



INTRAMURAL-RECREATIONAL SPORTS

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

SPECIAL EVENTS & INTRAMURAL FACILITIES: OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES!

We understand that you want a consistent schedule by which to coordinate your fitness programs and use of University recreation facilities. Let's face it....we're all creatures of habit and schedule changes are not something that we like to deal with in our busy lives. We hear you! During a time that brings lots of opportunities and accompanying schedule changes, let us take an opportunity to shed some light on the logic behind our ever-changing schedules and reassure you that these decisions are not made arbitrarily without our patrons in mind.

The University of Virginia is most fortunate to have almost 300,000 square feet of indoor recreation facilities. These facilities are heavily utilized by University students, faculty and staff as well as support many University and community programs. Over 325 Intramural teams are currently playing an indoor sport, over 1000 individuals signed up for Fitness Classes, and the Youth Swimming Program on Sunday afternoons alone sees over 225 participants. This keeps up pretty busy! And then there are the Special Events.

The AFC has been honored to host Virginia varsity swim meets, the Virginia Swimming & Diving State High School Swimming Championships for over fifty teams and 650 swimmers, the Fitness Expo for over 250 fitness instructors representing universities from across the mid-Atlantic, as well as Club Sports Tournaments. MEM Gym has been host to the ACC Volleyball Championships, a Virginia Baseball Fund Raiser with Tommy Lasorda, UVa Graduation Diploma ceremonies and much more. So, you see, the University recreation facilities are far more than just a place to work out. For some, these facilities serve as the only connection to the University of Virginia; places where special people, special things, and special events take place.

Clearly there are times when it's not convenient to interrupt our daily activities. Please know that in every situation, our first consideration is given to our first priority—you! We also feel a strong sense to provide community support to those within the Commonwealth and hope to provide leadership in that area, not unlike other departments at the University. We will strive to balance the various needs and ask for your support when adjustments must be made to support the bigger picture. We are most fortunate, particularly as compared to most other collegiate recreation programs, to have multiple facilities allowing to provide alternative options in most cases.

We recognize our obligation to do everything that we can to communicate the schedule changes as they occur. We also feel a strong obligation to address any questions that you might have at any time about the events that we host and the rationale associated with the decisions that we make. Special events are not special for everyone but they truly are a part of the University experience and one way that Intramural-Recreational Sports contributes to this community.