
Intercollegiate Athletics

- Approximately 357 male participants
- Approximately 234 female participants
- 19 intercollegiate sports
- 10 men's varsity sports
- 9 women's varsity sports
- 343 varsity intercollegiate contests (appx. 11 per week)

Intercollegiate Athletic Honors

- 114 All-Conference athletes
- 215 All-Conference Academic athletes
- 7 All-America athletes
- 9 All-Region athletes
- 4 Conference Players of the Year
- 3 UAA Rookies of the Year
- 20 National Qualifiers
- 46 Conference Athletes of the Week

Varsity Athlete GPA's

- The average grade point average for varsity athletes is each year essentially the same as the average grade point average for all students in the college.

Recreational Sports

- Approximately 1,242 people per day, on average, use all recreational/athletic facilities
- Approximately 443,000 people used the Ratner Athletics Center and the Henry Crown Field House last year (average of 1,330/day ranging to over 2,200/day during the winter months)
- 2,900 athletic facility passes sold to faculty, staff, alumni and spouses
- 567 permanent lockers rented
- Indoor facilities generally remain open Mondays through Thursdays from 6:00 a.m. -midnight (Ratner Athletics Center)—an extraordinary 18 hours per day

Intramural Sports

- 525 teams
- Approximately 6,154 students participate each year (double-counting those students who participate in more than one intramural sport)
- Approximately 1,700 contests per year or
- Approximately 55 contests per week

Sport Clubs

- 45 clubs
- Approximately 800 male and female participants
- Open to students, faculty, staff and alumni

FitChicago Wellness Programs

- 710 class sessions
- 9,000 class attendees

Physical Education Curriculum

- Approximately 1,200 students per year
 - Approximately 85 classes per year
 - Three courses in physical education required to graduate
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Quick Facts 2008-09

SUMMARY

Participants

Varsity Athletes	585
IM Participants	6,154
Sport Clubs Participants	800
Physical Education Students	1,200
FitChicago Students	9,000

•Total 17,739

Notes

Varsity Contests	325
Intramural Contests	1,800
Sport Clubs	45
Physical Education Classes	85
FitChicago Sessions	765

CHICAGO SPORTS ON THE WEB

For the latest information about University of Chicago athletics, check out the athletic department's web site at:

athletics.uchicago.edu

Each of Chicago's 19 varsity sports features a site which includes rosters, player profiles, schedules, scores, statistics, news releases, coaches' profiles, links, and more.

The athletic department web site also features home pages for intramural, recreation and sport clubs, physical education, and facilities.



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Quick Facts

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Dear Colleague,

Below you will find some "Quick Facts" for the Department of Physical Education and Intercollegiate Athletics. These data are interesting - I think - because they contradict the time-honored University of Chicago notion that we are an institution where athletics and recreational sports are an unimportant part of the community's culture.

In fact, sport, balanced appropriately with academic and cultural life and manifested in its many different forms, is important here. This kind of information, however, does not attract much attention so I am sending this to you for your information.

We are excited about the coming varsity sport seasons and the 523 athletes who will be competing – last year 11 of our teams were ranked in the top 30 in the country – so I invite you to drop by a game or I encourage you to join the 7,200 students, faculty and staff involved in the intramural sport and the sport club programs.

Sincerely,

*Tom Weingartner, Chairman,
Department of Physical Education and Athletics/
Director of Athletics*

Intercollegiate Athletics

At the University of Chicago, the classical and old-fashioned ideal of the student-athlete is consistent with the highest levels of athletics and academic success. Throughout the University's history its student-athletes and teams have met that unique challenge, demonstrating that academic and athletic excellence can complement each other.

The University Athletic Association

Chicago, which sponsors 19 intercollegiate sports, is a charter member of the University Athletic Association, an NCAA Division III conference formed in 1986 as a bold statement of what college athletics can and should be - that it is highly desirable and possible for a group of committed institutions to seek excellence in athletics while holding the student-athlete and the institution's academic mission as the center of focus.

The eight members of the UAA include Brandeis University, Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, Emory University, New York University, the University of Chicago, the University of Rochester, and Washington University in St. Louis.

With its membership in the UAA, Chicago offers its student-athletes the opportunity to compete against athletes and teams from amongst the top research institutions in the country, as well as extraordinary travel opportunities.

Chicago has played a major role in helping the UAA attain its goal of achieving the proper balance between athletics and academics.

In *Reclaiming the Game: College Sports and Education Values*, author William Bowen – president of the Mellon Foundation which sponsored the research for the book – posed the question, "How has the UAA managed to mount what is, by all signs, a successful intercollegiate program without paying the academic price that is so evident in other similar college athletics conferences?"

Bowen continued, "The active involvement of the University of Chicago, with its emphasis on core academic values, has without question been a help in achieving and maintaining this policy."

Chicago enjoyed a wealth of team and individual accolades during the 2008-09 sports seasons as two teams qualified for NCAA Division III postseason competition – including the fourth-place women's tennis team. The Maroons also boasted two NCAA individual champions, 20 national qualifiers in nine different sports, seven All-Americans, four UAA MVPs, and three UAA Rookies of the Year.

In 2007-08, Chicago placed 70th among 437 NCAA Division III institutions in the U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup standings. Chicago placed as high as 24th in 2003-04, followed by a #38 showing in 1996-97.

Rhodes Scholars & Academic Excellence

During Chicago's early years as a member of the Big Ten Conference, the athletics program counted numerous distinguished scholar-athletes among its ranks, including 1910 Rhodes Scholar Edwin Hubble, a basketball player who later became a distinguished scientist for whom the Hubble Space telescope is named.

Chicago has furthered that tradition in recent years as its student-athletes have continued to compile an extraordinary record of academic and athletic accomplishment, highlighted by four Rhodes Scholars, three individual national champions, and two national players of the year since 1996.

Many of the most outstanding athletes at Chicago have also distinguished themselves in the classroom. In 2008-09, for example, Chicago 215 UAA All-Academic Recognition Award recipients as well as eight UAA Presidents Scholar-Athletes.

Award-Winning Facility

In the fall of 2003, Chicago Athletics entered a new era with the opening of the \$51 million Gerald Ratner Athletics Center. Designed by famed architect Cesar Pelli, the 150,000-square-foot facility includes a 1,658-seat competition gymnasium which is home to the Chicago basketball, volleyball, and wrestling teams.

In addition to the competition gymnasium, the Ratner Center features the 50-meter Myers-McLoraine Swimming Pool, the Bernard J. DelGiorno Fitness Center, a dance room, classrooms, the Athletics Hall of Fame, locker rooms, offices, and saunas.

In its first year of operation, the Ratner Center received awards from the American Council of Engineering Company, the American Institute of Steel Construction, and the Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois for its excellence in engineering and design.

In short, the University of Chicago provides student-athletes with what might be the best balance in higher education: an extraordinary commitment to academic excellence recognized all over the world, a high-quality intercollegiate athletics program consistent with its academic mission, unique conference travel and competition, and outstanding athletics and recreational facilities.
