

## SPRING 2025 MARCH MADNESS RULES

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*Recent changes will appear in italicized and highlighted text*

Situations not specifically covered or implied by these rules shall be governed by the Intramural Sports Program.

### **Rule 1: Facility**

1. The online competition will take place on ESPN.com with a group created by the Sports and Youth Programs Program Director or Coordinator.
  - a. Group Name: UCCS IM Men's/Women's Bracket Challenge
  - b. Password: (given after completed registration on FusionPlay)

### **Rule 2: Eligibility**

1. The Intramural Sports Program is open to all University of Colorado Colorado Springs undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled, as well as faculty, staff, and affiliate members, provided they have a valid membership with Campus Recreation and a valid Sport Pass. For this event it will be free of charge and will utilize the ESPN Tournament Challenge System.
2. Prior to participating, all players must register on FusionPlay in order to receive an email from the Sports and Youth Programs staff for next steps.
3. Participants are able to participate in both the men's and women's tournament bracket challenge.

### **Rule 3: Team Composition**

1. A team is considered 1 person's entry to the group bracket.
2. Bracket name must include the registered person's last name.

### **Rule 4: Equipment**

1. Participants will need an ESPN.com account (free) to participate.

### **Rule 5: Game Play**

1. Participants will complete a full bracket by picking teams to win throughout the tournament.
  - a. Only brackets that are fully completed before they lock will be considered.

### **Rule 6: Scoring**

1. All scoring will be via the ESPN Tournament Challenge System with the highest final total score being the winner.

### **Rule 7: Sportsmanship**

1. Intramural Sports expects all participants and spectators to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Following each game, officials and/or supervisors evaluate team behavior and issue sportsmanship points to all teams. For tournaments or special events, if

there is an issue with sportsmanship the team or individual will receive a warning. If there is another instance of sportsmanship issues the staff on site has the right to remove a player or team from the event. Sportsmanship issues include:

- a. Participants are openly arguing calls with officials on multiple incidents.
- b. Fighting.
- c. Mocking the skill level of an opponent.
- d. Trash Talk.
- e. Not having control of spectators for your team.
- f. Etc.