

Spirit of the Game:

The excitement of getting together on INFORMS Sports Day

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Futsal match

Each semester, INFORMS, as the student association, gears up to infuse excitement into student life with various activities. They aimed to engage students in physical activities and foster a spirit of well-being. INFORMS Sports Day was held on Saturday, 2nd December 2023, at UiTM Sports Complex, Samarahan Campus. The event featured exciting sports competitions like Futsal and Netball, allowing students to showcase their athletic prowess and teamwork. Organizing such activities can inspire students to embrace an active and healthy lifestyle.

The planning for the INFORMS Sports Day began early in the semester. The committee, alongside advisor Dr. Hjh Imilia Ibrahim, dedicated significant effort to guaranteeing the smooth execution of the program. Each committee member was assigned specific tasks to oversee throughout the entire program. This division of responsibilities was essential for maintaining order and efficiency, ensuring that INFORMS Sports Day would be a well-organized and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

INFORMS sports day kicked off as early as 7 am, with teams arriving for the futsal and netball matches, gearing up for the competition ahead. The dedicated committee members were already in action, finalizing preparations for the program. As the teams warmed up, a portion of the committee was busy setting up the futsal and netball courts, ensuring everything was in order before the matches commenced. Simultaneously, another group of committee members were hard at work arranging a booth to sell cold drinks. This not only catered to the hydration needs of the athletes but also provided a refreshing option for the visitors attending the event. The first part of the program consisted of group aerobics at 7.30 in the morning.

As the sun rose, the event proceeded with the excitement of match scheduling, determined by a draw of votes. The futsal matches, exclusively for male students, featured five competitive teams: Dolphin FT, Introversa FT, Three Lions FT, Menajuak FC, and LHDN FT. Three spirited groups took center stage on the netball court, open to female students: Black Eagle, Informs Angel, and Powerpuff Girls. Without delay, the matches started with intense energy, whether in the fast-paced futsal games or the strategic netball contests. Each team showed marvelous sportsmanship, showcasing determination to secure victory despite the challenging heat. The sportsmanship displayed by all teams added an extra layer of enjoyment to the event, creating an atmosphere of healthy competition and community spirit.

Amid the scorching heat, senior lecturer Miss Suhaida Halamy arrived around 10:30 am to support and encourage the students involved in INFORMS Sports Day. The match became more exciting when the results in the semi-finals were announced for the futsal team; Dolphin FT faced off against Three Lions FT, while Menajuak FC took on LHDN FT. Following the intense semi-final clashes, Dolphin FT and Menajuak FC emerged victorious, setting the stage for a thrilling futsal showdown. Simultaneously, in the netball category, the finalists had already been decided. Informs Angel and the Powerpuff Girls would compete head-to-head in the eagerly awaited netball final. The announcement of the last matches added to the event's climax and boosted the energy of the futsal and netball teams involved.

The tension was palpable as the futsal semi-final commenced, an intensity that sparked minor disputes among the players. Fortunately, the maturity and sportsmanship of the players quickly resolved any conflicts that arose. Meanwhile, in the netball match, a moment of misunderstanding occurred among the players regarding the judging method. However, after careful examination, the umpires provided a justification that satisfied all the players, ensuring a fair and harmonious game continuation. Additionally, some players experienced minor injuries and cramps. Prompt actions by team members and the committee swiftly solved the issue, preventing it from becoming prolonged.

As noon approached, Dr. Hjh Imilia was invited to the prize-giving ceremony for the winning teams. The host, with enthusiasm, announced the triumphs in the futsal and netball matches. The title of futsal champion went to the Dolphin FT team, while Informs Angel emerged victorious in the netball match. The players' faces lit up with joy upon hearing the announcement of their victories.

Beyond the thrill of competition, INFORMS Sports Day instills a spirit of sportsmanship, encouraging students to embrace a healthier and fitter lifestyle. The organizers congratulated all the winners and expressed their gratitude to everyone who participated in and supported the event. We hoped that such uplifting programs would become a tradition, continuing to bring students together, promoting health, sportsmanship, and the enduring spirit of friendship every semester among the School of Information Science students.



Among the pictures taken during Spirit of the Game: The excitement of getting together on INFORMS Sports Day.