

GCU

CLUB SPORTS



COMMUNITY. CONNECTION. COMPETITION.

Join a community of nearly 2,000 unique athletes
across 30 sports!¹



ABOUT GCU CLUB SPORTS

Grand Canyon University is extremely proud of our robust club sports offerings and prides itself on being one of the fastest growing club sports programs in the country. Our program offers a great opportunity for students to excel at their passions outside of the classroom and be part of national athletic communities. Nearly 2,000 unique athletes participated in 30 club sports in the 2019-20 academic year.

Our organized club sports teams play at a highly competitive level that creates unforgettable experiences. Because of GCU's numerous scholarship offerings, students can continue to play the sport they love and get a great education without overextending themselves financially to do so. Our competitively low club sports dues cover everything our athletes need to successfully continue their athletic journey. This includes uniforms, practice facilities, coaching, athletic training and more!

As part of a club sports team, student-athletes will:

- ▶ Receive top-level coaching
- ▶ Work with a dedicated athletic training staff for injury prevention, rehabilitation and conditioning
- ▶ Access state-of-the-art, on-campus athletic facilities
- ▶ Be outfitted with practice gear, equipment and game uniforms
- ▶ Travel for regular season competition against clubs from other universities²
- ▶ Compete for conference, regional and national titles
- ▶ Promote leadership, friendship and healthy lifestyle choices

ABOUT GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

For over 70 years, Grand Canyon University has been helping students find their purpose and achieve their potential. As Arizona's premier Christian university, GCU makes a private education affordable and offers 299 academic programs³ across nine colleges. In Fall 2020, there were over 22,000 ground students. Campus continues to expand beyond 275 acres with new residence halls, popular eateries, two engineering buildings and state-of-the-art facilities like the Canyon Activity Center, GCU Arena, GCU Stadium and Brazell Field at GCU Ballpark. Not only does GCU serve as an innovative institution elevating higher education, but it has also invested in revitalizing the local community.

² Scheduling for academy level teams may vary

³ March 2021



GROWTH AND SUCCESS

Our university invested in club sports in 2012, which began as a one-team operation with men's lacrosse. Since then, we've experienced rapid growth in participation, resulting in the addition of new sports, coaches and teams based on student involvement.

The goal for our programs is to compete for national titles, as demonstrated by the following:

- ▶ Men's lacrosse celebrated a pair of recent national championships in 2015 and 2017 as a part of the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA)
- ▶ Men's club golf avenged its runner-up performance in 2017 with a National Collegiate Club Golf Association (NCCGA) championship in 2018, surpassing dozens of long-standing clubs from major universities
- ▶ Three women's teams—club softball, lacrosse and rugby—finished third nationally in 2017
- ▶ Women's rugby won the 2018 conference title following an undefeated regular season
- ▶ Competing in the TESPAC Collegiate Series, our quickly expanding Esports program was ranked as high as number two in the country in the Overwatch title and is now our largest club with over 700 members

LOPES ALUM MACEO BROWN REPRESENTS GCU MEN'S RUGBY AT THE TOKYO OLYMPICS

Former Grand Canyon University Men's Rugby player Maceo Brown made his Olympic debut with Team USA's Men's Rugby squad at the Tokyo Olympics, helping lead them to a 6th-place finish overall, the team's highest Olympic finish ever!

ALEXIS RUIZ IS THE NUMBER ONE⁴ RANKED COMPOUND ARCHER IN THE WORLD

GCU nursing major Alexis Ruiz's journey to number one started at the age of 10 when she joined her school's archery program. As she entered tournaments and continued to grow with the sport, she began competing as a member of the USA Archery team. Her passion for archery continues as she turns some of her attention to helping run the GCU Club Archery team – a team she helped build.

THIS LEVEL OF SUCCESS HELPS FOSTER STRONG GROWTH.

WE IMAGINE GREAT POSSIBILITIES AND AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GCU CLUB SPORTS IN THE FUTURE.

⁴In May 2021

ACADEMY SPORTS

Many students can't dedicate themselves full time to their sport, yet still want to play! GCU's academy teams offer student-athletes the chance to develop their skills and still compete at a high level, even with limited time for practice, training and playing. Academy teams compete in local leagues against teams with similar levels of competition, so student-athletes can focus on academic endeavors and other exciting extracurricular activities at GCU.

GCU CLUB SPORTS TEAMS

Students may choose from the following club sports teams:

A CAPELLA

ARCHERY

ARTISTIC SWIMMING

BASEBALL

BASKETBALL

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

BOWLING

CROSSFIT

ESPORTS

FLAG FOOTBALL

GOLF

ICE HOCKEY

LACROSSE

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

POWERLIFTING

ROUNDNET

RUGBY

RUNNING

SOCCER

SOFTBALL

SPIRIT

SWIMMING

TENNIS

TRIATHLON

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

VOLLEYBALL

WATER POLO

WRESTLING





STATE-OF-THE-ART ATHLETIC FACILITIES

- ▶ The Canyon Activity Complex features the brand new Canyon Activity Center, a roller hockey arena sponsored by the Arizona Coyotes, six tennis courts and other athletic facilities
- ▶ Our Canyon Activity Center offers multipurpose basketball and volleyball courts, a strength and conditioning facility, athletic training rooms, an indoor rock-climbing wall and much more
- ▶ Two campus athletic training rooms are dedicated exclusively to therapy and treatment for club sports athletes
- ▶ Club teams may hold events at GCU Arena, GCU Stadium, Brazell Field at GCU Ballpark and GCU Softball Stadium
- ▶ Club teams practice and compete at the GCU Golf Course and on-campus venues like Thunder Alley at Thunderground, the Lopes Performance Center and seven different fields
- ▶ The Esports Arena serves as a premier gaming environment with advanced stations outfitted with gaming PCs, 120hz refresh rate monitors and new gaming chairs



CLUB SPORTS MEDICINE

GCU Club Sports student-athletes have access to their own athletic training staff dedicated to assisting with injury prevention and rehabilitation so athletes can return to the field quickly and safely. Our sports medicine team applies the most advanced, research-based therapeutic techniques available in the sports medicine industry. Every effort is made to ensure athletes perform in an optimum state of physical, emotional and mental health for excelling in club athletics and beyond. These services are offered to club athletes at no additional cost.

NEXT STEPS

- 1: Apply for free (gcu.edu/ApplyNow)
- 2: Upload your transcripts and submit your test scores
- 3: Upon acceptance, visit campus (all-expenses paid⁵ programs available)
- 4: Register for courses and pay the registration deposit

To learn more about GCU, undergraduate programs offered on campus, available scholarships and more, contact an admissions counselor.

855-428-7884 | gcu.edu/CampusAdmissions



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⁵ Restrictions for travel reimbursement may apply.

Club sports are not regulated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and do not have varsity status at the intercollegiate athletic level. However, club sports are organized and administered by their respective national sport governing body.

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