

INTERAMERICANO SPORTS PHILOSOPHY

At Inter, we believe:

- all students should have the opportunity to participate in sports
- that sports is a co-curricular and part of the education process
- that our Sports Program is inclusive, since we accept everyone (registered within the registration period time).

Our coaching staff takes care of everyone regardless of the skills, doing their best so each student in all our practice sessions:

- is safe
- has fun
- learns values for life
- learns sports skills

Our Sports Program is also a “*formative-competitive*” activity, meaning that we look to develop the skills of all students within the program to a level where they are competitive athletes who will represent INTER in a manner befitting our school.

We believe that our INTER competitive teams should be among the best in the country and in order to achieve this goal we look to put together strong representative teams/groups possible, composed of our most capable stand-up athletes.

Selecting students to represent our school in either local or international tournaments is a challenge for our coaches and ECA leaders. We have a large number of students on most of our teams (which is a good problem) making it impossible for every INTER student be part of the team that represents our school in tournaments or in single matches.

The school policy is for the coaches to analyze the players (on an individual basis) and put them into the following groups:

GROUP A (deemed competent enough, sufficiently mature and disciplined for their age level)

The “A” team that will compete in tournaments will be composed mainly or entirely of those students who meet the criteria mentioned below. The following attributes are the basis for the coaches’ decision (no one attribute is deemed more important than the others):

1. Attendance at practice

2. Attitude and discipline during practice and games
3. Skill set

GROUP B (able to represent the school in a more informal/partial manner or deemed not yet ready for competitive activities).

The 'B' team or players could also represent the school in competitions if the coach decides they are ready. Students categorized 'B' are in the process of acquiring or refining skills. If these students are not selected for tournament games, they may still participate in friendly games whenever the ECA Office considers it appropriate.

Students in groups B should keep on practicing to master skills and wait for an opportunity to join the "A" team. A student could one day move from B team to A team or A to B depending on commitment and growth. The transition from one team into another is a responsibility of the coaches.

Pre-Season

At the beginning of each semester, all students will have around four weeks of training, during which time the group will be analyzed. At the end of this period, the coaches will submit to the ECA office their team rosters. The number of the students in the rosters ensures plenty of playing time.

The coach will identify which players are the most competent and which still require more work in order to compete. Barring any obvious changes, these groups will be maintained in the second part of the calendar year.