



# Athletics

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Academic excellence and athletics go hand in-hand at Fresno State. Fresno State is a member of the Western Athletic Conference. The broad-based intercollegiate athletics program provides athletes with opportunities for high-level competition to enrich their collegiate experience while they pursue a quality education.

To ensure academic development, California State University, Fresno — known in the athletics world as Fresno State — has instituted a support system designed specifically for student athletes. Services include academic advising, guidance and counseling, monitoring of progress, tutoring, and daily study halls.

## Facilities

Bulldog Stadium, home of the football and women's soccer teams, has a 41,031-seat capacity. Beiden Field, a 5,422-seat baseball stadium, is considered one of the finest collegiate complexes in the country. Bulldog Diamond, home of the 1998 NCAA champion Fresno State softball team, seats 3,288 and is the finest on-campus facility of its kind in the nation. Fresno State has track and field facilities, two gymnasiums, and putting greens and driving areas complete with sand traps for golf. The strength and conditioning center is one of the best weight rooms on the West Coast with 10,800 square feet, and the resplendent Spalding G. Wathen Tennis Center is home to the men's and women's tennis teams.

In 2003, Fresno State opened the Save Mart Center, the largest on-campus arena on the West Coast with a capacity of 15,596. In 2005, the Ricchiuti Academic Center was constructed during the same time the Duncan Building was expanded to house the new football offices and locker room.

## Men's Intercollegiate Athletics

**Baseball.** The Bulldogs have advanced to the NCAA tournament 12 of the last 17 years and 28 times overall, including three College World Series appearances. The 'Dogs won the 2006 WAC title, advanced to the NCAA Championships, and finished in the top 25 rankings.

**Basketball.** Fresno State has advanced to postseason play or a conference title in nine of the last 11 years. In 2005, the 'Dogs finished second in the WAC.

**Track and Field.** In 2005, the Bulldogs finished runner-up at the WAC Outdoor Championships.

**Football.** The Bulldogs tied for the WAC championship in 1992, 1993, and 1999 and appeared in seven straight bowl games. Fresno State's 17-9 victory over UCLA in the 2003 Silicon Valley Football Classic was its second consecutive bowl win and the program's first ever win over the Bruins. In 2004, the Bulldogs defeated Virginia in the MPC Computers Bowl.

**Golf.** Fresno State finished in the top 25 nationally 13 times in the past 24 years. The team was ranked as high as number four in the nation in 1999-00. In 2003, the Bulldogs captured their third WAC championship title since Fresno State's inception into the WAC in 1992. Nick Watney joined the PGA in the spring of 2003.

**Tennis.** The Bulldogs have received an NCAA berth 10 of the last 12 years. Fresno State reached the national quarterfinals in 1996 and the Sweet 16 in 1995, 1997, and 1999. The team garnered five All-Americans in that span.

## Women's Intercollegiate Athletics

**Basketball.** In 2005-06, the Bulldogs posted a 24-8 overall record, representing the best season in school history. The 'Dogs also qualified for the postseason for the second straight season.

**Cross Country/Track and Field.** The Bulldogs have built powerful track and field and cross country programs. In 1991 and 1992, the track team won consecutive crowns. It also won the 2002 outdoor WAC championship.

**Equestrian.** The Bulldog equestrian team had its first individual champion in 1998, with five individuals placing in the top nationally in their respective events. Fresno State had varsity national champions in 2002 and 2003 and had champions for Zone 8, Region 1 in 2004. In 2005, the Bulldogs won region and zone titles and produced three individual national champions.

**Golf.** Fall 2004 marked the implementation of the first women's golf program. In 2006, the Bulldogs placed third at WAC Championships.

**Soccer.** In 2003, Fresno State ranked No. 3 nationally in average match attendance. In 2005, the Bulldogs won the WAC tournament and received a NCAA tournament berth.

**Softball.** The Bulldogs won the 1998 National Championship. The team has received 24 consecutive NCAA berths, and is the only softball program in the nation to accomplish that feat.

**Tennis.** The Bulldogs have received an NCAA berth 10 years in a row. They have won the WAC title five consecutive seasons. In 2004, Fresno State was ranked in the top 10 nationally and reached the round of 16 for just the third time ever. In 2006, the 'Dogs advanced to NCAA Sweet 16.

**Volleyball.** With eight 20-win seasons in the last 13 years, Fresno State has six post season appearances overall, including three trips to the NCAA tournament. ❖