Intramurals at NMHU: Creation of a Recreational Sports Program

A Joint Proposal by the Department of Human Performance, Leisure, and Sport and Campus Life.

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Overview:

The creation of a Recreational Sports Program will provide NMHU students, faculty, and staff with greater opportunities for an enhanced campus life. This program will include activities such as intramural sports, fitness, open recreation, outdoor adventure, and hobby activities. An experienced faculty member will be required to run this program. This faculty position will be assigned to the Department of Human Performance, Leisure and Sport to teach .75 in the department and .25 as the Coordinator of the Recreational Sports Program. Additionally, this new faculty member should be qualified minimally, as a recreation/leisure services specialist with experience administering an intramural program.

Administrative Structure:

The Coordinator of Recreational Sports (CRS) will report directly to the Coordinator of Campus Life and the Department Chair of Human Performance, Leisure and Sport. The following administrative structure is proposed:

NMHU President
- Vice President of Student Affairs
- Coordinator of Campus Life/Department Chair of Human Performance, Leisure and Sport
- Coordinator of Recreational Sport/HPLS Faculty Member
- HPLS Graduate Assistant
- Work Study Students/HPLS Practicum Students

Program Needs:

The facilities necessary for this proposal are already in place. Most of the intramural sports will require the use of Wilson Complex during the hours after the facility closes: 8-11 pm and some weekends. Other activities such as hobby activities will be scheduled either in the dorms or the Student Center.

A qualified faculty member with expertise in recreation/leisure services and intramurals will need to be hired. This individual will provide the needed leadership to oversee such a broad recreational program. In the past, the Department of Human Performance, Leisure, and Sport has run the Intramurals program very successfully. At that time the program included a wide range of activities, not inclusive of a sports only atmosphere. This again is the role of the proposed recreational sports program. Additionally, this new faculty member will help fill the void in Leisure Services. Currently, the department is 2.75 faculty short in this area (Please see the attached justification for new faculty in the Department of Human Performance, Leisure, and Sport in the appendix).
Breakdown of the Recreational Sports Program:

The Recreational Sports Program will be broken down into three main areas of focus:

- **Intramural Sports:** offered periodically throughout the academic year.
- **Outdoor Adventure:** offered weather permitting includes activities such as scheduled hikes and bike rides.
- **Hobby Activities:** playing cards, board games, and other activities for non-sport interaction.

1. **Intramural Sports:**

   A diversified intramural sports program will provide our students, faculty, and staff with many opportunities for athletic enjoyment in a competitively balanced environment. The following is a tentative list of the proposed activities/leagues for the 2002-2003 academic year:

   **Team Sports:**
   
   - Basketball (Men’s and Women’s)
   - Flag Football (Men’s and Women’s)
   - Volleyball (Co-Recreational)
   - Softball (Co-Recreational)
   - Ultimate Frisbee (Co-Recreational)

   **Individual Sports:**
   
   - Racquetball (Men’s and Women’s)
   - Tennis (Men’s Singles, Women’s Singles, and Co-Recreational Doubles)
   - Badminton (Men’s Singles, Women’s Singles, and Co-Recreational Doubles)
   - Ping Pong (Men’s Singles, Women’s Singles, and Co-Recreational Doubles)
   - Golf (Best Ball Tournament)

   **League Structure:**

   All leagues will conclude with a tournament championship. In major team sports, a round robin format will be administered for the league season. All teams that do not forfeit during league play will be eligible for the post-season playoffs. Following the regularly scheduled season, team will be seeded according to their league records. Post-season play will normally be a single elimination tournament. All rosters are frozen after the tournament schedules are posted.

   **Entry Procedures:**
General information, rosters, free agent forms, and forfeit fee forms are all available at the Recreational Sports office. All information forms, applications and forfeit fees must be completed before individuals or teams are allowed to compete.

**Team Sports Entry:**

Team rosters and score sheets must be legible and accurate to prevent any sort of miscommunication. Please do not list any nicknames, shortened names, or unaccounted initials on any forms. It is best to utilize the name printed on a valid NMHU ID.

Rosters may be obtained at the Recreational Sports office. All rosters are due by the date and time provided on the information sheet. Late rosters will be taken at the discretion of the Coordinator of Recreational Sports. A wait list may be formed with late rosters and substituted in for teams recording forfeits. The Coordinator of Recreational Sports will communicate important information through the team managers/captains. Team managers/captains are responsible for passing all information through to their respective teams.

**Forfeit Fee:**

All individual and teams who apply to compete in league play and/or tournament play must submit the entire “forfeit fee.” The fee is a bond that will be returned to the individual participant or team captain/manager upon the completion of the sports season (league and tournament) if all playing obligations were met. The fee will be lost if, throughout the course of league/tournament play, the participant(s) fail to complete in the scheduled events. Any individual or team, which loses its Forfeit Fee, may not continue to participate until a new bond is posted. Teams, which do not report with the minimum number of necessary players by game time, will lose their fee. The Coordinator of Recreational Sports reserves the right to review any special circumstances in regard to fee forfeiture.

**Intramurals Schedule:**

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2. Outdoor Adventure:

An Outdoor Adventure program will provide our students, faculty, and staff with many opportunities for recreational enjoyment. The following activities will be scheduled during the 2002-2003 academic year:

- Hiking Fall/Spring
- Bike Rides Fall/Spring

Additionally, it may be possible to schedule skiing and/or snowboarding trips. The cost for these activities will be minimal. Students will supply their own bicycles for the bike rides.

3. Hobby Activities:

Hobby Activities will provide students, faculty, and staff with non-sport activities to interested individuals. All activities will be scheduled in the late afternoons and evenings, including the weekends. The following activities will be scheduled during the 2002-2003 academic year:

- Card Playing Tournaments
- Board Game Tournaments

The costs for these activities is also minimal.

Proposed Budget for Recreational Sports Program (per year):

- Salary (HPLS Faculty Position/Coordinator of Recreational Sports Program) 30,000.00
- Graduate Assistant 6,500.00 + tuition
- Equipment, officials, and work studies: 10,000.00
- 46,500.00