



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

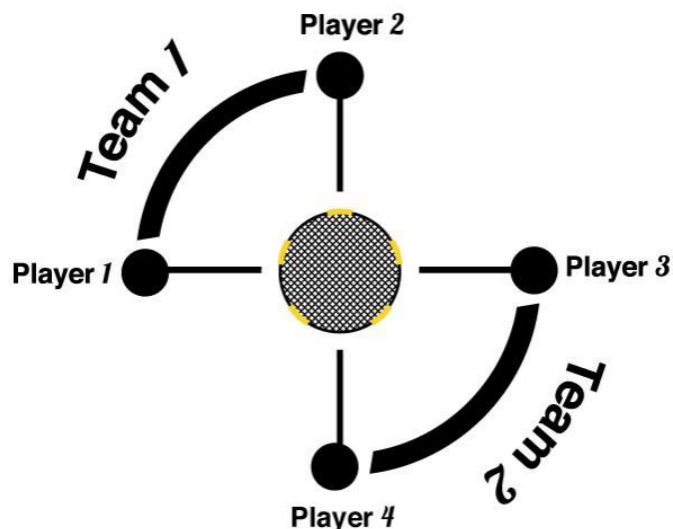
ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

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

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.

PLAYING AREA AND NET





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:** Jewelry or hard hair control devices will not be allowed. This includes but is not limited to necklaces, earrings, newly pierced earrings, facial piercing, rings, bracelets & watches. Individuals will not be allowed to tape over any jewelry item. If you cannot remove the item you cannot play.
 - a. The only type of permissible jewelry are medical alert bracelets. These bracelets must be taped down to the participant's wrist, with the important medical information showing.
4. **Shoes:** Only non-marking shoes will be allowed. Basketball style shoes are preferred.
5. **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.
6. **Headwear:** Players may wear a one-piece elastic headband made of a soft pliable material. They may also wear knit stocking caps in cold weather. Rubber or elastic cloth bands may be used to control hair. No other headwear will be allowed. No baseball caps, bandannas (including "Do-rags") or helmets.



SERVING

- The receiving team sets their position first. Server stands directly across from the receiving player. Only the designated receiver can field the serve.
- 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.
- 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.
- The server is allowed to take a pivot step or approach steps, but is not allowed to move laterally beyond a pivot.
- Serves can be as hard or as soft as the server likes, and drop shots are allowed.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- If the ball contacts the rim *at any time*, a point is awarded for the other team and a change of possession.
- 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.
- 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

- Hits must alternate between teammates.
- 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).
- 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)
- 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.
- If teams cannot determine if the ball hit the rim, replay the point, no questions asked.
- 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

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

INFRACTIONS

- 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."
- 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."
- If a defensive player attempts to play a ball when it is not their turn, they lose the point.
- 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.
- 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.