



# UNIMEGAMES 2024

**UniMeGames**, now in its third edition, is the most exciting sporting event of the year for students of the University of Messina, organized by the association **Crescendo**.

The event will be held at the University Sports Citadel, day **4-5-6 October 2024**.

Each department of the University of Messina is required to create one or more teams formed by its students, deploying it against other departments in the disciplines of Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Mixed Doubles Tennis, Swimming 4 x 50 relay, podism.

In the formation of teams therefore **it is mandatory that all athletes belong to the same department**.

The disciplines chosen for the third edition of the event do not include individual performances, aiming to encourage team bonding among participants. The sports are:

DISCIPLINE	N. OF PLAYERS	RESERVES	TOTAL
Football	11	9	20
Basketball	5	5	10
Volleyball	6	4	10
Mixed Doubles Tennis	2		2
4x50m Relay Swimming	4		4
Mini Marathon 10.5 km	4		4

All sports can be played by mixed teams, meaning registration is open to both men and women, but there is no mandatory rule enforcing this.

Each department is required to present at least one team for Football, Volleyball, Basketball, and Marathon. For Tennis and 4x50 Relay, each department may register up to 3 teams. However, **just one team for each department will advance to the finals after a selection process**.

Registrations must be completed by each team by filling out the appropriate form no later than **September 6 (included)**. This deadline allows time to organize the match schedule and order jerseys.

If more than one team from a department registers for football, Volleyball, or Basketball, the team captains will be contacted to decide on a final team to represent the department. The selected team must be communicated within one week after the registration deadline. If no final team is chosen within this time, none of the registered teams will be allowed to participate.



If some departments do not field any teams, the organizers may allow second teams (e.g., Engineering 1, Engineering 2), ensuring that these second teams meet in the first phase of the tournament.

Teams can register for multiple sports, though it is not recommended. If matches for different sports are scheduled at the same time, the calendar will be followed without any possibility of rescheduling. Participants registering for multiple sports should ensure they can be replaced if needed.

If the tournament brackets do not have eight or sixteen teams, the rule of "best losing teams" will apply, similar to previous editions of UNIMEGAMES, following the point difference rule.

## Detailed Rules

### Football

Teams must consist of 11 players with up to 9 substitutes. Teams must reach the pitch 15 minutes before the match starts for player identification and warm-up. A maximum of 10 minutes will be allowed for pre-match warm-up. If a team fails to show up within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time, the match will be forfeited with a 3-0 score in favor of the other team.

Matches will follow the standard football rules, with no limit on substitutions, and each player may re-enter the game an unlimited number of times. Each half will last 20 minutes, with potential extra time at the referee's discretion. The interval will last 5 minutes. Tied matches will be decided by penalty kicks (5+ sudden death). Semi-finals and finals will have two 30-minute halves with a 10-minute break.

### Basketball

Teams must consist of at least 5 players and follow the official basketball rules (FIP regulations). The only exception is the duration of play.

Teams must arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled start time for player identification and warm-up, with a maximum of 10 minutes allowed for warm-up. If a team is not present within 10 minutes of the scheduled time, the match is forfeited 20-0. If the team players arrive within the maximum time allowed, the match will begin without granting additional warm-up time. Each game consists of 4 periods of 8 minutes. The break from the first to second period and from the third to the last period will be 2 minutes. The rest between the second and third period will be 5 minutes. Timeouts are available: two in the first half and two in the second.

### Volleyball

Matches will follow the official FIVB rules. Only the captain on the court may speak to referees, substitutions occur in the designated substitution area, and the libero's substitutions are unlimited (only 2 libero are allowed in the team).



Initial matches will be best-of-three sets with sets up to 15 points (third set to 8 points in case of a tie). Finals will be best-of-three sets with sets to 25 points (third set to 15 points in case of a tie). Teams must arrive 20 minutes before the start for identification and warm-up. If at least six members of the team do not show up within 10 minutes after the official start time, the game will be considered lost to the table with a result of 2-0 (3-0) with score 25-0 for each set.

## Tennis

Matches will follow the official rules, with no disputes over the referee's decision. Warm-ups last 10 minutes before the match.

Matches are best-of-three sets in the initial rounds and best-of-five sets in the finals. In case of a deuce (40-40), a single advantage is played, followed by a killer point.

Teams must arrive 20 minutes before the match for the official recognition, draw and warm-up.

If one of the team members does not show up within 10 minutes after the official start time, the game will be considered forfeited with a score of 6-0/6-0.

## 4x50m Relay Swimming

Teams consist of 4 swimmers. No more than one team per department may compete in the final. There will be a selection, followed by the qualification for the lane and the final.

## Mini Marathon 10.5 km

The event is a relay race of 10.5 km total, with 4 runners per department.

*The race includes competitive and non-competitive sections, in different moments, encouraging participation from both student-athletes and the general university community.*

## Awards

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third-place teams in each sport. Trophies will be awarded to departments that make it to the podium.

Medal points are calculated as follows: 3 points for gold, 2 points for silver, and 1 point for bronze.

Additional awards may be given to encourage female participation in teams.



The organizers reserve the right to make changes to the regulations at any time if necessary.

**Crescendo's Team.**