



COMPETITIVE SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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Intramural Sports is wrapping up their PickleKat series, with their last day to play being April 24th. Grab a partner or find one at the door and join the Intramural team to break in the new dedicated pickleball courts at the McAdam's Tennis Complex.

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In this month's issue, we've got an action-packed lineup of updates from SHSU Campus Recreation Competitive Sports! Whether you're a player, a fan, or just looking to get involved, there's something for everyone.

Check out the club sports home game schedule and make plans to cheer on your fellow Bearkats as they compete right here on campus. Don't forget to mark your calendar for Intramural and Esports registration dates—a great way to stay active, have fun, and meet new people. SHSU Wrestling made their way to Nationals, and Rugby has officially qualified as well! Their hard work and dedication have paid off, and now they have the opportunity to showcase their talents on the national stage. Let's show them our support as they represent SHSU with pride.



Club sports teams are wrapping up their seasons and a few are even on their way to nationals this month. Hear about just a couple of the clubs Sam Houston offers that are on their way this month.

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INTRAMURAL UPDATES



Official of the Month

A huge thank you and congratulations to our Intramural Official of the Month, Jaiden Levine! Jaiden has consistently demonstrated outstanding communication skills, a strong work ethic, and a willingness to learn and grow in his role as an official. His supervisors have described him as "like a sponge, absorbing all the information given to him," highlighting his eagerness to refine his officiating skills.

Beyond his dedication to improvement, Jaiden's ability to remain composed, confident, and fair on the field has earned him the respect of both players and fellow officials. His commitment to upholding the integrity of the game while continuously seeking feedback sets an incredible example for others.

We appreciate all of Jaiden's hard work and dedication, and we look forward to seeing his continued success. Keep up the great work, Jaiden!



Supervisor of the Month

Congratulations to Zander King, the Intramural Supervisor of the month. Zander has proven to be a hard working and reliable member of the Intramurals team. Conner Rice, Assistant Director of Intramurals and Esports says, "since Zander joined the IM team in January he has quickly made a name for himself as being a funny and charismatic member of the team. He continuously seeks out opportunities to make those around him feel more comfortable, and has become an integral member of our Supervisor Staff. Zander's work ethic and character set him apart from other students in that he truly is passionate about the work he is doing and wants others to have that same excitement about stepping into an Intramural game. As a player he is the ideal teammate, and as a staff member he is the ideal coworker; someone you can rely on and someone who you know has your back! This is a well earned achievement. Congratulations Zander!"



**Upcoming
Intramural
and Esports
Registration
Dates:**

Intramurals:

4/1- 2 Person Golf Scramble
4/7- Boulder Bash
4/10- Just Dance
4/24- Pickleball

Esports:

4/2- Madden 25
4/4- COD Zombies
4/9- 2k25
4/11- Marvel Rivals
4/16- Mortal Kombat
4/23- Sparking Zero
4/25- Rocket League
4/30- College Football 25

SHOUT OUT TO THE IM'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

WOMEN'S:
Women's Rugby

COREC:
Brick Layers

MEN'S
COMPETITIVE:
2018

MEN'S OPEN:
Team CG

MEN'S GREEK:
SigEp



Last Chance to Join PickleKat

The SHSU Intramural PickleKat Series is in full swing, bringing students, faculty, and staff together for some exciting pickleball action! With the final day of the series set for April 24th, now is the perfect time to get involved and experience one of the fastest-growing sports in the country. Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to try something new, this series offers a fun and competitive atmosphere for all skill levels.



This year's series is especially exciting as the last two days of the series will take place on the newly refurbished McAdams Tennis Courts, which now features eight dedicated pickleball courts. These new courts mark a major step forward for SHSU's recreational sports scene, providing a top-tier playing experience for the Bearkat community. The grand opening of the courts was on March 26th, making this tournament a perfect preview of the future of pickleball at SHSU.

The PickleKat Series is open to all SHSU students, faculty, and staff, encouraging friendly competition and community engagement. Join us for a great opportunity to sharpen your skills, meet new people, and enjoy Campus Recreation. With the final day approaching, don't miss your chance to be part of this exciting event!

Interested in playing? Registration is available now on Fusion Play! Secure your spot, grab your paddle, and get ready to compete in the SHSU Intramural PickleKat Series. See you on the courts!





Club Wrestling back at Nationals

Logan Ideker, a member of the campus club wrestling team, has made history by becoming the first team member in a decade to earn a wild card bid to Nationals. Competing under the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) at the Southwest Conference, Ideker secured his spot with a victory over Kansas State, solidifying his place among the top competitors in the region.

At Nationals, Ideker showcased his resilience and skill, finishing with a 1-2 record. His highlight of the tournament came when he defeated the Puerto Rico Conference champion, advancing to the second day of competition. His performance marked a significant achievement for both himself and the team.

Ideker's achievement is a testament to his dedication, perseverance, and talent on the mat. His historic run at Nationals brings well-deserved recognition to the club wrestling team and serves as motivation for future athletes.



Joining a club sport at Sam Houston is a great way to stay active, compete, and become part of a close-knit community. With over 20 different sports offered through Campus Recreation, there are plenty of opportunities to find a team that matches your interests and skill level. Whether you're looking for high-level competition or just want to have fun and make new friends, club sports provide a welcoming environment for all students. If you don't see a club that fits your passion, you even have the opportunity to start your own, giving you the chance to bring together like-minded athletes and grow the SHSU club sports community. No matter what sport you choose, joining a club is a great way to build friendships, stay active, and enhance your college experience. Find out more information on club sports on the Campus Recreation website today!





Men's Rugby Claims Title of State Champions

For the third consecutive time, Men's Rugby has claimed the title of state champions. This marks the team's fifth state championship victory in the Lone Star Conference. To reclaim the trophy, they had to win three consecutive matches in a single tournament weekend.

The team faced the University of Houston and Texas State before advancing to the final against Baylor. Despite rainy conditions and a muddy pitch, they dominated their first two games. Against UH, they shut out their opponents on the Bearcats' home pitch with a commanding 34-0 victory. In the second match, they maintained control with a solid 26-5 win. The championship final proved to be their highest-scoring match of the tournament. Taking on the Baylor Bears, the team delivered a dominant performance, closing out the game with an impressive 41-7 victory to secure yet another title.



Their dominance extended beyond Rugby 15s, as they also asserted their superiority in Rugby 7s. About a month after their state championship victory in 15s, the team claimed another victory in 7s with a 5-0 record in their most recent home tournament. They faced Angelo State University, Rice, and Louisiana Tech before advancing to the semifinals against UT and ultimately defeating Texas A&M in the final match.

Beyond the scores, the team's success was a testament to their relentless preparation and unwavering determination. With another championship added to their legacy, they now shift their focus to future challenges, determined to continue their dominance both within and beyond the Lone Star State.