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Purpose of the Grace Intramural Program

The G.I.P., Grace Intramural Program is under G.S.O., Grace Student Organizations. G.S.O. is under the Student Development Department. The G.I.P. purpose statement is meant to be in line with the G.S.O. purpose statement, the Student Development purpose statement and ultimately under the mission statement of Grace College.

The purpose of the G.I.P. is to make intra-collegiate sports available to all students. The G.I.P. will focus on sportsmanship over victory and encouragement of others over self-promotion. We will strive to make every student feel welcome to participate. The G.I.P. will be run in an efficient, energetic, and God honoring way. We will demand good sportsmanship in all situations.

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Points of Emphasis

1. A Staff G.I.P. Director will be responsible to monitor and maintain all Intramural activities throughout the school year. The G.I.P. Director will be responsible to hire and train a Student G.I.P. Co-Director. A job description will be developed for the Student G.I.P. Co-Director in accord with school policy.

2. The G.I.P. Director and Student G.I.P. Co-Director will meet together on an ongoing basis to discuss issues, address problems and ensure that the stated goals of the G.I.P. are being met.

3. The G.I.P. Director will work with a G.I.P. committee. This committee will consist of the Student Director, and at least 3 hired G.I.P. members. This committee will address the G.I.P. handbook and make necessary changes on an ongoing basis. This committee will be responsible to maintain the G.I.P. on a daily basis.

4. Each floor of each dorm and off-campus will have a representative, if they so chose, which will meet with the G.I.P. committee, at least once a month.

5. The G.I.P. committee will meet with the hall representatives to discuss the progress and issues that may arise during the semester; as well as disseminate information about upcoming events and assess past events, as needed.

6. The G.I.P. will consist of 4 full-time sports (2 in the fall and 2 in the spring) and various specialty sports throughout the year, any additions to the aforementioned will be considered by the G.I.P. committee.
   Other Possibilities Include: Dodge Ball, computer gaming and others to be determined by the G.I.P. committee.

7. All participants will sign a waiver prior to being able to participate in any Intramural activity. This waiver will be designed through the Student Development department. All students will also be expected to sign a sportsmanship pledge prior to participating in a G.I.P. event.

8. Umpire/referees/scorekeepers will be provided by the G.I.P. All referees will be hired by the G.I.P. Director with input from the Student Co-Director. For each sport.

9. All decisions of the referee will be final.

10. A point system will be developed and used to determine the G.I.P. Overall Grand Champion. The Grand Champion will be presented at the end of the year, following the completion of the last G.I.P. event in the Spring semester. The Grand Champions will receive a t-shirt for all who were involved as a participant or Spectator for at least 50% of the teams' games.
General Information for all Sports/Events

League and Team Information:

1. Each sport will have a men's and a women's league; unless so specified as a co-ed event at which time teams will play within their brother/sister hall combinations.

2. Each league will have representative teams from every hall that wishes to participate.

3. If a hall does not have enough players to field a team, then that hall will be combined with another team.

4. The G.I.P. Director will make the final decision on team combinations.

5. Once a player plays for a team he cannot change teams for the remainder of that school year.

6. The inclusion of seminary students, faculty and staff players is encouraged. They also must remain with the team they initially play for over the course of the school year. These teams will not progress toward the championship bracket.

7. All changes to the schedule are done at the discretion of the G.I.P. Director.

8. Any comments or questions about team combinations or rosters will need to be directed to the G.I.P. Director.

9. The regular season is for seeding purposes which will be applied to the tournament.

10. At the end of the regular season for each sport, a tournament will be played to determine the champion for that sport.

11. The tournament champion will receive T-shirts for all members of that hall who signed the attendance sheet and played and/or been a spectator in at least 50% of the teams games.

12. Spectators will be awarded T-shirts if their hall if they attend 50% or more of their teams games and if their team wins the tournament championship.

13. T-shirts will be given to the team that wins the tournament in Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball and Co-ed Softball. Other sport/event champions may receive T-shirts at the discretion of the G.I.P. Director.

14. A banner for each league winner for each sport will be hung in the Gordon Recreation Center. This will be true for men's and women's soccer, volleyball and basketball.

15. A banner for the Overall Grand Champion will be awarded and hung in the Gordon Recreational Center and the team will receive T-shirts.
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**Soccer**

This is a highly attended sport by both women and men. Those that participate enjoy themselves and also seem to get a large following of spectators. This is a good avenue for connecting freshmen halls and developing brother/sister hall relationships since this is a highly attended spectator sport.

We will maintain the soccer season as the first sport in the fall semester of the school year. We will have a league for both men and women, to include a championship banner for both. We will have, at least, an 8 game season with a single elimination tournament to immediately follow. Soccer would be completed by mid-terms.

The regular season play will decide the seeding for the tourney. The tournament will be completed in one week, the week before mid-terms. The winner of the tournament will be the Soccer Champion and will receive the T-shirts.

**Volleyball**

Volleyball will start after mid-terms. This is also a highly attended sport by both women and men. Spectators also attend these games and the G.R.C. (Gordon Recreational Center) will fit this sport nicely. Volleyball is a good sport for beginning the winter months. We plan to do a Friday night Brother/Sister hall co-ed volleyball tournament to maintain the connections between these groups and start volleyball off with a bang.

Volleyball will be scheduled for the second half of the first semester. The tournament will be completed the week before Finals. We will have a league for both men and women, to include a championship banner/pennant for both. We will have at least 8 games in the regular season with a single elimination tournament. The games will be completed in 1 hour.

**Basketball**

This is Indiana. Basketball is big. We will have a season and a single elimination tournament. We will have our schedule laid out so that the tournament championship game is on a night very close to the NCAA Final Four Championship night. This will generate some added excitement. Thus basketball will start a couple weeks into the Spring semester and end the first week of April.

**Co-ed Softball**

The softball season is a good way to end the year with Professional Baseball starting and everyone getting in the mood for America’s pastime. This will be held in March or April depending on the weather. Softball will also be a Brother/Sister hall activity. The team consists of 10 players on the field at a time. Each team can have as many hitters as they want. The batting order consists of 3 guys and then 1 girl before another guy can bat. The softball schedule will be about 8 games per team and a single elimination tournament to cap off the intramural season.
Friday Night Challenges

We propose an addition to the schedule called Friday Night Challenges. We will schedule sports specifically for brother/sister halls to participate in on Friday nights.

Co-ed Kickball

Co-ed kickball will be held on the Intramural Field (the old practice soccer field for some of us). All the brother/sister halls will be scheduled to play every time. We will give points toward the Overall Grand Championship. The rules will be available on the night of the event. We will have between 1 and 3 kickball challenges.

Co-ed Volleyball

Co-ed volleyball will be held on Friday nights after mid-terms for brother/sister hall competition. This will be held in the same manner as Co-ed Kickball. The points will be done in the same way. This event will be held in the Gordon Recreational Center.

Other Possible Events

Badminton - Singles & Mixed Doubles

Badminton will be a sign-up for participation event. This will ensure we have enough interest. Badminton would occur during the first half of the second semester. We will encourage brother/sister halls to sign-up together. This is one of the sports that will be open to faculty/staff to participate. See "Faculty Involvement in Intramurals" for further information on faculty/staff participation. All play will be self-monitored by the players. Results will be reported by the players to the G.I.P. representative on duty. Official badminton rules will be used. A copy of official Badminton rules will be available in the G.I.P. office and on the G.I.P. website.

Dodgeball

We will have dodgeball on one of the first weekends of the Spring semester. There will be a regular season and then a tournament to end the night. Also the winners will receive a cool and unique prize/trophy. A team will consist of 6 players with at least 1 girl on the court during a game.
Points and Scoring for the G.I.P. Overall Grand Championship

- All teams will generate points toward the Grand Championship.
- Points are earned thru participation and spectator attendance.
- Combined teams will each receive the total points that they acquired together in a particular sport, to apply toward their individual Grand Championship point totals.
- The Overall G.I.P. Grand Champion will be determined and announced at the end of the Spring semester 2008.
- Each win in any sport earns 30 points unless otherwise announced for that event.
- Each loss earns 10 points unless otherwise announced for that event.
- Any forfeit will receive no points for the team that forfeits and 10 points will go to the team that was in attendance and unable to play due to the forfeit.
- All spectators earn points for their team every time they attend for a complete game.
- The attendance sheet is for all members of the hall who attend both spectators and participants. All members from the hall need to sign the attendance sheet.
- All members of a hall who are eligible to be counted for attendance points for their hall at all events.
- The attendance point will be determined by a % of possible # of people in attendance divided into the # of people who actually attend with a total possible number of points = to the total of winning all games scheduled for that sport. Attendance Points example: Hall A has 25 eligible members for attendance points. Each game they participate in they sign and have an average over the 10 game schedule of 15 people attending (both as spectators and participants). Thus they are eligible to earn 60% of the 300 points (10 games times 30 points for winning) for a total attendance points of 180.
- Any questions about the attendance formula can be directed to the G.I.P. Director in person for clarification!
- Tourney points for attendance will be counted in the first game for every team. After that first tournament game only win/loss points will be awarded.
- Win and loss points will continue thru the tournament. 30 points for a win and 10 points for a loss.
- Clarification of tournament points can also be directed to the G.I.P. Director.
Participant Expectations

All participants are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship, fair play, and abide by all rules of the Office of Recreation Services, and the scheduled activity. Remember that it's a PRIVILEGE to participate in intramural sports and that privilege can be taken away from you. In those cases where unsportsmanlike acts occur, the following will happen:
1. Meeting with the G.I.P. Director prior to being allowed to resume participation.
2. Possible suspensions or forfeiture of games within G.I.P. events.
3. Possible consultations with the R.D. or Dean of Students.
4. Possible combination of any or all of the above mentioned actions.
* It is the sincere hope that all patrons will play according to the rules and policies set forth by the G.I.P. and Grace College.

G.I.P. Sportsmanship Pledge / 2007 - 2008

I, _______________________________________, pledge to exhibit good sportsmanship while participating in any G.I.P. activity. I will strive to respect others; players, referees and fans. I will ultimately participate for the glory of God, not for myself or others. I will do this to the best of my God given ability, asking God for the strength to overcome my nature and to make it His.

________________________________________
Signature

Employees

Date
1. Intramural Sports Supervisors will be on-site for all activities and will have full authority to operate an activity.

2. Officials and other employees of the G.I.P. will be fair and honest and do their jobs to the best of their ability.

3. Other intramural support staff will assist with scheduling and other "office work" in the intramural sports area. These employees are non-biased and as fair and impartial as possible.

Insurance and Liability

Each participant is responsible for knowing what their own physical and psychological capabilities and limitations are and they are responsible for their participation within the program relating to the Grace Intramural Program events. The G.I.P. has no insurance program available to participants, so realize that you participate at your own risk. All participants are strongly urged to have a physical examination before they participate in an intramural sports event. There is an inherent risk in any recreational activity that you participate in. Please know that each time you play, you are required to sign a waiver to release all risk and harm to the Grace Intramural Program and Grace College.
Addendum #2

Grace Intramural Program (G.I.P.) - Faculty Involvement for 2007 - 2008

We propose that faculty and staff no longer have their own team. We want to propose a system where the individual teams ask 1 staff/faculty member of their choice to play for them in a particular sport or for the whole school year, if they so wish. We would also suggest that this be true for seminary students as well.

The positives far outweigh any negative reaction that may come from not having faculty/staff win the Volleyball and Basketball championships year after year. It would work toward our goal of community. Having a student ask Scott Feather to play soccer with them would be a great boost to the whole interest and involvement in Intramurals.

This would take a shift in thinking for the faculty/staff. I am willing to make the announcement and then take any questions related to the decision. I would also encourage faculty/staff to approach student groups that they may be associated with as Hall contacts in the growth group setting to discuss being involved in Intramurals.

We would add to this venture by awarding extra overall champion and participation/support points for any team that gets a faculty/staff member to play for them. These points would be graduated in importance. If a team gets Michael Voss to play Volleyball for them the team will receive 10 points every time he plays. If another team gets Scott Feather to play soccer, they would receive 100 points every time he plays. The point system would be determined by the G.I.P. committee.

If seminary students have a large issue with this, then a compromise would be to include them in with the off-campus teams. The off-campus teams struggle with fielding a full team except for men's basketball. Seminary student teams will be one of the first issues discussed by the committee.

Contact Information

Check out the G.I.P. webpage at www. Also contact the G.I.P. office at gip@grace.edu

Contact the G.I.P. Director, Michael Voss at 574.372.5100 X6544 or by email at michael.voss@grace.edu

The G.I.P. Director reserves the right to make changes, additions deletions to this handbook, as needed. This handbook will be available in paper form in the Student Development office and in the G.I.P. office.