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The men's and women's athletic teams participate in intercollegiate athletics through the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) and hold membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III. Concordia women athletes compete in 11 sports: volleyball, soccer, golf, cross country, basketball, indoor and outdoor track and field, softball, tennis, swimming and diving, and hockey. Concordia offers intercollegiate competition in 11 men's sports: football, soccer, baseball, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, golf, wrestling, basketball, hockey, and cross country. Intercollegiate athletics are an integral part of the educational experience at Concordia.

The athletics program embraces the mission of the college and shares the responsibility to help students achieve their full potential as individuals. The philosophy of Cobber Athletics is to provide a positive overall experience for student athletes by creating a platform to excel athletically, the tools to succeed academically, and to guide them as they grow into young adults who will responsibly engage in the world. As a member of NCAA Division III, Concordia views athletics as sport unencumbered by financial incentives and "win-at-all-cost" attitudes. We place the highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and, in doing so, we seek to strengthen the integration of objectives and programs in athletics with the academic and developmental objectives of the college. NCAA Division III member institutions place special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants rather than on spectators, and place greater emphasis on the students, alumni and friends of the college than on the entertainment needs of the general public. The athletic office believes in participation and encourages large squads and junior varsity programs, when facilities permit.

The college employs coaches who believe in the benefits of the game for the participants, and whose interest is in the development of student-athletes as well-rounded members of the college community. Our main concern is the academic progress of our athletes, a nurturing of their values and the clear understanding that they receive the same treatment as other students.

The college encourages participation by offering a variety of varsity, club and intramural sports, and gives equal emphasis to men's and women's sports. Every student at Concordia is eligible and encouraged to participate in intramurals.

Other student organizations also offer recreational opportunities both indoors and outdoors.

Olson Forum: The Olson Forum is a fitness and sports facility. The forum has 28 cardio machines, eight weight stations, and free weights in the fitness balcony. A synthetic sports surface includes a six-lane indoor track for walking and jogging, and four regulation courts for basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton, and other sports.

Memorial Auditorium: Memorial Auditorium houses basketball courts, a weight room, swimming pool and sauna.

Outdoors: Six outdoor tennis courts are available for recreational use east of East Complex. Other outdoor areas there include intramural fields, football field, a track, and softball, baseball and soccer fields.

Concordia College has insurance coverage to cover athletic-related injuries that result in medical expenses. This coverage is secondary coverage for intercollegiate athletes and club sport participants, not for intramurals. Contact the Risk Management Office (<https://www.concordiacollege.edu/directories/offices-departments-directory/risk-management/>) for more information.