



**City College Title IX  
Intercollegiate Sports Survey  
*Spring 2015***

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## Background

The San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Title IX Intercollegiate Sports Survey was conducted in accordance with the Title IX Equal Opportunity in Education Act to determine students' level of interest in intercollegiate athletics and whether the colleges are fulfilling the needs of their students. The survey was administered during the Spring 2015 semester through an online survey program to all full-time students (enrolled in a minimum of 12 units) at City College.

The survey targeted full-time students who meet the athletic eligibility criteria, according to the Commission on Athletics/California Community College Athletic Association Constitution and Bylaws;

### 1.3 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

*1.3.1 In order to be eligible for non-conference, conference, and post conference competition, a student athlete must be continuously and actively enrolled and attending class in a minimum of 12 units at his/her California community college during the season of sport. Students dropping below 12 units are not eligible for competition until they are once again actively enrolled and attending class in at least 12 units.*

The survey was open for three weeks, from April 27, 2015 through May 18, 2015. Of the 3,131 City College full-time students invited, 460 completed the survey, or a 15% response rate.

The survey instrument contained 8 questions (6 multiple choice and 2 open-end questions) and took approximately 2 to 4 minutes to complete. Students were instructed to access the survey directly from a URL link in a survey invitation. In an effort to maximize student response, two reminder emails were sent prior to the end of data collection.

Of those students that responded, 51% were female (n=233) and 49% male (n=227), which is comparable to the college-wide proportion of female students (female 52% and male 48%). Although only full-time students were emailed invitations to participate in the survey, 2% of respondents classified themselves as part-time, which may be a result of dropping or withdrawing from classes after receiving the invitation. Students between the ages of 18 to 24 constituted the majority of respondents (61%), followed by ages 25 to 29 (16%), 30 to 34 (9%), 35 to 39 (4%) and 40 to 49 (6%), and finally, students ages 50 or more (4%).

Respondents were asked to indicate all of the intercollegiate sports that they currently participate in, or had previously participated, at any of the colleges in the San Diego Community College District. Male and female respondents were directed to separate lists of sports that corresponded to their gender (Table 1). The majority of City College's respondents indicated that they had not participated in any of the sports listed on the survey (76% of females and 85% of males). The most common response for female City College students who answered that they are currently participating or had participated previously in a sports program, was softball (7%), followed by tennis (6%), soccer (5%), cross country (4%), volleyball (4%), track/field, swimming, and basketball (3%, each), and water polo (1%). Baseball and tennis were the most common sport (3%, each) among male City College students who answered that they are currently participating in a sport or had participated in a sports program, followed by swimming, basketball, and football (3%, each), soccer, track/field, and volleyball (2%, each), and cross country (1%).

**Table 1. Athletic Programs**

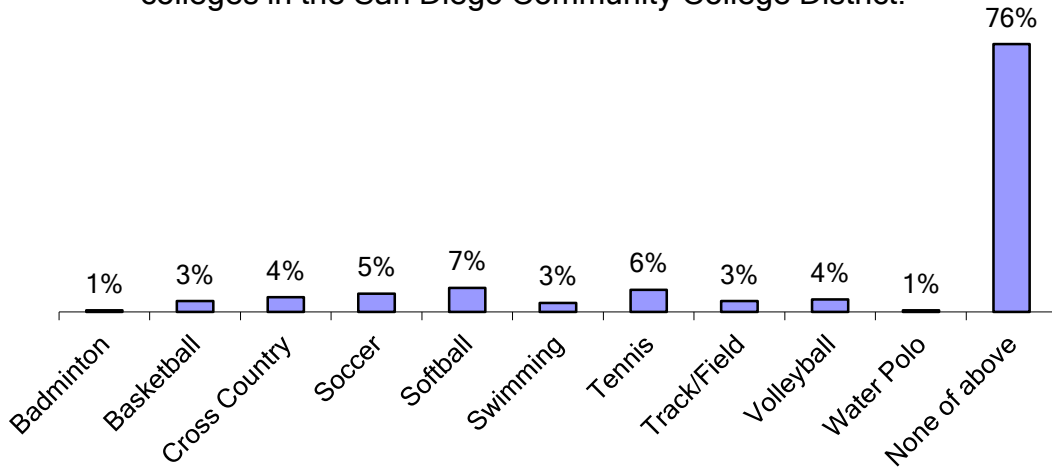
<u><i>Female Sports</i></u>		<u><i>Male Sports</i></u>	
Badminton	Tennis	Baseball	Tennis
Basketball	Track/Field	Basketball	Track/Field
Cross Country	Volleyball	Cross County	Volleyball
Soccer	Water Polo	Football	Water Polo
Softball		Soccer	
Swimming		Swimming	

When asked to select an intercollegiate sport that they would like to participate in, as well as estimating their level of ability at the sport, 40% of female respondents and 33% of male respondents chose *None of the above*. The most common selection for female respondents who were interested in participating in sports was volleyball, with the majority expressing that they were beginners (63% of total responses for this choice). Soccer at the beginner to intermediate level (43% and 46% of total responses for this choice, respectively), tennis at the beginner level (71% of total responses for this choice), and swimming at the beginner level (68% of total responses for this choice) followed as the most popular sports that would like to be pursued. The most popular response among male respondents who were interested in participating in sports was soccer at the intermediate level (45% of total responses for this choice). Baseball at the beginner level (55% of total responses for this choice), swimming at both the beginner and intermediate level (55% and 38% of total responses for this choice, respectively), and football at all levels (32% at beginner, 38% at intermediate, and 30% at advanced) were chosen as the next most pursued sports.

Students that chose not to participate in an intercollegiate sport, but were interested at some point while at one of the colleges, were asked to explain why they did not participate. The most common explanation from female and male students was a lack of time available due to school, work, and family conflicts, followed by insufficient availability of information on intercollegiate sports offered. Respondents indicated that they didn't know City College offered intercollegiate athletics, which sports were offered, or how to participate. Although both female and male respondents had some of the same explanations, female respondents more frequently identified inadequate physical fitness or skill level, while male respondents more often chose not to participate because of advanced age, injuries, and disabilities. Another explanation offered by students who chose not to participate was that the college did not have a team for their sport of choice. Female respondents noted an interest in swimming and tennis, while male respondents had an interest in boxing, lacrosse, basketball, and wrestling.

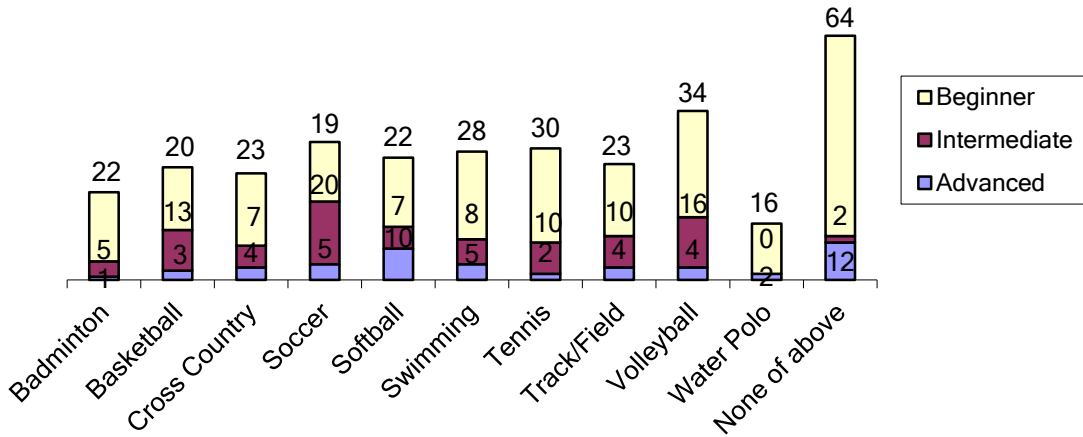
FEMALE SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Check all of the intercollegiate sports you are currently competing in or have competed in previously at one of the colleges in the San Diego Community College District.



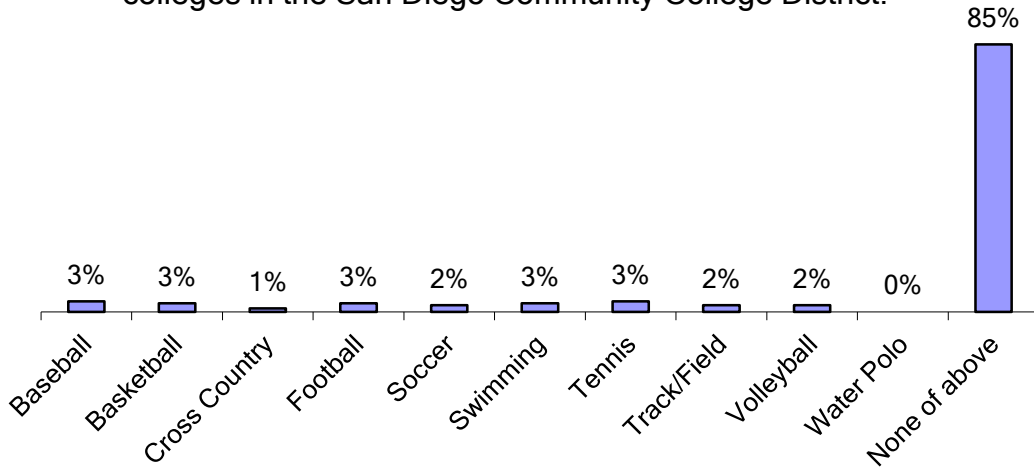
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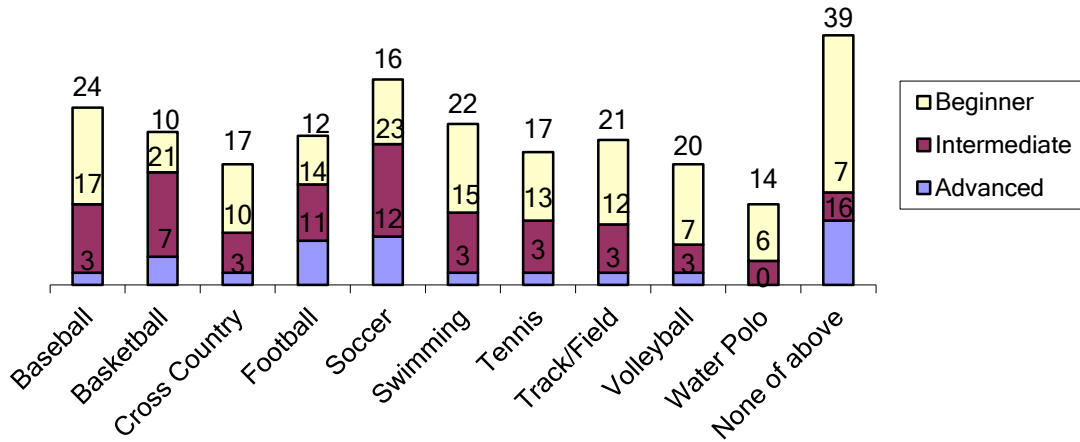
MALE RESPONDENTS

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## Female Survey Respondents

*If at any time while at the college you were interested in participating in an intercollegiate sport but did not participate, please explain why you did not participate.*

- Not enough time, interfered with involvement in tennis
- I didn't because I was new to City and I wanted to get use to it first before committing to any sports
- I do not know about it and I have no friend to hang out with.
- Transportation difficulties And time
- Not proficient in any sport
- My classes are my priority
- I am 69 years old I would not want to be competing with younger students
- I was not sure I would make the team since I don't have much experience.
- Lack of practices
- at this time i don't have much time because currently working and taking care of the kids.
- I wasn't able to attend the soccer summer training classes because I was in SRP. So I did not have the training the other girls had when I tried out. The only thing that stopped me from being on the team was that the coach told me I had to practice my kicking skills a little more. I was also afraid of soccer interfering with my other classes.
- I am interested to play soccer and tennis but I never tried it. However if I got the chance I am very happy to do that.
- Age
- I was not sure where to start. The information online is not helpful.
- I have no time for it.
- Not interested
- because im a full time worker as well.
- I do not have enough time.
- physical problem and family's health history
- Didn't have the time to make a full commitment.
- I am out of shape and go to school for 11 hours two days a week plus I have a job.
- The sports that I played in highschool aren't available here, such as lacrosse, field hockey, and roller hockey.
- I was recovering from an ankle injury
- I work full time, go to school full time and also have a 3 year old so I have no time basically.
- I think that there should be flyers up around the school about participating in intercollegiate sports. I have gone to school at both Mesa and City for three years, and I would have been interested had I known when and where to sign up
- I wanted to enroll in cross country but did not know how to sign up on the online schedule, since they have different names. Then, I do not know the prerequisites or training that are available before joining a sport.
- I would have liked to participate in the \*\*\* club sport but the coach was so negative to me during the \*\*\* season that I decided not to put myself into such a toxic environment again.
- Girls in my class play and I felt somewhat intimidated to try out
- Women's Tennis conflicted with my schedule the 2 yrs I wanted to compete.
- I have wanted to swim as I have a background in the sport but have always had to work to support myself during college.
- Full time worker
- Because I work and go to school, schedule is to tight. You must be a full time student to play for the college If that is included in the servay
- I want to take classes before participating in the sport.
- I did not know how to join.

- Because I am old woman to participate thank you
- did not know how to join, thought only for highschool athletes
- I am taking too many units and I simply do not have time.
- I did not feel my abilities were that of a college level
- I didn't know when the tryouts were.
- Lack personal fitness and time.
- I never competed in sports at city because I wasn't sure where to begin.
- I didn't know schools offered tennis
- yes, im kind of afraid of participating because i haven't played since high school and also because of my work schedule this semester
- my schedule is really full and I'm not sure if I would honestly have time.

## Male Survey Respondents

*If at any time while at the college you were interested in participating in an intercollegiate sport but did not participate, please explain why you did not participate.*

- I was very interested in playing intercollegiate soccer, unfortunately I suffered an ankle fracture which prevented me from continuing my tryouts. I decided to fully recover from my injury before trying out again next season. Another sport I am very interested participating in is Lacrosse. I played all throughout high school and grew into the sport but I noticed City College does not have a team. I would love for City College to have an intercollegiate lacrosse program. San Diego High School among various high schools in San Diego county have great lacrosse programs and many student athletes who graduate from there would appreciate continuing their lacrosse experience at the college level.
- My class and work schedule did not allow me the time/logistics to be able to pick up any extra curricular activities.
- San Diego City College does not have a good sports program I feel more advertisement is needed to get more students to come to city college or enroll new students to the campus
- because most of those class are schedule in the morning, however I have to work in the morning.
- It is not a plausible option for me. I work full time and go to school full time. I am not willing to sacrifice my gpa to play a sport which has no value to my education. I love sports with all my heart but as a school there should be far less focus on sports as education should be the main goal. Put money and effort into that which will proliferate education. Organize study groups or focus on student coalitions to aid students who are having trouble. Create student luncheons to bring students together to form these coalitions. Intercollegiate sports does not help students transfer to Universities and takes away time for them to become educated.
- disabilities
- Not knowing the dates of when to try out for the team.
- I have to finish classes as first year student. Maybe i will join later.
- Needed to fulfill required courses
- Disable
- I am a little up in the age of people that compete in intercollegiate Sports.
- no pool at city college, and think im to old.
- i have communicated my interest but never had anyone reply back to me
- i dont have time for it
- I don't want to.
- I didnt know about the sports available. I was sent an e-mail with details about the sports.
- I had no info on any tryouts or meetings
- Competing other intercollegiate sport
- I have a herniated disk in my back.
- There are no E-sports
- Productive schedule with work and school
- Can't balance full time student schedule, part time job, and athletics
- I didnt know in time to register
- Advanced age
- It is hard to set up my school and work schedule around baseball
- I tried out for Miramar basketball, but was injured during tryouts and never went back
- Because I was completing my certificate for mfet
- I support this. More opportunities for success, the better.
- Low grades
- Do not feel any sense of school spirit and the sports that I am interested in only have classes but no team.
- The attention that I must give to my other major prep and general education courses.



- I want to participate in road bicycle racing but that's not an option.
- N/A
- First year didn't know how to
- There's no boxing or fighting.
- Didn't know when the tryouts begin or where to go
- Not enough time.
- I am a disabled vet.
- Was not aware that there was a team in this institution.
- n/a
- Sport isn't offered. Wrestling.
- Work and attend school and won't have the availability to play competitive sports unfortunately.
- Timing, interfering with work schedule.
- Full time student and full time work
- Why is Lacrosse not available?
- I did approach the information desks in the athletic's department, but no one took interest in helping me out, nor were they able to guide me in the right direction. This of course was a while ago.  
I like how the link is survey"monkey". I can't help but feel like a chimp.
- Get the sport of wrestling.
- Wasn't sure if I wanted to participate in sports
- busy schedule
- There is no guy team for badminton. I've been playing for about 4 years now.
- Time constraints
- Unaware the program existed, unsure of personal skills
- This is my first semester in college and I wanted to get used to the college life before adding anything new like sports and clubs.
- I would have been a beginner and the level would have been higher in order to compete
- I was never contacted after applying for interest in participating in basketball.
- Fear of inability to compete with others, holding the team back