Intercollegiate Athletics

FIU Athletics has been a program of tremendous growth since its inception over 40 years ago. FIU is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and is a member of Conference USA for 17 men's and women's athletic programs. At this time, the sport of beach volleyball is a member of the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association Conference as Conference USA currently does not sponsor a championship in the sport of beach volleyball. FIU continues to elevate the athletics program and has won eleven Conference USA Championships between 2015-2020 with a 6-Peat of championships in Women's Swimming & Diving. Sports programs and services in Intercollegiate Athletics provide an opportunity for student-athletes to develop their athletic skills and leadership abilities in an educational setting. Much emphasis is placed on the student as a student-athlete to ensure intellectual, emotional and social well-being.

ATHLETICS TEAM MEMBERSHIP

Several of the FIU Athletic teams have won conference championships in recent seasons including women's swimming & diving, golf, baseball, and men's soccer and tennis while many other student-athletes have garnered All-American and other accolades across the sport programs. FIU's intercollegiate sports programs for women include basketball, volleyball, soccer, golf, tennis, track, softball, cross-country, swimming/diving, and beach volleyball. Men's sports include basketball, football, soccer, baseball, track, and cross-country.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

The Athletic Department utilizes eight facilities that serve as the sites for athletic, educational, and recreational activities.

Phase I of **Ricardo Silva Stadium** was opened in Fall 2008. The stadium features over 20,000 permanent seats, 1,400 club seats, an upper concourse and 19 full-service luxury suites. In addition to the suites the stadium features a **Stadium Club**, which is a multi-purpose room that can be used for various events. The stadium is the home of our intercollegiate football program.

Located in the west end zone bleachers of Ricardo Silva Stadium is the R. Kirk Landon Field House. The **R. Kirk Landon Field House** is a 55,000 sq ft facility that houses the FIU intercollegiate football team, coaches, and all student-athlete weight training facility. The **University Credit Union Box Office** is located at the west entrance to the field house and services FIU sports. It also houses a 12,500 sq ft weight room that accommodates all FIU intercollegiate student-athletes.

The **Ocean Bank Convocation Center (OBCC)** is home to our intercollegiate men's and women's basketball teams as well as our women's volleyball team. It is a multipurpose facility with a seating capacity for 5,150 and is the venue for our convocation and graduation ceremonies. The main floor can hold four volleyball courts and two basketball courts. The two auxiliary gyms can each hold one basketball court or a volleyball court. Also housed in the OBCC are seven classrooms and eight locker rooms. In 2017, new upper level seating was installed. The **Baseball Stadium** is the home to our intercollegiate baseball team. The stadium has a seating capacity of 2,200 and offers two luxury suites with a capacity of 20 and 25 both overlooking the field. The Baseball Stadium also has indoor-batting cages located under the first base bleachers and outdoor just outside the left field fence. In 2017, a new Musco lighting system was installed. In 2018, the locker room and team lounge were renovated.

The **FIU Soccer Stadium** is the home of our intercollegiate men's and women's soccer programs. This lighted soccer stadium seats 1,500 and the dimensions of the field span 120 yards in length by 70 yards in width.

The **FIU Tennis Center** has 6 lighted courts and is home to the women's tennis program.

The **FIU Softball Stadium** houses our intercollegiate softball program. Along-side first base a brand new building opened in 2018 with a locker room, coaches offices and team lounge for the student-athletes. The elevated grandstands and pressbox was completed in 2014 has seating for 500. Adjacent to the Felsberg Field are the covered batting cages, and three bullpen areas..

The **FIU Beach Volleyball** Courts were completed in 2012 and are home to our top nationally ranked beach volleyball program.

FIU students are admitted to all regular season intercollegiate athletic home games free of charge. Presentation of a valid university identification card is required.

For additional information visit the athletic department's website at <u>fiusports.com</u> or call the University Credit Union Box office at 348-4263 (**FIU-GAME**).

STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC CENTER

Under the leadership of Academic & Student Affairs, the Student Athlete Academic Center provides a range of academic support services for student-athletes, including advising, tutoring, and monitoring of academic progress. The Center is located west of the FIU OBCC, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, and has hours of operation to meet the needs of the student-athletes. The Center is equipped with computer laboratories, study carrels, and classrooms. It is staffed with advisors, tutors, and learning specialists. The unit works in conjunction with various university academic departments, as well as with other university support units to ensure the academic success of athletes. For information call (305) 348-6412.

