

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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Idaho has a proud athletic tradition and sponsors 16 intercollegiate sports for men and women. The teams are known as the Vandals and compete as a Division I member of the NCAA and Big Sky (football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, soccer, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's golf, and men's and women's cross country) and Western Athletic (swimming and diving) conferences.

The men's program consists of teams in football, basketball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, tennis, and golf. The women's program consists of teams in basketball, volleyball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, tennis, golf, soccer, and swimming and diving.

The athletic program enjoys splendid facilities. The Kibbie-ASUI Activity Center, known as the "Kibbie Dome," houses the Athletic Department offices, team locker rooms, weight room, athletic training facilities, and academic support unit. The Kibbie Dome itself is the site for football, and men's and women's basketball games are played at the Cowan Spectrum within the Kibbie Dome. Historic Memorial Gymnasium is the home of Idaho volleyball. Track and field and tennis also make great use of the Kibbie Dome's indoor facilities for practice and competition, with a five-lane, 290-meter track and nine indoor tennis courts. The women's soccer team plays its home matches on Guy Wicks Field. The university's 18-hole championship golf course, numerous outdoor tennis courts, and Swim Center complete the facility picture.

Athletic Department Mission

The University of Idaho Department of Athletics is committed to enhancing the visibility and image of the university by

- developing and maintaining competitive, integrity-based athletic programs;
- uniting students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community;
- educating and graduating student-athletes; and
- competing for championships.

The core values are tradition, pride, commitment to excellence, customer focus, accountability, integrity, diversity, and gender equity.

Athletic Program Goals

The goals of the U of I athletics program include the following:

1. Recruit and prepare student-athletes for successful competition academically, athletically, and socially. Contend for Western Athletic Conference Championships and graduate student-athletes at rates above national averages.
2. Establish a national image for the University of Idaho and engage the campus and community. Improve and expand our image through marketing and outreach activities.
3. Promote diversity and gender equity. Conduct an athletics program that incorporates, fosters, and enhances gender equity and diversity.
4. Increase revenue from development and corporate partner (Learfield) sponsorship opportunities. Annually increase revenue toward the average of Western Athletic Department institutions.
5. Enhance internal and external relationships. Strengthen our internal and external relationships through timely meetings, increased

communications, and the exhibition of high standards of personal conduct at all times.

6. Attain financial stability. Develop a user-friendly and informative budget process that ensures fiscal accountability and contributes to an athletic reserve fund.
7. Continue improving facilities. Complete fund raising for the Kibbie Dome and identify future priorities from feasibility study.
8. Enhance support services. Inventory and evaluate support services and processes for efficiency and effectiveness.
9. Recruit, retain, recognize, and reward current and former coaches, staff, and student-athletes. Identify and offer rewards and recognition for current and former student-athletes, coaches, and staff.

Student-Athlete Support Services

Student-Athlete Support Services (SASS) is committed to the education and success of student-athletes at the University of Idaho. SASS collaborates with cross-campus resources to support student-athletes' academic progress, maintain NCAA eligibility, and develop well-rounded, employable graduates. This is accomplished through nurturing study and social skill sets; encouraging initiative, self-motivation, and accountability; and fostering positive, meaningful relationships within the Vandal community and beyond.