## **Club Sports in College**

If you played sports in high school, you know that it's a one-of-a-kind experience. Playing sports can help students learn commitment, focus and teamwork. Participants also gain lasting friendships.

None of that has to end in high school. Collegiate club sports offer the opportunity for serious student-athletes to continue playing in a competitive environment. This may be in conjunction with Masters swimming programs in the area.

**Club Sport** teams are student-run teams that compete with other universities.

Club sports are intercollegiate athletic teams funded (and often founded) by students. Unlike varsity sports, which the NCAA oversees, many club sports are governed by the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA), a nonprofit organization that promotes intramural and club athletics. Club sports differ from intramural sports in the fact that teams compete against teams from other schools, rather than from the same school. Most club sports have a national championship. This lends a more serious atmosphere to club sports than intramurals.

CU-Boulder identifies Collegiate Sport Clubs as a group of fee-paying students and recreation center members college-age or above, voluntarily organized for the purpose of furthering their common interests in a physical activity through participation and competition. CU students have the opportunity to enhance their college experience by choosing one of the 32 different sport clubs offered. Leadership opportunities include club administration, scheduling. budgeting, and fundraising. Most clubs are open to all experience levels-novice to the seasoned expert, with some clubs offering try-outs.

The philosophy of Sport Clubs includes providing opportunities for sport clubs to challenge other schools and represent Colorado State University while promoting an educational component of leadership development. Students are involved in fundraising, event planning, coaching selection, and budgeting/financial management of the club

Georgia Tech Swim Club is the official club swimming team at Georgia Tech. It is open to students, faculty, alumni, and staff of all various swimming abilities GT Swim Club! They host the **2014 ECC Swim Club National Championships** at Georgia Tech Aquatic Center. The East Coast Collegiate Swim Club National. They offer this championship meet to Colleges and Universities all over the country. The National Masters group helps them run this meet.

Here is a list of 150 schools that have swimming as club sport.

Team		
Agnes Scott College	Grand Valley State	Princeton
Akron	Gonzaga	Purdue
Alabama	High Point	Radford University
American University	Holy Cross	Randolph-Macon College
Appalachian State	Illinois - Urbana-Champaign	Rhode Island
Atlanta University Center	Immaculate	Richmond
Bellarmine	Indiana University	Rutgers
Binghamton University	Indiana of Pennsylvania	Salisbury
Brandeis University	Ithaca	Santiago Canyon College
Bowling Green	James Madison	Shepherd
California, Los Angelas	Johns Hopkins	Slippery Rock
California, Davis	Johnson & Wales	Southern Polytechnic State
Campbell University	Kenasaw State	South Carolina
Central Florida	Kansas	South Carolina - Aiken
Central Michigan	Lafayette	Southern Illinois University
Central Washington	Lehigh	St. Edwards University
Christopher Newport	Longwood	St. Joseph
Clemson University	Loyola Maryland	St. Louis University
Coastal Carolina	Loyola of Chicogo	SUNY - Albany
Cincinnati University	Marquette	Syracuse
College of Charleston	Mary Washington	Temple
College of New Jersey	Maryland	Tennessee
Colorado at Colorado Springs	Massachusetts Amhertst	Tennessee - Chattanooga
Colorado	Mercer University	Tennessee Tech
Colorado Mesa	Metro State College of Denver	Texas - Austin
Conniticuit	Miami	Texas - Dallas
Dartmouth College	Miami in Ohio	Texas State
Davidson	Michigan - Dearborn	Towson
Delaware	Middle Tennessee State	Tulane
Denison University	Mississippi State	Valdosta State University
Duke University	Missouri	Vanberbilt University
East Carolina	Montclair State University	Vermont
Eastern Kentucky	Nebraska - Lincoln	Villanova University
Eckerd College	New England	Virginia
Elon University	North Carolina - Chapel Hill	Virginia Commonwealth
Embry Riddle	North Carolina - Charlotte	Virginia Tech
Emory	North Carolina - Greensborog	Wake Forest
Florida	North Carolina - Wilmington	West Chester
Florida State	North Carolina State	West Florida
Furman University	Northeastern	West Texas A&M
George Mason	Northwestern	West Virginia
George Washington	Old Dominion	Western Michigan
Georgia	Ohio	Western Oregon
Georgia College and State	Ohio State	Western Washington
Georgia Gwinnett College	Oregon	William and Mary
Georgia Institute of Technology	Penn State	Winthrop
Georgia Southern	Pennselvania	Wyoming
Georgia State	Pittsburgh	Xavier
Glenville State	Presbyterrian	Yale University
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