

# **RIT/Gally Sports Weekend**

## **By-Laws**

*Amended to the NSC's By-Laws as Appendix A. on TBD*

(Updated as of Spring 2009)

### **Article I: Name and Purpose.**

*Section 1.* The name of this event shall be either RIT/Gallaudet Weekend or Gallaudet/RIT Weekend.

*Section 2.*

A. To foster a spirit of sportsmanship, competition and cultural events.

B. To promote social relationships and interactions between both institutions.

### **Article II: Location and Date.**

*Section 1.* The location, where the event will be held, shall be either at Gallaudet University or Rochester Institute of Technology.

*Section 2.* The event shall be held during the Rock Festival Weekend at Gallaudet University, and Brick Festival at Rochester Institute of Technology, it shall be held on the second or third week of April depending on the Holidays.

*Section 3.* Gallaudet University shall host the event during every even numbered year

*Section 4.* Rochester Institute of Technology, RIT, shall host the event during every odd numbered year.

*Section 5.* The hosting institution shall send a confirmation letter on date of RIT/Gallaudet Weekend to be held as stated in Article II, Section 2 by the first week of may. The visiting institution shall respond the letter of confirmation by the end of second week of May.

### **Article III. Appointment of Chairpersons.**

*Section 1.* The hosting and visiting institutions shall appoint their chairpersons in the Spring for a following year before RIT/Gallaudet Weekend shall be held.

*Section 2.* The hosting institution shall inform the visiting institution of the chairperson's appointment in writing in the Spring (May).

*Section 3.* The visiting institution shall inform the hosting institution of the chairperson's appointment in writing in the Fall (October).

#### **Article IV. Appointment of Coaches.**

*Section 1.* The hosting and visiting institutions shall appoint all team sport coaches in January.

*Section 2.* Try-outs and selection of players by the hosting and visiting institutions shall be completed by the second week of March.

*Section 3.* The visiting and hosting institutions shall complete a copy of all eligible players' valid photo identification cards attached to the Final Team Roster by the last Friday of March.

*Section 4.* The visiting institution shall complete a RIT/Gally Weekend's Final Team Roster (Copy of Photo ID Attached, Liability Waiver Form Signed, Transportation, Hospitality Arrangement and Drug/Alcohol Policy Signed) and send a copy by certified mail to the hosting institution by the first Monday of April.

#### **Article V. Appointment of RIT/Gally Weekend Advisors.**

*Section 1.* Rochester Institute of Technology shall have an advisor from the NTID Support Team to The Center of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation.

*Section 2.* Gallaudet shall have an advisor from the Student Affairs.

*Section 3.* The role of an advisor is to ensure that the RIT/Gally Weekend By-Laws are complied and followed accordingly; provide support and advice as needed; and maintain open communication with the RIT/Gally Weekend Chairperson.

#### **Article VI. Participation and Qualifications.**

*Section 1.* Only students participating in this event shall consist of RIT students and Gallaudet University students. Alums of both schools are not allowed to play.

*Section 2.* Rochester Institute of Technology shall be represented by deaf and hearing RIT/NTID students.

A. Deaf students shall apply for permission to participate through the NTID Student Congress (NSC).

B. RIT hearing students, only interpreting students or MSSE students, shall apply for permission to participate through NSC with the understanding that hearing students are required to know how to use sign language (To get a form to verify the SCPI rating of either 4 or 5 from the Communication Department at NTID.)

C. The President of NSC and the Chairperson of the event shall play an impartial role in determining the qualifications of RIT students.

D. Intercollegiate Athlete's Participation: All intercollegiate athletes must participate in a different RIT/Gally Weekend sport other than the intercollegiate athletic team that s/he plays for, with the exception for two eligible intercollegiate soccer players being allowed to play for the indoor soccer team. In addition, in order for any intercollegiate athletes that have completed four years of eligibility to play, they must show proof (through a letter from the intercollegiate team's coach) stating that the athlete in question has completed four years of eligibility. If this does not happen, said athlete will not be allowed to participate in the same RIT/Gally sport during the competition that the athlete plays for.

E. Every qualifying participant must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above otherwise shall not be allowed to participate in RIT/Gally Sports Weekend.

*Section 3.* Gallaudet University shall be represented by deaf and hearing students.

A. Gallaudet University students shall apply for permission to participate through the Gallaudet University Student Body Government, SBG.

B. Gallaudet hearing students shall apply for permission to participate through the SBG with the understanding that Gallaudet hearing students are required to know how to use sign language. (Students must get a form to verify the SCPI rating of either 4 or 5 from the ASL Department at Gallaudet).

C. The SBG Director of Community Relations at Gallaudet University and the Chairperson of the event shall play an impartial role in determining the qualifications of Gallaudet students.

*Section 4.*

A. Student of the hosting institution may participate in three sports while students from the visiting institution may participate in four sports unless there is a conflict with the schedule.

B. All players must bring valid identification cards as proof that they are students in order to participate in any sports. This will need to be presented at every game (prior to the game) and must be verified by the referees of the game.

*Section 5.* Both institutions shall be responsible to fax the list of players to the Chairpersons two weeks prior to the RIT/Gally Weekend event.

*Section 6.*

A. The coaches shall not play on his/her team, but s/he may participate in any three (host) or four (visiting) sports other than the one s/he is coaching.

B. The event Executive Board of both institutions shall meet every year according to Article XIII to determine which sports require a coach.

C. The event Executive Board of both institutions shall determine which team and/or individual sport(s) shall be played at the hosting institution. The decision to omit any sport must be made at least 2 months prior to the event weekend.

Section 7. The sporting events shall include the following:

**A. Team sports:**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Coach required</b>	<b>Players limited to the following:</b>	<b>Number of Games</b>	<b>Number of Players playing at a time</b>
Basketball	M	Yes	10	One Game	5 players
Basketball	W	Yes	10	One Game	5 players
Dodgeball	M	No	12	Best of 7	6 players
Dodgeball	W	No	12	Best of 7	6 players
Flag football	M	Yes	20	One Game	7 players
Flag football	W	Yes	20	One Game	7 players
Indoor Soccer	M	Yes	15	One Game	7 players
Indoor Soccer	W	Yes	15	One Game	7 players
Softball	M	Yes	15	One Game	10 Players
Softball	W	yes	15	One Game	10 Players
Volleyball	M	Yes	12	Best of 3 - 30, 30, 15 pts	6 Players
Volleyball	W	Yes	12	Best of 3 - 30, 30, 15 pts	6 Players
Waterpolo	Co-ed	Yes	6 men and 6 women	One Game	7 players
Ultimate Frisbee	Co-ed	Yes	8 men and 8 women	One Game	8 players

**B. Individual sports:**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Coach required</b>	<b>Players limited to the following:</b>	<b>Number of Games</b>	<b>Number of Players playing at a time</b>
Arm Wrestling	M	Yes	2	Best of 3	1 Light weight (less than 165 pounds) 1 Heavy weight (more than 165 pounds)
Arm Wrestling	W	Yes	2	Best of 3	1 Light weight (less than 140 pounds) 1 Heavy weight more than 140 pounds)
Badminton	M	No	2	Best of 3 (15 each game)	2 Singles and 1 Double
Badminton	W	No	2	Best of 3 (15 each game)	2 Singles and 1 Double
Billiards	M	No	2	Best of 3	2 Singles and 1 Double
Billiards	W	No	2	Best of 3	2 Singles and 1 Double
Bowling	M	No	2	Total Scratch score of 3 Games	4 Bowlers
Bowling	W	No	2	Total Scratch score of 3 Games	4 Bowlers

Chess	M	No	1	Best of 1	1 player
Chess	W	No	1	Best of 1	1 player
Darts	M	No	1	Best of 3	1 player
Darts	W	No	1	Best of 3	1 player
Ping-Pong	M	No	1	Best of 5 ( <i>11 each game</i> )	1 player
Ping-Pong	W	No	1	Best of 5 ( <i>11 each game</i> )	1 player
Tennis	M	No	2	Best of 3 games	2 Singles and 1 Double
Tennis	W	No	2	Best of 3 games	2 Singles and 1 Double
Wallyball	M	No	4	Best of 3 - 25, 25, 15 pts	3 players
Wallyball	W	No	4	Best of 3 - 25, 25, 15 pts	3 players
Swimming	M	No	5	Medley Relay	4 swimmers
				Freestyle	1 swimmer
				Backstroke	1 swimmer
				Butterfly	1 swimmer
				Breaststroke	1 swimmer
Swimming	W	No	5	Medley Relay	4 swimmers
				Freestyle	1 swimmer
				Backstroke	1 swimmer
				Butterfly	1 swimmer
				Breaststroke	1 swimmer
Racquetball	M	No	3	Best of 3 (15-15-11)	2 Singles and 1 Double
Racquetball	W	No	3	Best of 3 (15-15-11)	2 Singles and 1 Double
Halo	Co-ed	No	4	Total Score of 5 games	4 players
Madden	Co-ed	No	1	Total Score of 1 game	1 player

### C. Points System:

#### TEAM SPORTS

Scoring for team sports will be as follows: 10 points will be given to the winner and 5 will be given to the loser for each event (with the exception of a forfeit, loser will receive 0 points).

These team sports are as follows:

- Basketball (One game)
- Flag Football (One game)
- Softball (One game – 7 innings)
- Indoor Soccer (One game)
- Co-ed Water Polo (One game)
- Volleyball (One game/Best of 3)
- Dodgeball (One game/Best of 7)
- Ultimate Frisbee (One game)

## **INDIVIDUAL SPORTS**

Scoring for individual sports will vary.

6 points will be given to the winner and 3 points will be given to the loser for these events (with the exception of a forfeit, loser will receive 0 points):

- Ping-Pong (Best of 3)
- Darts (Best of 3)
- Chess (Best of 1)
- Halo (Best of 1)
- Madden (Best of 1)
- Wallyball (Best of 3)
- Bowling (Overall team's score for 3 games combined)

2 points will be given to the winner and 1 point will be given to the loser for each match within these events:

- Tennis
- Badminton
- Pool (Billiards)
- Racquetball
- Arm Wrestling
- Swimming

A match is defined explicitly for each sport that is scored on a 2:1 ratio is as follows:

- Tennis (Best of 3 Games)
- Badminton (Best of 3 Games)
- Pool (Billiards (Best of 3 Games)
- Racquetball (Best of 3 Games)
- Arm Wrestling (Best of 3 Games)
- Swimming (Winner/Loser of an individual or team swim)

There are multiple matches for sports scored on a 2:1 ratio. The amounts of matches are listed as follows:

Tennis:

- Single (Men number 1)
- Single (Men number 2)
- Double (Men number 1 and 2)
- Single (Women number 1)
- Single (Women number 2)
- Double (Women number 1 and 2)

Badminton:

- Single (Men number 1)
- Single (Men number 2)
- Double (Men number 1 and 2)
- Single (Women number 1)
- Single (Women number 2)
- Double (Women number 1 and 2)

Pool (Billiards):

- Single (Men number 1)
- Single (Men number 2)
- Double (Men number 1 and 2)
- Single (Woman number 1)
- Single (Woman number 2)
- Double (Women number 1 and 2)

Racquetball:

- Single (Men number 1)
- Single (Men number 2)
- Double (Men number 1 and 2)
- Single (Woman number 1)
- Single (Woman number 2)
- Double (Women number 1 and 2)

Arm Wrestling:

- Single (Men Lightweight)
- Single (Men Heavyweight)
- Single (Women Lightweight)
- Single (Women Heavyweight)

Swimming:

- Single (Men Freestyle)
- Single (Men Backstroke)
- Single (Men Butterfly)
- Single (Men Breaststroke)
- Relay (Men Relay)
- Single (Women Freestyle)
- Single (Women Backstroke)
- Single (Women Butterfly)
- Single (Women Breaststroke)
- Relay (Women Relay)

**D. Team sports and Individual sports rules:**

- i. The visiting and hosting institution shall make an agreement on each team and individual sports rules prior to try-outs so that every coaches and players alike will have mutual understanding of the rules (See Appendix A and B for each team and individual sport rules).
- ii. If more than 50% of individual sports have been forfeit due to lack of attendance, the opposing institution shall impose a fine of \$50 from the performance bond to compensate for the lack of effort.

**Article VII: Floating Trophy Cup.**

*Section 1.* The winner of the competition shall receive a floating trophy cup and shall bring the cup home to the winning institution for one year.

*Section 2.* Before the next event, the past winner shall be responsible for bringing the trophy cup to the hosting institution’s chairperson for presentation to the next winner.

*Section 3.* If the floating trophy cup is lost, stolen, or irreversible damaged, the institution who is the holder of the trophy cup shall be responsible for purchasing a new floating trophy cup. The holder is also responsible for repairs of any damage to the cup.

*Section 4.* The winning institution is responsible for the engraving of the trophy cup before the next events.

**Article VIII: Referees.**

*Section 1.* The amount of referees required for each team/individual sport is specified as follows:

Sports	Number of Referees
M/W Basketball	2 Host (Head Referee and Umpire 2)/ 1 Visit (Umpire 1)
M/W Flag Football	2 Host (Head Referee and Line Judge)/2 Visit (Umpire and Line Judge)
M/W Softball	2 host(head Umpire and 2nd/3rd base)/ 1 Visit (1st / 2nd base)
M/W Indoor Soccer	1 Host (Head Referee), 1 Visit
Co-ed Water Polo	1 Host Referee

M/W Volleyball	1 Host (Head Referee), 1 Visit
M/W Wallyball	1 Host Referee
M/W Dodgeball	1 Host (Head Referee), 1 Visit
Ultimate Frisbee	2 Host (Head Referee and Line Judge)/2 Visit (Umpire and Line Judge)
Ping Pong	1 Host (Head Referee), 1 Visit
Swimming	1 Host Referee
Tennis	1 Host (Head Referee), 1 Visit
Chess	None
Billiards	None
Racquetball	One Host
Darts	None
Badminton	None
Bowling	None
Halo Co-ed	One Host
Madden Co-ed	One Host
Arm Wresting	One Host

*Section 2.* The hosting institution is responsible for getting certified or trained (through the Intramural department) referees for team events. The visiting institution will need to certify referees as stipulated in section 1.

*Section 3.* The referees shall have the authority to eject player(s) or coach(es) from any game if:

A. Any player or coach demonstrates non-acceptable behavior toward referee(s), player(s) or spectator(s). Behaviors such as, but not limited to the following: swearing, pushing, punching or throwing items, and unsportsmanlike conduct.

*Section 4.* The referees shall stop the competition if both teams get involved into an unsettled argument or physical assault.

*Section 5.* The referees must fill out a report of any player or coach's inappropriate behavior or fight and give it to the hosting event Chairperson. Both institutions shall determine the consequence for any player.

**Article IX: Lodging.**

*Section 1.* The hosting institution shall be responsible for arranging housing for players, coaches, and committees in most convenient way possible.

*Section 2.* The arrangement shall be made prior to the event, so the arrivals will not be inconvenient. A hospitality roster/final team roster shall be completed by each institution on the last Friday of March (Attached – Hospitality Form).

*Section 3.* The visiting institution shall provide a list of tentative players and fans to the hosting institution's RIT/Gally Weekend Chairperson on the last Friday of March in order to make lodging arrangements.

*Section 4.* Neither institution shall be responsible for any vandalism, theft, or misconduct behavior by the fans or participants. Fans and/or participants shall be responsible for their personal properties.

**Article X: Publicity.**

*Section 1.* The hosting institution shall be responsible for the program book as the best possible means of giving information to all people participating in the event.

*Section 2.* Information about the RIT/Gally Weekend event shall be available to the participating students at least two months prior to the event.

A. Tentative schedules (RIT/Gally Weekend games schedule, Pep Rally and Brickfest or Rock Festival) shall be ready by one month prior to the event.

B. Final confirmation schedules shall be completely ready by two weeks prior to the event.

*Section 3.* The hosting institution is responsible to inform the public about updated scores.

**Article XI: Meetings.**

*Section 1.* Meeting(s) between the competing institution's chairperson and/or representative from NSC and SBG shall be made in October and February prior to the event in order to exchange information, resolve any issues and revise the by-laws and reach any necessary agreements.

*Section 2.* The visiting institution's Chairperson(s) of the event shall go to the hosting institution to arrange the event before February.

*Section 3.* The signatures on the newly revised policy shall be made by both institutions, the Chairpersons or/and the NSC and SBG Presidents four months (December) prior to the event.

*Section 4.* The hosting institution must send a tentative sport schedule to the visiting institution at least one month prior to the events.

*Section 5.* Meetings to maintain open communication between the visiting and hosting institutions RIT/Gally Weekend Chairpersons shall be conducted on a weekly basis via e-mail.

*Section 6.* Mandatory meeting to revise the By-laws in the Fall prior to the event shall be conducted in person or via a video camera.

## **Article XII: Evening Activities.**

*Section 1.* The evening activities shall be the responsibility of and shall be arranged by the hosting institution.

*Section 2.* All fans including players are required to bring their valid institution I.D. card and valid driver's license.

## **Article XIII: Performance Bond.**

*Section 1.* The visiting institution shall make a deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in performance bond to the hosting institution for the arrangement of security and to guarantee attendance for the events.

*Section 2.* The performance bond shall be paid 8 weeks prior to the event. Lateness shall result an half-deposit (\$250.00) to be kept by the hosting institution.

*Section 3.* The performance bond (\$500.00) shall be returned to the visiting institution within one month after the event pending attendance.

*Section 4.* The hosting institution shall pay all costs of referee charge according to Article VI, Section 1 by using the performance bond (\$500.00) already deposited if the visiting institution fails to attend the event. The visiting institution will lose the deposit of three hundred dollars.

*Section 5.* Failure to comply the deadline of Deposit of Performance Bond, Final Team Roster with a copy of photo IDs and signed Liability Waiver, Hospitality Arrangement or signed Drug/Alcohol Policy shall result a refundable half of the deposit at \$250. If more than two late deadlines of shall result no refund of the deposit of \$500.

## **Article XIV: Emergencies.**

*Section 1.* Any emergencies involving both parties shall be as follows:

- A. Visiting players are responsible for their own insurance arrangements.
- B. Visitors are held responsible for their own violations. Refer to Article VII,

Section 4.

C. Any medical emergencies shall be taken care by hosting institution's emergency facilities; Visitors are responsible for medical costs.

**Article XV: Other Big Events.**

*Section 1.* No major events of NSC/SBG other than the RIT/Gallaudet Weekend activities are allowed to be held at either institution during that weekend, according to Article II.

*Section 2.* Any other activities of NSC/SBG can be taken with a written approval of RIT or Gallaudet Chairperson(s).

**Article XVI: Amendments.**

*Section 1.* Any changes or amendments to this policy shall be approved by NTID Student Congress RIT/Gallaudet and the Gallaudet University (SBG) RIT/Gallaudet Weekend Executive Board.

- A. At least five members of the Executive Board from each institution shall be present at the meeting and these members have the voting power.
- B. The voting system shall be determined by majority vote.