5 are preferred.
 - ii. No three digit numbers
 - iii. Numbers may NOT be taped.
 1. Numbers that are painted, sharpie, marker, etc. are acceptable.

2. If a participant is bleeding or has blood on their jersey they will be removed from the game until the bleeding is under control. Prior to any participants re-entering a game the bleeding must be stopped, cleaned and any cuts or lacerations must be covered. Participants will not be allowed to participate in any activity until the above conditions are met.
3. **Jewelry:** The following jewelry and hair piece types are not allowed: exposed ear, nose, or body piercing(s) that are dangling in nature, watches, fitness trackers, rings, claw clips, or necklaces that cannot be tucked under the participants shirt. Individuals will be allowed to tape over any piercing.
 - a. Rubber, cloth, or elastic bands may be used to control hair. Hard items including, but not limited to, beads, barrettes, bobby pins, and other adornments in the hair that are securely fastened to the head and do not present an increased risk to the player, teammates, or opponents, are allowed.
 - b. Medical Bracelets and religious medallions may be worn during intramural sports
4. **Headwear:** No hard-billed hats (except during softball), bandanas or anything with a knot or unyielding material will not be allowed to be worn on the head during competition. Players may wear a one-piece elastic headband made of a soft, pliable material (i.e., sleeve, sweatband). Knit stocking caps will be allowed during cold weather.
5. **Shoes:** Athletic style shoes are preferred. Cleats are permitted for Intramural Sports Flag Football. NO metal cleats are permitted.
6. **Supports, Braces, & Pads:** No casts/splints will be allowed under any circumstances. No pads or braces will be allowed above the waist. Players who wear a knee brace with exposed metal or metal hinges are required to cover it. Kneepads of a soft pliable nature will be allowed below the waist. Any player wearing illegal or dangerous equipment shall not be permitted to play. All equipment shall be subject to the approval of the Intramural Sports Staff and their decisions shall be final.

PLAYING AREA AND NET



OVERVIEW

Spikeball is a team sport played by two teams of two players. Opposing teams line up across from each other with the Spikeball net in the center. The ball is put in play with a serve—a hit by the server from behind the service boundary into the net to an opposing player. Once the ball is served players can move anywhere necessary to play the ball. The object of the game is to hit the ball into the net so that the opposing team cannot return it. A team is allowed up to three touches to return the ball. The rally continues until the ball is not returned properly.

SERVING

1. The receiving team sets their position first. Server stands directly across from the receiving player. Only the designated receiver can field the serve.
2. The ball must be tossed up from the server's hand before it is hit. The ball cannot be hit out of the server's hand. If the server does not like the toss, the ball must drop to the ground. They will have one more opportunity to toss and serve the ball.
3. Server's feet must be behind the service line (at least 6 feet away from the net) when the ball is hit. They can lean over the service line, but their feet may not cross the service line until after the ball is hit.
4. The server is allowed to take a pivot step or approach steps, but is not allowed to move laterally beyond a pivot.
5. Serves can be as hard or as soft as the server likes, and drop shots are allowed.
6. Serves must be below the receiver's raised hand. If the ball can be caught by the receiver, it has to be played. If the ball is too high, the receiver must call "let" before their teammate touches the ball. The serving team has one more try to serve. If the serving team cannot hit a legal serve on the second try, they lose the point. If the receiver does not call "let", play continues.
7. The ball must come cleanly off the net on a serve. If the ball takes an unpredictable bounce (commonly known as "pocket"), the receiver must call "let" before their teammate touches the ball. The serving team has one more try to give a clean serve. If the serving team cannot hit a legal serve on the second try, they lose the point. If the receiver does not call "let", continue play.
8. If the ball takes an unpredicted bounce, and lands back on the net or the rim, it's the other teams point and a change of possession.
9. If the ball contacts the rim **at any time**, a point is awarded for the other team and a change of possession.
10. After a server wins the point, they change positions with their teammate so they are directly across from the other member of the receiving team.
11. The four players serve in the same sequence throughout the match, changing the server each time a rally is won by the receiving team.

CONTACTING THE BALL

1. Hits must alternate between teammates.
2. The ball must be hit, not be caught, lifted, or thrown. You cannot hit the ball with two hands (this includes putting both hands together while contacting the ball with your hands).
3. You can use any part of your body to hit the ball and it counts as your hit. (You cannot contact the ball twice in a row regardless of what part of your body it touches)
4. If the ball hits any part of the ground or rim it is no good. There are only "lets" on the serve. After the serve, if the ball does not hit the rim, play it regardless of how it bounces.
5. If teams cannot determine if the ball hit the rim, replay the point, no questions asked.
6. Once the ball hits the net, it must bounce off in a single bounce. It must clear the rim in order to be good.

SCORING

1. Rally scoring will be in affect (points can be won by the serving or receiving team)
2. Games are played to 21. You must win by two points. (unless otherwise specified by a UREC Sport Supervisor)
3. Switch sides after one team reaches 11 points.
4. Points are scored when:
 - a. The ball isn't hit back into the net within 3 hits
 - b. The ball hits the ground
 - c. The ball hits the rim (including clips) (Even during a serve--rim shots don't count as a "let")
 - d. The ball does not bounce off the net in a single bounce. (It must clear the rim in order to be good)
 - e. Illegal serve or other infraction.

INFRACTIONS

1. Defensive players must make an effort to get out of the offensive team's way. If a member of the defensive team is in the way of a play on the ball, the player being blocked must call "hinder" and replay the point. The offensive team must have a legitimate play on the ball to call "hinder."
2. If the defensive team gets hit with the ball, call "hinder" and replay the point. The offensive team must have a legitimate play on the pass to call "hinder."
3. If a defensive player attempts to play a ball when it is not their turn, they lose the point.
4. If a player hits a shot off the net then the ball hits their teammate, they lose the point. If a player hits a shot off the net then the ball hits himself/herself, they lose the point.
5. If any player makes contact with the Spikeball set that moves the set or affects the trajectory of the ball, they lose the point. If the contact with the Spikeball set does not move the set or affect the trajectory of the ball, play on.

PARTICIPANT CONDUCT POLICY

Intramural Sports prioritizes sportsmanship by all teams, spectators, and staff. The captain is responsible for the behavior of all its team members and representatives. Everyone is expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the The Code of Student Life, University conduct standards, and policies set forth by University Recreation. Actions by team members and representatives during intramural activities that extend beyond the realm of decency will not be tolerated. Individuals violating will be suspended until meeting with the Assistant Director and/or Coordinator of Club and Intramural Sports. We will be using a “2, 3, 4” method of determining eligibility for all leagues and major tournaments. The following will be in effect for the activity’s season:

- a. The accumulation of TWO (2) unsporting conduct fouls in a game will result in the ejection of the individual from the game, and procedures outlined in the “Ejections” section.
- b. The accumulation of THREE (3) total unsporting conducts fouls during an activity’s season will result in the dismissal of the individual from the activity for the remainder of its season. The accumulation of Three (3) unsporting conduct by a team will result in in the forfeiture of the contest
- c. The accumulation of FOUR (4) total unsporting conduct fouls by the team’s individual participants during an activity’s season will result in the dismissal of the team from the activity for the remainder of the season.

*Unsporting totals rollover to playoffs

PARTICIPANT CONDUCT FACTS

1. Any flagrant attempt to cause physical harm to another participant and/or staff member will result in immediate ejection and suspension from all UREC facilities and programming.
2. Any Participant Conduct will be reviewed by the Intramural Sports professional staff.