



*Join a community
of thousands of athletes
across a variety of sports!*

**COMMUNITY.
CONNECTION.
COMPETITION.**



ABOUT GCU CLUB SPORTS

Grand Canyon University is extremely proud of its growing club sports program offering a robust variety of sports and activities. Our program offers a great opportunity for students to excel at their passions outside of the classroom and be part of national athletic communities. During the 2023-24 academic year, Grand Canyon University's club sports program had over 1,600 unique athletes playing across 41 teams.

GCU's organized club sports teams play at a competitive level that can create memorable experiences. With scholarship opportunities and competitively low club sports dues that cover what our athletes need for their athletic journey, GCU hopes to offer students an opportunity to play the sports they love and get a great education without overextending themselves financially to do so. Our dues include uniforms, practice facilities, coaching, athletic training and more!

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

- ▶ Receive high-level coaching
- ▶ Work with a dedicated athletic training staff for injury prevention, rehabilitation and conditioning
- ▶ Have access to on-campus athletic facilities
- ▶ Be outfitted with practice gear, equipment and game uniforms
- ▶ Travel for regular season competition against clubs from other universities¹
- ▶ Compete for conference, regional and national titles
- ▶ Promote leadership, friendship and healthy lifestyle choices

¹ Scheduling for academy level teams may vary.





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 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:

- ▶ The men's club golf team has won its second, third and fourth National Collegiate Club Golf Association (NCCGA) national championships in the past 18 months, adding to their first national title from 2018.¹
- ▶ In just its second year, the club roller hockey team won the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (NCRHA) national title in 2024.²
- ▶ The women's rugby team reached the national championship match in 2024.³
- ▶ In 2024, both the women's lacrosse and men's hockey teams made their first-ever appearances in their respective Division I national championships.^{4,5}
- ▶ The men's club baseball Division II team won the National Club Baseball Association (NCBA) D2 World Series in 2022,⁶ and the Division I team advanced to the D1 World Series Championship Game in 2024.⁷
- ▶ Powerlifter Dawson Aaron not only became a 2024 Powerlifting America National Champion, but also finished 5th at the World Powerlifting Championships this past summer.⁸

LOPES ALUM MACEDO 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!⁹

ALEXIS RUIZ: 2021 TOP-RANKED COMPOUND ARCHER IN THE WORLD¹⁰

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 continued as she turned some of her attention to forming and running the GCU Club Archery team for its first two years of existence.

THIS LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT HELPS FOSTER STRONG GROWTH. WE STRIVE FOR GREAT POSSIBILITIES AND AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GCU CLUB SPORTS IN THE FUTURE.

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³ College Rugby Association of America. 2024, May 5. 2024 Championship Weekend Showcased Top High Performance Teams Across Multiple Divisions. craa.rugby. Retrieved Nov. 21, 2024.

⁴ USA Lacrosse. 2024, April 25. Opening Round Schedules Announced for 2024 WCLA Championships. USALacrosse.com. Retrieved Nov. 21, 2024.

⁵ American Collegiate Hockey Association. 2024, March 7. 2024 Men's Division I Nationals Daily Schedule and Scores. ACHA Hockey.org. Retrieved Nov. 21, 2024.

⁶ NCBA Division II. 2022, May 24. Congratulations Grand Canyon. div2.ClubBaseball.org. Retrieved Nov. 21, 2024.

⁷ NCBA. 2024, May 30. World Series - Championship. ClubBaseball.org. Retrieved Nov. 21, 2024.

⁸ Open Powerlifting. n.d. Dawson Aaron Competition Results. OpenPowerlifting.org. Retrieved Nov. 21, 2024.

⁹ Metcalfe, Jeff. July 21, 2021. Arizona native Maceo Brown named to U.S. Olympic men's rugby team. AZ Central. Retrieved on Nov. 1, 2024.

¹⁰ World Archery. n.d. World Archery Profile: Alexis Ruiz. World Archery. Retrieved on Nov. 1, 2024.

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:

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| A CAPPELLA | POWERLIFTING |
| ARCHERY | ROLLER HOCKEY |
| BASEBALL | ROUNDNET |
| BASKETBALL | RUGBY |
| BOWLING | RUNNING |
| BOXING | SOCCER |
| CROSSFIT | SOFTBALL |
| DISC GOLF | STUNT |
| ESPORTS | SWIM |
| FLAG FOOTBALL | TENNIS |
| GOLF | TEQBALL |
| ICE HOCKEY | TRIATHLON |
| LACROSSE | ULTIMATE FRISBEE |
| MIXED MARTIAL ARTS | VOLLEYBALL |
| PICKLEBALL | WATER POLO |
| | WRESTLING |





ATHLETIC FACILITIES

- ▶ The Canyon Activity Complex features the Canyon Activity Center, a roller hockey arena, 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 our 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 Colter Fields as well as seven other fields.
- ▶ The nearly 4,000 square foot Esports Arena serves as a social gaming environment with powerful stations outfitted with over 70 gaming PCs, seven Xbox Series Xs, seven PlayStation 5s, over 30 Nintendo Switches, over 70 high refresh rate monitors and over 70 custom 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 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 at gcu.edu/ApplyNow and upload your transcripts. No application fee!
- 2** Make an appointment with your university counselor to review scholarships and programs.
- 3** Upon acceptance, visit campus (all-expenses paid¹ programs available).
- 4** Register early to secure courses and on-campus housing.
- 5** Pack your sunglasses and move to Lope Country!

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

855-428-7884 | gcu.edu/CampusAdmissions

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¹ Travel reimbursement is only available to students who demonstrate their ability to meet admissibility for the traditional campus, plus one legal guardian, from a student's home city/state to Phoenix, AZ. School/district/organizations staff, faculty and/or personnel are also eligible. To participate, the program requires a signed MOU by both the student and parent/guardian or personnel, approval of travel dates by GCU and receipts submitted per GCU requirements. Travel reimbursement thresholds vary based on location and education sector. Only one form of travel will be reimbursed, air or ground. GCU does not reimburse hotel expenses, baggage costs, early check-in or travel insurance fees. Travel reimbursement usually occurs within 45 days. 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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