Campus Recreation Services
Intramural Sports and Sport Clubs

Campus Recreation Services: Campus Recreation Services strives to empower the Western community to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle, and develop leadership abilities by providing the highest quality of recreational and co-curricular programs and services in an environmentally sustainable facility.

Campus recreation is made up of all the happenings inside of the Wade King Student Recreation Center including fitness classes, aquatics, fitness machines, climbing wall, and health and wellness, but the reach of campus recreation is much further than the center. Offerings also include summer sport camps, intramural sports and sport clubs.

Seventeen professional staff members and over 250 student staff make up Campus Recreation Services.

Sport Clubs: Sport Clubs are student organizations run by, and for, students. Although many clubs allow faculty, staff, and alumni to participate, operations of the club must be by student membership. Ninety percent (90%) of all Sport Clubs must consist of full-time Western Washington University students. Club participation opens doors for students to develop leadership skills while they’re involved in recreational and social interaction with others who have the same interests. It also allows students to have a more competitive athletic experience while attending Western.

Our sport club program currently consists of 25 teams and over 700 student athletes. Sport club teams are required to not only compete in sanctioned league events, but must also give back to the community. Each team is required to do between 150-200 hours of community service a year. Along with volunteering each team is required to fundraise at least half of what their team is allocated from the Service and Activities Fee.

Intramural Sports: Campus Recreation Services provides Intramural Sports as an opportunity for current students, faculty and staff as well as current students from university affiliates such as Whatcom Community College and Bellingham Technical College to compete in a variety of organized competitive sports on the campus of Western Washington University. These programs exist to provide our participants with opportunities in personal development in: a variety of programs of leisure activity, social interaction and the development of lasting relationships, leadership skills in directing group participation, voluntary participation, regardless of ability level, in a safe community, establishing positive attitudes toward recreational activity to carry with them past graduation.

This year we offered 20 sports with different opportunities for students to participate. These sports range from flag football to basketball and soccer to softball. These opportunities have attracted over 3,000 participants in the past years.
The $441,731 allotted to campus recreation from the Service and Activities fee is split up between Administrative support and benefits (47%), Sport Clubs (40%), and Intramural Sports (13%).

**Administrative support (47%)**: This funding goes toward paying the professional and classified staff that support intramurals and sport clubs. That includes 1-2 months of the Director, Associate Director, Fiscal
Technician 2 and the Assistant Director of Sport Clubs and Intramurals. 100% of the Intramural Coordinator’s salary is paid out of this funding.

Sport Clubs (40%): Each team is allocated a portion of the roughly $176,000 based on travel needs, team size and other expenditures. This was increased by $75,000 five years ago by the S&A committee to support sport club needs with regards to travel. With 25 teams traveling across the country travel expenses make up 50% of the budget. The next largest amount of money goes toward rentals and leases for teams to practice and play such as Civic Field for the baseball team, The Sportsplex for the Ice Hockey and Figure Skating team and Whatcom Stables and Orion Equestrian for the Equestrian team. From there the funds are split between league dues, tournament fees, and official fees.

Intramural Sports (13%): The money that is allotted to Intramural Sports covers the salaries of the student positions including 25 referees, 7 supervisors, and 1 office staff member. There is enough roll over from past years that we do not need to allocate much money to supplies or equipment.