

Intramural Sports Forfeit Deposit

FAU Campus Recreation

Background Information

- During the 2009-2010 academic year, an average of 22% of games were forfeited per sport, and an average of \$28.12 is lost per game on officials' and supervisors' wages.
 - \$32.00 lost on games which require 3 officials per game: flag football, basketball, outdoor soccer
 - \$24.25 lost on games which require 2 officials per game: indoor soccer, 4-on-4 flag football, volleyball
 - When a team forfeits once, the Graduate Assistant of Intramural Sports calls the team captain to see if they plan on returning to the league. After a 2nd forfeit, a team is removed from the league.
- In Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 combined, 183 out of 807 scheduled games were forfeited in league sports and \$5,119.75 was lost.
- Students are currently not deterred from forfeiting an Intramural Sports contest. The possibility of not qualifying for playoffs is not enough.

SCHOOL COMPARISONS

	U of Miami	UCF	FSU	UWF	UF
Cost	\$5-\$40*	\$30	\$30	\$10-\$20*	\$30
How fee is charged	Deposit prior to scheduling - teams without forfeits can be refunded	Captain fined: Access to Rec is restricted if unpaid by end of season	Charged to captain's student account	Charged to captain's student account	Charged to captain's student account
Use of money	Supplements budget	Supplements budget	Campus Recreation capital	Supplements budget	Supplements budget

*The amount of the forfeit fee depends on the sport. For example, a league sport such as basketball or flag football results in a higher price as opposed to a one-day tournament such as dodgeball or kickball.

Intramural Sports Forfeit Deposit Options

- At the last Campus Recreation Advisory Board meeting, a forfeit fee was proposed. Basic points from the proposed forfeit fee include:
 1. To register for a league, a team captain (or another student on the team) would input their credit or debit card information through FAU Touchnet Marketplace and place \$30 on hold
 2. If a team forfeits, the \$30 would be charged to the credit or debit card on file
 3. If a team forfeits a second time, team would be removed from the league
 4. Credit cards will not be charged if a team does not forfeit
- From this proposed forfeit fee process, one major concern arose: *how do we accommodate students who do not have a credit or debit card?*
- Campus Recreation investigated the feasibility of using Owl Bucks as a form of payment for the forfeit deposit. Basic points from the Owl Bucks option include:
 1. To register for a league, a team captain (or another student on the team) would acknowledge the forfeit fee and payment requirement
 2. If a team forfeits, Campus Recreation would locate the team captain & set a deadline for payment of the fee. Campus Recreation cannot assess fee on their own-a student must come in to pay
 - *Note: Fees and holds cannot be placed directly on student accounts for 'optional' activities*

Comparisons of Forfeit Deposit Options

	Marketplace	Owl Bucks
Additional Software/hardware	No	Yes
Start-up costs	\$0	\$2,500
Additional costs	\$0	Yearly maintenance fee + commission
Can students register & pay online?	Yes	No
Fee collected immediately after forfeit	Yes	No
Fee would serve as a deterrent to forfeit	Yes	No
Fee would serve as a consequence of forfeit	Yes	Yes

Proposed Forfeit Deposit Process

Captain purchases an Intramural Sports Forfeit Fee Deposit on FAU Marketplace using a credit card; \$30 is on hold. Charges will not be applied to account unless team forfeits.



If team forfeits once, a \$30 charge is assessed to account.

Team will be contacted by IM Sports Staff and must confirm their intention to participate in the league.



If a team forfeits again, they will be removed from the league. Their account will not be charged a second time.



If team does not forfeit throughout season, IM Sports Forfeit Deposit will be cleared within one week following Championship Game.