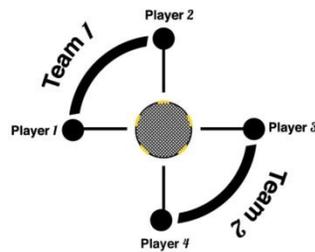


**Administrative Rules and Information**

- I. Prior to the game, players must check-in at the information table with the supervisor or University Recreation Assistant on duty. All University Recreation participants **MUST** have a Comet Card or the GET app to participate, **no exceptions**.
- II. All games will be played on campus unless otherwise mentioned. Check [imleagues.com/utdallas](http://imleagues.com/utdallas) for specific location. Teams are expected to report to their court/field 15 minutes before game time.
- III. **NO ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OR FOOD** allowed in UREC facilities. Non-alcoholic beverages are allowed with a secure top.
- IV. **Ejections:** Any form of physical combat (pushing, punching, kicking, etc.) at any time during one's use of the facility while at a University Recreation event is taking place will result in an immediate ejection with further action taken on an individual basis. The officials of each game or any other UREC staff may eject any player or bystander for inappropriate behavior at any time. Ejected players must be out of sight and sound within one minute or a forfeit may be declared. It is the responsibility of the team captain to make sure ejected players leave the area. **An ejected player must schedule a meeting with the Assistant Director of Competitive Sports before he/she can play again in ANY intramural event.**
- V. **Sportsmanship:** All team members, coaches, and spectators are subject to sportsmanship rules as stated in the University Recreation Guidelines. Each team's sportsmanship (max of 4) will be evaluated by intramural officials, scorekeepers, or supervisors assigned to the game. Captains will have the opportunity to see their team's sportsmanship rating at the end of each game. **A team must average a 3 to be eligible for playoffs.**
- VI. **Forfeits:** Teams will receive a "0" sportsmanship rating for a forfeit. After one forfeit, teams become ineligible for playoffs. Teams are dropped from competition after two forfeits. If a team knows that they are unable to make the contest, they must notify the University Recreation office 24 hours in advance to default their game (972.883.7457). Defaulting teams will not receive a sportsmanship rating for the respective defaulted game; however, the team defaulted against will receive a "4" sportsmanship rating.
- VII. **Rosters:** Players can join teams until the completion of the second week of games for leagues and prior to the end of registration for special events and tournaments. After this time, rosters are frozen and team captains must submit a request to the Intramural Sports office to add any other player(s). However, players can be dropped at any time.
- VIII. University Recreation reserves the right to amend, add, or remove any policies, procedures, or rules during each season without notice.



## Rules of Play

### I. Game Overview

- a. 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 they want. 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.

### II. Setup

- a. Ball – 12 inches in circumference
- b. Spikeball set – net tension should be consistent throughout
- c. Court Dimensions (see image above)
- d. Winner of rock, paper, scissors gets to pick side or serve
- e. Opposing players line up across from each other.
- f. Before the ball is served any players not receiving the serve must be *6 feet* from the net. The returner can stand at whatever distance they choose.
- g. Once the ball is served players can move anywhere they want.
- h. Possession changes when the ball contacts the net.
- i. Each team has up to 3 hits per possession, but they do not need to use all 3 hits.

### III. Scoring

- a. Rally scoring (points can be won by the serving or receiving team)
- b. Games are played to 21. You must win by two points.
- c. Points are scored when:
  - i. The ball isn't hit back into the net within 3 hits
  - ii. The ball hits the ground
  - iii. The ball hits the rim (including clips) (Even during a serve--rim shots don't count as a "let")

- iv. The ball does not bounce off the net in a single bounce. (It must clear the rim in order to be good)
- v. There is an illegal serve or other infraction

#### IV. Serving

- a. The receiving team sets their position first. Server stands directly across from the receiving player. Only the designated receiver can field the serve.
- b. The ball must be tossed up from the server's hand before it is hit. It cannot be hit out of the server's hand. If the server does not like the toss, they need to let the ball drop to the ground. They will have one more opportunity to toss and serve the ball.
- c. Server's feet must be behind the service line (at least 6 feet away from the net) when the ball is hit. The server can lean over the service line, but their feet may not cross the service line until after the ball is hit. The server may not plant their feet behind the service line and lean/fall forward and hit the ball right by the net.
- d. The server is allowed to take one pivot step OR straight-on approach steps, but is not allowed to move laterally beyond a pivot. (No lateral approach steps!)
- e. Serves can be as hard or as soft as the server likes, and drop shots are allowed.
- f. 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", continue play.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.
- i. If the ball contacts the rim **at any time**, it is a point for the other team and a change of possession.
- j. 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.
- k. The four players serve in the same sequence throughout the match, changing the server each time a rally is won by the receiving team.

#### V. Contacting the ball

- a. Hits must alternate between teammates.

- b. 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).
- c. 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)
- d. 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.
- e. If teams cannot determine if the ball hit the rim, replay the point, no questions asked.
- f. Once the ball hits the net, it must bounce off in a single bounce. It must clear the rim in order to be good.

### VI. Infractions

- a. 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.”
- b. 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.”
- c. If a defensive player attempts to play a ball when it is not their turn, they lose the point.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.