Intramural Sports Innertube
Water Polo Rules
Cost: $30 per team

Format
Each team will consist of seven players (including one goalkeeper). A minimum of five players is necessary to begin and continue play. There will be regular season pool play in your division. Teams who finish the regular season with a record of .500 or better and a sportspersonship rating of 3.0 or higher will advance to playoffs.

*Mix-Gender Modification: A minimum of two male and two female players must be playing at all times. Acceptable ratios are 2:3, 3:3, and 3:4.*

Eligibility
An individual may not, under any circumstances, play or register on more than one intramural team in this league regardless of level of play. Participants are subject to the Intramural Sports eligibility rules as stated in the Intramural Handbook (Section VI: Eligibility). Teams will be allowed to add new players to their roster throughout the season, including playoffs. All roster additions will be handled through IMLeagues.com or at the game site.

*VALID CORNELL ID CARDS:* Before anyone can participate, each player must present their Cornell picture ID when they check in at all events. NO ID = NO Play. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Forfeit Fee
Forfeit fees are charged to recoup the personnel cost of a game that is not played because there are not enough players to legally hold a contest.

*THE FORFEIT FEE FOR THIS SPORT IS $20.*

To avoid forfeiting, you may default your contest by notifying the Intramural Sports office no later than 5 pm the day of the contest. You may default one contest per team without being charged a forfeit fee.

Rules
Timing
- Games will consist of two 12-minute halves with running time.
- During the entire game, the clock will only stop for team or official timeouts.
- Each team will be granted one 30-second timeout per game. A team must be in possession of the ball or the ball must be dead when requesting a timeout.
- If a game ends in a tie, successive two-minute periods will be played. (Playoffs only)
Start of Play

- All players (except the goalie) must begin the game touching the wall adjacent to their goal.
- The official will sound the whistle and toss the ball in the center of the pool, signaling the beginning of play. A goalie may not retrieve the opening toss.
- After goals, the scored-upon goalie will begin with the ball. The goalie may not be interfered with after.

General Playing Rules

- All players must remain seated in the tube with both legs hanging over the edge.
- Players must be correctly seated in their tube to play the ball.
- No players, at any time, may be “dumped” from their inner tube.
- Players must make an immediate attempt to reseat themselves if they fall out of their tubes.
- No shots may be taken within the two-meter area.
- If a ball goes out of the pool, the ball is given to the team that did not touch the ball last near to where the ball exited the pool.

Penalties

- Personal fouls result in the ball being awarded to the opponent at the spot of the foul. These include:
  - Holding, pushing off, pulling, tackling, and dumping an opponent without the ball.
  - Striking the ball with a closed fist.
  - Deliberately splashing an opponent.
  - Pushing or pulling along the side of the pool.
  - Deliberate contact with an opponent’s body.
- Technical fouls will result in a live-ball penalty shot. Two technical fouls results in a player’s ejection and three for a team force the team to forfeit the contest. These include:
  - Interfering with a penalty shot.
  - Committing a foul against an offensive player with an obvious scoring opportunity.
  - Consecutive personal fouls to delay the game.
  - Deliberately disobeying an official.
  - Any behavior deemed unsportsmanlike or unsafe.
- Penalty shots will be taken four meters from the front of the goal (equal with where the metal posts are). Only the goalkeeper may attempt to block the shot. All other players must be 2 meters from the shooter and must be even with or behind the shooter in relation to the offensive goal. The ball becomes possession of the shooting team’s goalie after the shot is made or missed.
RISK MANAGEMENT
Cornell Recreational Services assumes no responsibility for injuries received during intramurals, special events, and other recreational activities. Participants are reminded that their participation is completely voluntary. The nature of sport activities and the large number of participants in the Cornell University Intramural program make the occurrences of some injuries inevitable. It is strongly recommended that all participants have a physical examination prior to participating. Any injuries or accidents occurring during recreational activities should be reported immediately to on-duty personnel. Participants with a health issue and individuals who are on medication are urged to confidentially inform the Director of Intramural Sports of their specific situation.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY
Individuals, teams, and spectators who arrive intoxicated, suspected of consumption, or possessing alcohol, tobacco, or other illegal substances will not be permitted to play and will be asked to leave the playing area. The game may be forfeited and the offending individuals immediately suspended. Cornell Recreational Services will not tolerate such behavior and will act in a manner that is prudent, with the safety of all participants the priority. Such individuals will be dealt with harshly, given a minimum of a 365-day suspension and will be subject to University disciplinary procedures.

Please read the Intramural Handbook. It is a written description of the regulations that govern the Intramural Sports Program. No matter what sport you play, these regulations govern your participation in our programs. It is imperative to the continuity of the program that all participants are aware of and abide by the regulations set forth by Cornell Recreational Services.

SPORTSPERSONSHIP STATEMENT
Good sportspersonship is required of all participants. Players, coaches, and spectators are to conduct themselves properly at all times. Cornell Recreational Services reserves the right to suspend or disqualify groups or individuals for unsporting conduct at any time. Unsporting conduct before, during, and/or after a game (event) will not be tolerated.

If you have any questions regarding the intramural basketball rules, please contact Scott Flickinger (Director of Intramural Sports) at (607) 255-8063 or e-mail: sf487@cornell.edu

Schedules and results will be available on the IMLeagues webpage: imleagues.com/cornell