Intercollegiate Athletics

UCI Intercollegiate Athletics Program

UCI’s Intercollegiate Athletics Program features 18 sports, with nine men’s teams and nine women’s teams. Men’s sports include baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, outdoor track and field, volleyball, and water polo. UCI’s men’s teams compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I, and the University is a member of the Big West Conference. UCI also competes in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) in men’s volleyball and the Golden Coast Conference in water polo. The UCI women’s teams also are members of NCAA Division I and the Big West Conference, competing in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, outdoor track and field, volleyball, and water polo. Women’s indoor track and field competes in the MPSF.

UCI, since opening in 1965, has captured 28 national team championships in nine different sports, including men’s volleyball in 2012 and 2013, with 64 individuals winning national titles and 528 earning All-American honors. In the last 12 years, 54 Anteater teams have finished in the nation’s Top-25 final national rankings and UCI has won 86 conference championships since 1977.

Each spring, the UCI Intercollegiate Athletics Program presents Scholar-Athlete recognition to those student-athletes who maintained a 3.0 GPA over the previous three quarters. In the last 35 years, 4,349 UCI student-athletes have earned the award, including 151 in 2016-17.

In eight of the past 11 years, UCI has finished in the nation’s top five of the Division I-AAA All-Sports Trophy competition (recognizing NCAA postseason athletic achievement among the nation’s Division I non-football schools). UCI finished first in 2007 and has been ranked second in three of the past eight years.

The mission of UCI Intercollegiate Athletics is to facilitate and enrich the education and personal growth of its students through their participation in competitive NCAA Division I athletics. Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to the welfare of student-athletes and staff, and advocates an environment that promotes excellence in athletic and academic performance, sportsmanship, diversity, and gender equity. Intercollegiate Athletics also supports the University of California’s mission of public service and serves to generate a unifying spirit among students, faculty, staff, and alumni that transcends communities, cultures, and generations.

The Intercollegiate Athletic offices are located in the Intercollegiate Athletics Building (IAB); UC Irvine Sports website (http://www.ucirvinesports.com); telephone 949-824-6931.

Athletic Facilities

On-campus facilities include the Bren Events Center, which seats 5,000 for intercollegiate basketball and volleyball. The Crawford Hall complex also includes the Santora Elite Training Center, Al Irwin Academic Center, and sports medicine. Crawford Court gymnasium has 760 chair-back seats for volleyball. Outdoor facilities include Anteater Stadium, a 2,500-seat facility for soccer and track; the 500-seat Anteater Tennis Stadium; Cicerone Field at Anteater Ballpark, home to the baseball program; and a five-acre multipurpose field complex.

UCI’s Anteater Aquatics Complex houses the intercollegiate water polo teams. This 64-meter aquatics facility is designed with a movable bulkhead and is large enough to accommodate multiple activities simultaneously.