

# Athletics

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**A**cademic excellence and athletic accomplishment go hand in hand at Fresno State. Fresno State is a member of the prestigious Western Athletic Conference. The broad-based intercollegiate athletics program provides athletes with opportunities for high-level competition while pursuing a quality education.

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

**Facilities.** Bulldog Stadium features a 41,031-seat capacity. Beiden Field, a 4,575-seat baseball stadium, is considered one of the finest collegiate complexes in the country. Bulldog Diamond, home of Fresno State softball, seats 2,700 and is the finest on-campus facility of its kind in the nation. Fresno State has track and field facilities, two gyms, an indoor/outdoor swimming complex, two weight training rooms, 12 newly surfaced tennis courts, six indoor handball/racquetball courts, and putting greens and driving areas, complete with sand traps for golf. Fresno State also has a new women's locker room and weight room.

## Men's Intercollegiate Athletics

**Baseball.** With 25 NCAA playoff appearances and three College World Series showings, Fresno State has earned a national reputation for having one of the finest baseball programs in the country.

**Basketball.** The Bulldogs basketball program has enjoyed an infusion of enthusiasm and

support, with Selland Arena sold-out on a season ticket basis.

**Cross Country/Track and Field.** Fresno State's cross country team captured conference titles in 1981, 1984, and 1988. The track and field team won 10 straight league crowns from 1983 to 1992.

**Football.** The Bulldogs compete for the Western Athletic Conference title and a trip to the Holiday Bowl. The Bulldogs tied for the WAC title and advanced to bowl games in 1992 and 1993.

**Golf.** The Bulldogs finished fifth at the 1990 NCAA Championships and have earned a Top 20 finish at the national tournament 10 of the past 17 years.

**Soccer.** Highlights since 1982 include 11 NCAA tournament appearances, a 1986 Final Four showing, and a No. 1 ranking in 1987.

**Tennis.** The Bulldogs have advanced to the NCAA tournament the past three years. They had their first-ever singles All-American in 1995.



Warren Fortier

**Wrestling.** The Bulldogs have had 17 wrestlers achieve All-America status the past 15 seasons. They have won the WAC title the last four years.

## Women's Intercollegiate Athletics

**Basketball.** Fresno State's competitive basketball program put together nine winning seasons during a recent 10-year stretch.

**Cross Country/Track and Field.** The Bulldogs have built powerful track and cross country programs, winning consecutive conference track crowns in 1991 and 1992.

**Equestrian.** Women's equestrian is the newest varsity Bulldog sport, debuting in 1996.

**Soccer.** Fresno State women's soccer made its debut as a varsity sport in 1995.

**Softball.** The Bulldogs have made 19 straight playoff appearances from 1978-96, with nine women's College World Series appearances.

**Swimming and Diving.** The swimming team finished third in the WAC the past four years.

**Tennis.** After years of success in the Big West Conference, the women's tennis team finished fourth in its inaugural WAC tournament in 1993 and third for the last three years.

**Volleyball.** The Bulldogs have made two appearances in the NCAA Championship since 1984, when they tied for fifth in the nation.



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