

NCAA March Madness Bracket Tournament Rules

Any rule and situation not specifically covered are subject to the current version of the rules and the judgement and discretion of the intramural sports staff.

All rules are subject to change at the discretion of the Intramural Sports Office, and the Intramural Sports Office has the final decision on all situations covered and not covered by the rules.

Rule 1: Player Eligibility & Registration

Player Eligibility

- ✓ Currently enrolled (at least half-time), fee-paying Tennessee Tech University students as well as faculty and staff of the University with a current, active membership to the fitness center may participate in intramural leagues, tournaments, and contests.
- ✓ Prior to each contest and event, participants must check in with a member of the IM staff.
- ✓ **Players can compete for only one (1) team in each single-gendered league** and, if applicable, **one (1) co-rec league**. Once he or she checks-in for one (1) team, that player **CANNOT** transfer to another team in that league for the duration of the season.
- ✓ **For postseason eligibility, a player must have participated in at least one (1) regular season game.**
- ✓ Current varsity athletes cannot participate in their sport or related sport. Former varsity athletes cannot participate in their sport or related sport for one calendar year (365 days) after their official affiliation with a college or university team has ended.
- ✓ Current professional athletes cannot participate in their sport or related sport. Former professional athletes cannot participate in their sport or related sport for five (5) years after their official affiliation with a professional team has ended.
- ✓ Intramural Sports Professional staff shall make the final decision on eligibility issues.

Registration

- ✓ Teams should register on the Fusion Play App by the posted deadline

Rule 2: Format & Team Composition

Tournament Format

- ✓ The tournament will take place during the duration of the NCAA March Madness Tournament

Team Composition

- ✓ Each team shall have a maximum of one (1) bracket

Rule 3: Playing Area & Equipment

Playing Area

- ✓ Each person will fill out a bracket online via ESPN Tournament Challenge, or in person at the Marc Burnett Student Recreation & Fitness Center.

Rule 4: Defaults, Forfeits, Grace Periods, & Protests

Forfeits

- ✓ A forfeit is failing to fill out the bracket before the first (1st) day of when the tournament starts.
- ✓ Forfeits will result in removal from the tournament

Protests

- ✓ Eligibility protests will be considered by Intramural Sports Graduate Assistants and Professional Staff
- ✓ During the contest, teams must resolve game-related issues as games are self-officiated. Intramural staff shall settle disagreements over the rules
- ✓ Teams may protest player eligibility before the start of the tournament

Rule 5: Timing & Scoring

Game Length

- ✓ Duration of the NCAA March Madness Tournament

Scoring

- At the end of the tournament, the person with the correct and highest number of wins will be the winner.
- In the event of a tie, there will be tie-breaker questions.

Rule 6: Playing Rules

- Each person will fill out a bracket before the first (1st) game of NCAA March Madness Tournament starts.
- The bracket will be completed online, or if needed, in the Marc Burnett Student Recreation & Fitness Center in Room 234.
- The bracket will be kept updated automatically, or if needed, by a member of the Tn Tech Intramural Staff.

Ejections

- ✓ When a player is ejected, that player shall forfeit the contest.
- ✓ Ejected players must leave the Fitness Center and/or Intramural Fields immediately and cannot return to play **ANY** sport until he/she has been cleared for participation by a professional staff member of the Intramural Sports Office.