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IM offers 10 spring sports
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With 171 teams participating this year, IM badminton is the most popular spring sport. However, it is far from the only one. In fact, there are nine other IM spring season sports, five of which are tournaments held over one week or less.

This is an increase of two over last year. Steve Pettitano '80 initiated Ultimate Frisbee this spring, 23 teams are participating in the new sport which Pettitano says "is excellent representation for the inaugural year." Pettitano has been happy with the season's programs. There have been no difficulties with field scheduling and the sport now uses a single field next to the tennis bubble which is unusable for any other sport.

Pettitano said that the sport is "being run with gentleness this year" without referees. Despite this, there has not been much sport with difficulty resulting from disagreement about rule interpretation. In order to submit a roster, all teams captains had to be present at a meeting. The rules were clarified at this meeting, thus eliminating much of the confusion which could otherwise have been caused. Pettitano added in conclusion that as a whole he was very pleased with the level of play. "There haven't been any real."

This is also the first year that softball has been an official IM sport. A week long fencing tournament was also held last year, but that event was only applied for recognition from the IM Council a couple of weeks before the tournament.

Two other sport seasons will be finishing up in about a week. Badminton with only nine entries this year, is "relatively smooth with only one forfeit" according to Peter Lemme '80, the IM Badminton manager. Women's basketball is also getting ready to complete its regular season. After that, a combined A and B league double elimination tournament will determine the ultimate victor in the playoffs. With respect to scheduling difficulties, Pettitano, who is also IM women's polo manager, said that "the pool is a hassle to schedule as usual."

He added that scheduling around the men's and women's water polo clubs is in particular makes things difficult. This year's 38 teams (6 in A league, 10 in B league, and 22 in C league) represent an increase of 1 over last year.

Water polo is an IM sport in which a comparatively few participants have played before coming to MIT. Pettitano noted that "I can really see teams improve over the course of the season." IM ping pong is finishing out its season.

Finally, there are a number of one day sporting events in the spring which fall under the wing of the IM Council.

The IM outdoor track meet recently ended with SAE emerging victorious over Baker by 6 points (60-57). The women's division with only three teams saw Chaucer Club emerge victorious over Number Six Club by a scant margin at 60. The IM sailing regatta was held last weekend. The results have not yet been tabulated.

The IM rifle meet will be held between May 2 and 3. Finally, the spring IM cycling meet is coming up this Saturday, The 30 mile race, which starts at Fresh Pond, meanders through Arlington and Belmont and finally finishes at Wellesley, will be the same route as the one used in the fall. Tom Potter '79, the IM cycling manager, is not sure how many participants there will be. There was only one or four people whose top three times are used in the scoring. Registration is the day of the event at 8:30am in the K Reg box office.

Although softball is thought of us the sport of spring in which hundreds of participants go outside to catch the first warm rays of the sun, there is in fact an immeasurable amount of sports. If you haven't been taking advantage of them, you should.