



# Intramural Sports CoRec Inertube Water Polo Rules



## Intramural Sports Participant Manual

- All participants are required to adhere to the policies of Intramural Sports. This information is located online at <http://intramurals.athletics.cornell.edu/IMWeb/Intramurals>.
- In the Intramural Sports Participant Manual, you will find important information regarding:

| Team Information             | Participant Information   |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Registration               | • Eligibility             |
| • Divisions                  | • Participation           |
| • Playoffs                   | • Participant Conduct     |
| • Sportsmanship              | • Safety                  |
| • Forfeits and Cancellations | • Alcohol and Drug Policy |
| • Protests                   |                           |
| • Champions                  |                           |

## Pool

- All games will be played at the Teagle Hall Pool.
- All players are expected to assist the Intramural Sports Staff with setting-up and taking-down all necessary equipment.
- Participants should park in the Central Campus Parking Garage.

## Timing

- Games will consist of two 12-minute halves with running time.
- During the entire game, the clock will only stop for team or official timeouts.
- Each team will be granted one 30-second timeout per game. A team must be in possession of the ball or the ball must be dead when requesting a timeout.
- If a game ends in a tie, successive two-minute periods will be played. (Playoffs only)

## Players

- Each team will consist of seven players (including one goalkeeper). A minimum of five players is necessary to begin and continue play.
- A minimum of two male and two female players must be playing at all times.
- There may be no more than a one-player difference between the genders in the pool at any time.
- Female goals are worth two points.

## Start of Play

- All players (except the goalie) must begin the game touching the wall adjacent to their goal.
- The official will sound the whistle and toss the ball in the center of the pool, signaling the beginning of play. A goalie may not retrieve the opening toss.
- After goals, the scored-upon goalie will begin with the ball. The goalie may not be interfered with after

## General Playing Rules

- All players must remain seated in the tube with both legs hanging over the edge.
- Players must be correctly seated in their tube to play the ball.
- Any player in physical possession of the ball may be dumped.
- Players must make an immediate attempt to reseat themselves in their tubes upon being dumped.
- No shots may be taken within the two-meter area.
- If a ball goes out of the pool, the ball is given to the team that did not touch the ball last near to where the ball exited the pool.

## Penalties

- Personal fouls result in the ball being awarded to the opponent at the spot of the foul. These include:
  - Holding, pushing off, pulling, tackling, and dumping an opponent without the ball.
  - Striking the ball with a closed fist.
  - Deliberately splashing an opponent.
  - Pushing or pulling along the side of the pool.
  - Deliberate contact with an opponent's body.
  - Passing the ball with two hands
    - The entire motion of the pass must be completed with one hand on the ball
- Technical fouls will result in a live-ball penalty shot. Two technical fouls results in a player's ejection and three for a team force the team to forfeit the contest. These include:
  - Interfering with a penalty shot.
  - Committing a foul against an offensive player with an obvious scoring opportunity.
  - Consecutive personal fouls to delay the game.
  - Deliberately disobeying an official.
  - Any behavior deemed unsportsmanlike or unsafe
- Penalty shots will be taken four meters from the front of the goal (equal with where the metal posts are). Only the goalkeeper may attempt to block the shot. All other players must be 2 meters from the shooter and must be even with or behind the shooter in relation to the offensive goal. The ball becomes possession of the shooting team's goalie after the shot is made or missed.

*All rules not specifically covered in this document will be enforced impartially by the administering official.  
All rules are subject to change by the Intramural Sports professional staff.*