

Intercollegiate Athletics

Iowa State University is a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I institution. Its intercollegiate teams compete in the Big 12 Conference. Iowa State sponsors teams in seven sports for men and eleven sports for women.

Iowa State's athletic nickname *Cyclones* goes back to 1895 when the Iowa State football team defeated a highly regarded Northwestern squad. A Chicago Tribune headline proclaimed, *Iowa Cyclone Devastates Northwestern, 36-0*. The team adopted the name, and it eventually became the official nickname for all Iowa State sports teams.

Iowa State's mascot *Cy* was introduced in 1954. A bird figure using the school colors (cardinal and gold) was chosen, and a contest was held to determine the cardinal's name. The entry *Cy* (short for *Cyclones*) won.

SCHOOL COLORS

Cardinal and Gold

INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS

Men's sports

Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Indoor Track and Field
Outdoor Track and Field
Wrestling

Women's sports

Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Gymnastics
Indoor Track and Field
Outdoor Track and Field
Soccer
Softball
Swimming and Diving
Tennis
Volleyball

BIG 12 CONFERENCE UNIVERSITIES

- Baylor University
Waco, Texas
- Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa
- Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas
- Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, Oklahoma
- Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas
- Texas Tech University
Lubbock, Texas
- University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado
- University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas
- University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri
- University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska
- University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma
- University of Texas
Austin, Texas

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