



GOOD SPORTS

Med students have a reputation for being competitive, and not just about exams.

This October, Pitt med first- and second-year students took a study break for some serious rivalry—the annual flag-football gridiron standoff, aka the “Turkey Bowl.” For four years now, each of the two classes has sent a men’s team and a women’s team to pit their grit against the other year’s teams. “It’s really, really competitive,” says second-year student and co-organizer Megan Wolf. “It’s always up for grabs.”

Although nothing more than pride is at stake, the Cost Center field is always lined with other students yelling support. (Upperclassmen refs keep everything under control.)

The event is organized by ProActive!, a student group that promotes balanced lifestyles. In addition to getting some fresh air, the Turkey Bowl lets students get to know some fresh faces.

But mostly, the Turkey Bowl is just old-fashioned, breathless, mud-in-your-cleats fun. Last year, hungry players got together afterward to gobble at Oakland restaurants—the second-years were notably absent, however. They headed home to—guess what—study for an exam. —Kelsey Ballance

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