

# GCU

## CLUB SPORTS



COMMUNITY. CONNECTION. COMPETITION.



## 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 different 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 universities\*
- ▶ Compete for conference, regional and national titles
- ▶ Promote leadership, friendship and healthy lifestyle choices

\*Scheduling for Academy level teams may vary

## ABOUT GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

For 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. We offer more than 225 academic programs across nine colleges for more than 20,500 ground students. Campus continues to expand beyond 250 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.



## 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 teams. The number of competitors grew from 26 athletes to nearly 2,000 and we continue to introduce 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
- ▶ In 2019, women's club volleyball not only won their third straight conference title, but captured the National Club Volleyball Federation National Championship in their first-ever appearance.
- ▶ 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 100 members

*THIS LEVEL OF SUCCESS HELPS FOSTER STRONG GROWTH.*  
**WE IMAGINE GREAT POSSIBILITIES AND AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE.**

## 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 CAPPELLA	PICKLEBALL
ARCHERY	POWERLIFTING
ARTISTIC SWIMMING	RUGBY
BASEBALL	RUNNING
BASKETBALL	SOCCER
BEACH VOLLEYBALL	SOFTBALL
BOWLING	SPIKEBALL
CROSSFIT	SPIRIT
ESPORTS	SWIM
FLAG FOOTBALL	TENNIS
GOLF	TRIATHLON
ICE HOCKEY	ULTIMATE
JUDO	VOLLEYBALL
LACROSSE	WATER POLO
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS	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 135,000-square-foot Canyon Activity Center offers 10 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 7,000-seat GCU Arena, 6,000-seat GCU Stadium, 3,500-seat Brazell Field at GCU Ballpark and 1,200-seat 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

- STEP 1:** Apply for free at [gcu.edu/ApplyNow](https://gcu.edu/ApplyNow)
- STEP 2:** Set up your student portal to monitor your progress toward acceptance
- STEP 3:** Once transcripts are evaluated, choose one of our all-expenses paid\* campus visitation programs, to learn more about Lope life
- STEP 4:** Register early to lock in your scholarships, class schedule and housing preferences

To find out more about Grand Canyon University, undergraduate programs offered on campus, available scholarships and more, contact an admissions counselor.

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