

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS



GENERAL INFORMATION

Kent State sponsors 18 varsity teams that compete at the NCAA Division I (FBS for football) level. A member of the Mid-American Conference since 1951, Kent State offers intercollegiate teams in 10 sports for women and eight men's programs.

ATHLETIC TRADITION

The history of varsity athletics at Kent State is nearly as old as the school itself. Baseball, men's basketball and football were all competing at the intercollegiate level by 1920 – within the first 10 years of the university's inception.

Kent State's teams have long been highly competitive on the national stage. Since the Golden Flashes' run to the Elite 8 during the 2002 NCAA Men's Basketball championship, other Kent State programs have followed suit in their pursuit of excellence in action. From football's historic 2012 season, to the baseball team's first-ever appearance at the College World Series in 2012, to men's golf (2012) and women's gymnastics (2011) appearing in the NCAA Championships in their respective sports, the Golden Flashes have turned the spotlight to Kent State University on a national scale.

Many outstanding individuals have donned Kent State's colors. Among those, several have gone on to excel at the highest level; Jack Lambert was a Pro Football Hall of Fame member with the Pittsburgh Steelers, the late Thurman Munson was the 1976 American League Most Valuable Player with the New York Yankees and Gerald Tinker captured a gold medal at the 1972 Olympic games.

Excellence in Action doesn't end there. More recently, Ben Curtis was the 2003 British Open champion in his rookie year, while John VanBenschoten was a first round draft pick of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Kim Kreiner was a U.S. record holder in the javelin and was a member of the 2004 U.S. Olympic team.

Notably, three Kent State alumni have been the talk of the National Football League as Antonio Gates, Joshua Cribbs and James Harrison were Pro Bowl starters in both 2009 and 2010.

Kent State University's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics offers the opportunity to participate in 18 varsity sports:

MEN

Baseball	Golf
Basketball	Indoor Track and Field
Cross Country	Outdoor Track and Field
Football	Wrestling

WOMEN

Basketball	Indoor Track and Field
Cross Country	Outdoor Track and Field
Field Hockey	Soccer
Golf	Softball
Gymnastics	Volleyball

Kent State is a member of the Mid-American Conference (MAC) and participates at the Division I (FBS football) level in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Kent State Intercollegiate Athletics has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to comprehensive success. In 2010, the Golden Flashes were the top program for both men's and women's sports in the MAC, claiming the Reese and Jacoby cups for the first time in the same year. Kent State teams have claimed a record eight Jacoby Trophies for overall women's excellence and have ranked in the top three every year since 1996. In addition, the Flashes have garnered six Reese Trophies on the men's side after three consecutive first-place finishes since 2010.

In an annual national study of athletic success paired with financial sense, Kent State has proven to be one of the most economically efficient athletic departments in the country. Since 2009, Kent State has twice been named the Excellence in Management Cup winner by Texas A&M's Laboratory for the Study of Intercollegiate Athletics.

FACILITIES

The Kent State University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has access to several top-level facilities for practice, training and competition.

MEMORIAL ATHLETIC AND CONVOCATION CENTER

The MAC Center is home to Kent State men's and women's basketball, wrestling, gymnastics and volleyball, as well as the athletic department's administrative and coaches' offices; it's located in the center of campus next to the Kent Student Center.

DIX STADIUM

Dix Stadium is the home for the football team and located just east of campus adjacent to the intersection of Summit Street and state Route 261.

FIELD HOUSE

Also part of the Dix Stadium facility complex, the Field House is the home to the men's and women's indoor track and field teams. The Field House, which features a state-of-the-art FTX Mondo track, also includes

The Intercollegiate Athletic program at Kent State University competes at the highest National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I level (FBS for football) and provides select men and women with the opportunity, challenge and support to achieve their full academic and athletic potential as students and athletes, while operating as an integral part of the university's educational mission.

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a full-length football practice field and provides other indoor facilities for baseball, softball, soccer and field hockey.

KENT STATE OUTDOOR TRACK

Located behind the Kent State University Ice Arena, the outdoor track is home to the men's and women's outdoor track and field teams.

MURPHY-MELLIS FIELD

Located at the Dix Stadium facility complex, Murphy-Mellis Field is the home turf for the field hockey team.

KENT STATE GOLF COURSE

The Kent State Golf Course is home to the men's and women's golf teams and is located at the intersection of Powdermill Road and state Route 59. Further south on Powdermill Road is the Kent State University Ferrara and Page Golf Training and Learning Center.

WINDMILL LAKES GOLF CLUB

Located off state Route 44 in nearby Ravenna, Windmill Lakes Golf Club is also utilized by the men's and women's golf teams.

OLGA A. MURAL FIELD AT SCHOONOVER STADIUM

Recently renovated, Schoonover Stadium is the home to Kent State baseball and located on Campus Center Drive.

THE DIAMOND AT DIX

In the foreground of Dix Stadium is the Diamond at Dix, home to the Kent State softball team.

ZOELLER FIELD

Adjacent to both Dix Stadium and the Field House, Zoeller Field hosts the home games for the Golden Flashes' soccer program.

MEDICAL CARE

The Kent State University athletic training staff provides high-quality medical care and assistance to all of the 18 intercollegiate athletic programs. With the support of athletic team physicians and certified athletic trainers, doctors from the on-campus DeWeese Health Center and area specialists, Kent State student-athletes are provided with outstanding medical care.

FINANCIAL AID

Kent State offers grants-in-aid ranging from partial to full aid, for deserving student-

athletes. At maximum, grants-in-aid cover full tuition and fees, room and board and books for the academic year, with the option for renewal each year. Kent State grant recipients are chosen through normal recruiting and talent assessment procedures for each particular sport. Coaches make the final decision in determining grant winners by using several variables including ability, academics and financial need.

Kent State also participates in or administers all the major federal and state financial aid and guaranteed loan programs. Kent State expends millions of dollars of its own funds to provide loans, employment and scholarships to all students demonstrating financial need or academic merit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Students wanting to receive further information about Kent State athletic programs or to contact a specific coach can use the following phone numbers or addresses (all located at Kent State University, P.O. Box 5190, Kent, OH 44242-0001), or call 330-672-5974. Current coaching staff email addresses can be found at kentstatesports.com.

ATHLETIC COACHES (MEN)

Baseball

234 MAC Center*
330-672-8433

Basketball

146 MAC Center*
330-672-2470

Football

132 MAC Center*
330-672-3350

Golf

258 MAC Center*
330-672-4629

Track, Cross Country

253 MAC Center*
330-672-3991

Wrestling

233 MAC Center*
330-672-2820

ATHLETIC COACHES (WOMEN)

Basketball

158 MAC Center*
330-672-3717

Field Hockey

248 MAC Center*
330-672-3990

Golf

258 MAC Center*
330-672-4629

Gymnastics

247 MAC Center*
330-672-2822

Soccer

224 MAC Center*
330-672-9517

Softball

232 MAC Center*
330-672-2162

Track, Cross Country

253 MAC Center*
330-672-3991

Volleyball

246 MAC Center*
330-672-2821

Athletic Training

MAC Center*
330-672-2766

Dix Stadium

330-672-2786

* Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center

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