CSU recognizes intercollegiate athletics (http://csurams.com) as an integral part of its mission; therefore CSU is committed to the pursuit of excellence with integrity in athletics.

CSU is a member of Division I-FBS of the NCAA and competes in the Mountain West Conference. Other conference members include Boise State University, San Diego State University, the United States Air Force Academy, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, University of New Mexico, University of Hawaii (football only), University of Wyoming, San Jose State University, Fresno State University, University of Nevada, and Utah State University.

CSU sponsors men’s intercollegiate competition in basketball, cross country, football, golf, and track (indoor and outdoor). It sponsors women’s intercollegiate competition in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, tennis, track (indoor and outdoor), and volleyball.

A strong intercollegiate athletic program gives talented student-athletes the opportunity to develop their physical, intellectual, and leadership skills as they participate in all aspects of college life, represent their school in athletic competition and in the community, and pursue college-level studies to prepare themselves for meaningful careers. Therefore, the Department of Athletics’ administrators and coaches are expected to recruit qualified student-athletes who can succeed academically and athletically and who will represent CSU responsibly and with integrity. Administrators, coaches, faculty, and staff are obligated to encourage and help student-athletes balance the demands of athletic participation with those of the classroom and to assist them in achieving success in both their sport and their chosen field of study. They are also obligated to guard the physical and mental well-being of student-athletes and refrain from doing or encouraging anything that would jeopardize the health or welfare of the participants.

Intercollégiate sports can foster a sense of loyalty, community, and support among students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. CSU subscribes fully to the principles of fair play. It will at all times insist that its athletic program and everyone connected with it uphold the laws, rules, and regulations governing intercollegiate athletics.

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is supervised by the Director of Athletics, who reports to the University President. The Faculty Council Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics serves in an advisory capacity to both the President and the Director of Athletics. Regulations for the conduct of intercollegiate athletics conform to those established by the Mountain West Conference and the NCAA.

Student-athletes participating in intercollegiate athletics must comply with all eligibility and academic requirements of CSU, the Mountain West Conference, and the NCAA, and are expected to make consistent and satisfactory progress towards completion of their degree programs. Student-athletes are also required to conduct themselves in conformance with the department’s specific expectations in the areas of academics, athletics, and social and outreach activities.

Sport Clubs

Sport clubs are student-run competitive sport organizations that compete with other colleges and provide the opportunity to play for national championship sport club titles. For additional information, contact Campus Recreation (http://campusrec.colostate.edu).

Intramural Sports

Campus Recreation’s Intramural Sports Program (http://campusrec.colostate.edu/programs/intramural-sports) seeks to engage the CSU campus community through opportunities to participate in any number of structured, inclusive, recreational sport-related activities throughout the year. The goal is for every participant to have fun!