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## Athletics

Just as the Naval Academy promotes the professional and intellectual development of midshipmen, so also must we ensure each midshipman's physical development. This is met through an intercollegiate sports program that is one of the broadest in the nation—18 men, 11 women and three co-ed—and an equally ambitious intramural and club sports program. All midshipmen are required to participate in these programs, either at the varsity, intramural or club level.

Athletics play a major role in how we accomplish our mission. We challenge midshipmen physically so that when they graduate they will be prepared to successfully lead in combat. We want our future officers to be team builders and learn how to motivate others to excel. We want them to compete on the athletic field and win. In order to win, midshipmen must set high goals for themselves and their team and find a way to achieve them. Our hope is that by the time they join the Fleet and Corps as junior officers, they will have learned not only what teamwork, determination and leadership mean—but how they transcend to succeeding in combat. Developing midshipmen physically is also about hard work, stamina and physical and mental toughness. Aggressiveness, perseverance and toughness in the face of adversity are qualities we want our graduates to demonstrate as second nature.

The roll call of varsity “N” winners at the Naval Academy reads like a veritable Who's Who in America—Rear Admiral Alan B. Shepard, the first American in space and a member of the heavyweight crew; Admiral Stansfield Turner, a former football lineman who became director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Admiral Arleigh Burke, a wrestler who later was Chief of Naval Operations; Rear Admiral Richard Byrd, the polar explorer who captained the Navy gymnastics team; Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, also a former Navy oarsman; Fleet Admiral Bull Halsey of World War II fame, a football player at the Academy; Heisman Trophy winners Joe Bellino and Roger Staubach, and basketball star David Robinson.

Over the years, Navy teams have been successful in both national and international arenas. Navy football teams have participated in the Rose, Sugar, Cotton, Orange, Holiday, Liberty, Aloha, Houston, Emerald, Poinsettia, Meineke Car Care and Eagle Bank Bowls. Navy's rivalry with Army is the greatest rivalry in all of college sports.

In 2010-11, Navy sports teams compiled a record of 301-274-8 (.631). Navy produced nine All-Americans, five Academic All-Americans, 11 Conference Athletes of the Year and won 11 conference championships. The football team posted a 9-4 record making 2010 the eighth-consecutive year Navy won at least eight games in a season. Navy also went to a bowl game for an eighth-straight year. Navy has dominated rival Army, winning a series record nine-consecutive games against the Black Knights.



## Intercollegiate Athletics

The Naval Academy's intercollegiate athletics program is administered by the Naval Academy Athletic Association, a private non-profit corporation. The Association is chartered so that the Academy can offer intercollegiate athletics at no expense to the federal government. The athletic association arranges varsity schedules and provides coaching staff and equipment, and funding for the varsity athletic program.

The Naval Academy is a Division I college and a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Its primary conference affiliation is with the Patriot League, a group of highly selective colleges whose motto is, "today's scholar-athletes, tomorrow's leaders." Full members of the league are American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy. Several sports, including wrestling, sailing, rowing and gymnastics have affiliations in addition to, or outside the Patriot League. For example, football is a Division 1A independent team that regularly plays Army, Air Force and Notre Dame, in addition to an intersectional schedule that frequently includes teams from the Atlantic Conference and Big East Conferences.

### Men's Varsity Sports

Baseball  
Basketball  
Crew, heavyweight  
Crew, lightweight  
Cross Country  
Football  
Golf  
Gymnastics  
Lacrosse  
Soccer  
Sprint Football

Squash  
Swimming & Diving  
Tennis  
Indoor Track  
Outdoor Track  
Water Polo  
Wrestling

### Women's Varsity Sports

Basketball  
Crew  
Cross Country  
Lacrosse  
Intercollegiate Sailing  
Soccer  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Indoor Track  
Outdoor Track  
Volleyball

### Co-Ed Sports

Rifle  
Intercollegiate Sailing  
Offshore Sailing





## DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

*Chet Gladchuk became the 28<sup>th</sup> Director of Athletics at the Naval Academy in September 2001. Gladchuk held posts as athletic director at the University of Houston, Boston College University and Tulane University. A graduate of Boston College, Gladchuk was a letterwinner in football. He earned a master's in sports administration from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.*



“At the Naval Academy, the athletic program is not just an extracurricular activity, it is part of the mission and as such receives a priority much different than at a civilian school. The athletic teams are an integral part of the overall education of a total person. Athletics provide leadership opportunities and the experiences of team play, cooperative effort, sportsmanship, commitment and individual sacrifice for goals that some may or may not be able to achieve. Athletics and competition are a big part of every midshipman’s life at the Naval Academy. The Naval Academy and the Naval Academy Athletic Association are committed to providing the best possible experience for our student-athletes.”

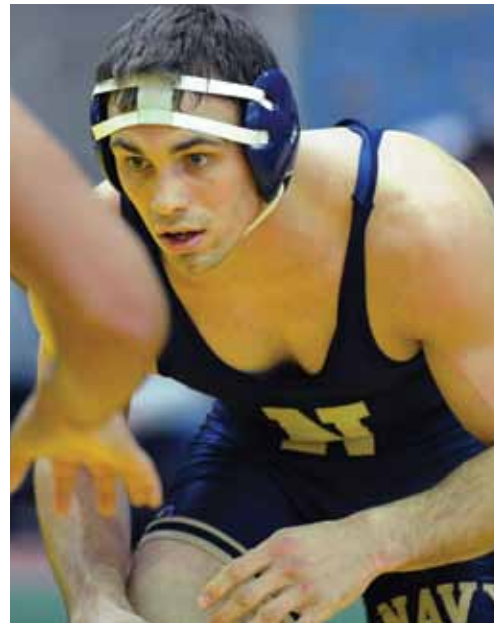
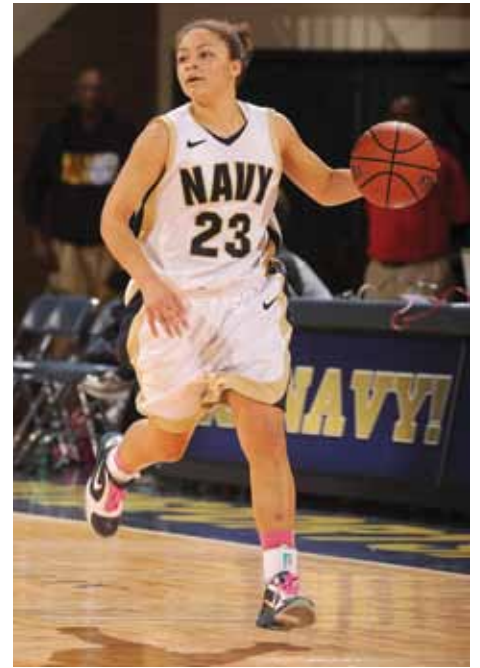


## Intramural/Club Sports Programs

The Commandant of Midshipmen organizes an extensive intramural sports program that pits midshipman companies in athletic competition. These competitions award points to midshipman companies that help in determining the selection of the academy’s “Color Company” at the end of each semester. The games are particularly spirited and allow midshipmen to compete at a level appropriate to their individual athletic ability. Company teams compete in a variety of sports.

In addition to the varsity and intramural athletic programs, the Academy offers a variety of opportunities to participate in a very competitive Club Sports program. Most players in this program are former high school athletes who desire to continue playing a sport, or learn a new one, and seek rigorous competition. Although these teams are not sanctioned by the NCAA, they do compete against area colleges. Club sports offered include: boxing, cycling, women’s golf, men’s hockey, karate, marathon, pistol, powerlifting, men’s rugby, women’s rugby, women’s softball, triathlon and men’s volleyball.







## Athletic Facilities

In looking around the Academy, the facilities for intercollegiate and intramural sports, physical education and personal fitness are unsurpassed and not reserved for just a few athletes. All midshipmen have access to these facilities:

- The renovated 34,000-seat **Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium**
- **Alumni Hall**, completed in 1991 with seating of 5,710 for athletic contests lectures, assemblies, theatrical productions, concerts and official ceremonies
- **Ricketts Hall**, with a new and larger football locker room, a modern physical training facility, and an up-to-date 12,000 sq. ft. weight room
- **Lejeune Hall**, built in 1982, containing an Olympic-sized pool, diving platforms and tank, a wrestling arena and personal conditioning areas
- **Ingram Field**, a 400-meter synthetic-surfaced outdoor track
- **Macdonough Hall**, with facilities for gymnastics, boxing, volleyball, swimming, water polo, racquetball, basketball and personal conditioning
- **Halsey Field House**, synthetic-surfaced throughout, includes a 200-meter track, basketball courts, state-of-the art international squash courts, weight-training facilities, and climbing wall
- **Hubbard Hall**, the home for Navy's crew squads, with the state-of-the-art Fisher Rowing Center
- **Rip Miller Field**, an all-weather synthetic-surfaced field for football, lacrosse, and soccer
- **Terwilliger Brothers Field at Max Bishop Stadium**, a recently-renovated 1,500-seat baseball stadium with a newly-added Joe Duff Indoor Batting Facility
- A challenging 6,217-yard, 18-hole **golf course**
- The **Glenn Warner Soccer Facility** is one of the finest college soccer facilities in the nation. The 16,300 square-foot facility houses the Naval Academy's men's and women's varsity soccer teams
- **Robert Crown Sailing Center**, home of the Intercollegiate and Varsity Offshore Sailing Teams, as well as the Command, Seamanship and Navigation Training Squadron
- The **Wesley Brown Field House**, a 140,000-square-foot, \$52 million structure, houses facilities for physical education, varsity and intramural athletics, club sports and personal fitness. The field house uses the most advanced technology for personal conditioning and combat preparedness
- The 155,000-square-foot **Brigade Sports Complex** features six hard-court surfaced indoor and outdoor tennis courts and an indoor ice hockey rink

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*Varsity athletics teaches the intangible things that leadership in the classroom and in Bancroft Hall simply cannot. One of the big things that the academy teaches us is that we must take responsibility for ourselves and others in order to be effective leaders in the fleet. At the end of the day, it really comes down to people. Being a member of a varsity team here, I have learned to work with people and motivate them in a much differ arena of leadership: on the playing field. Everyday, we are challenged at practice, in games, or in the weight room to work hard, set a positive example, and communicate as a cohesive unit. In the heat of a game, it is our team that we rely on because our goal is one and the same and our capacity for achieving that goal is limitless. We learn to depend on each other and come together in a realm of leadership that cannot be experienced, taught, or duplicated anywhere else on the Yard.*

—ENSIGN KATRINA NIETSCH,  
WOMEN'S LACROSSE, CLASS OF 2011

