

Western Collegiate Racquetball Conference

The Western Collegiate Racquetball Conference (WCRC) is reinvigorated and growing as over 40 men and women players from seven schools in the Central and Northern California areas are competing in collegiate tournaments.

Teams from Sacramento State, UC Berkeley, and UC Davis have returned to compete with new teams from Stanford, UC Santa Cruz, San Jose State, CSU East Bay, and CSU Fullerton.

Collegiate racquetball has been one of the sport's bright spots in recent years. Shane Wood, USAR Intercollegiate Program Director, wrote in May about the year-over-year growth they have had in collegiate racquetball in the eastern region (see <http://meetandplay.com/> - Forum - Collegiate Racquetball):

The ECRC has pretty steadily grown 50-100% each year for the last 3 or 4 years. We used to have a base of 5-7 teams. This year, we had 28 teams compete, and 5 more already that we got set up at clubs at their schools and will be participating next season.

Collegiate tournaments are all about teamwork and fun competition, and are one of the best ways to grow your game. All players will score points based on how they finish in the tournament, and all players will contribute to their team's overall success.

Our tournaments are easy one day events, and we are using the "Olympic" format for tournament structure. This assures all players that they will play a number of matches throughout the day - win or lose!

Schools in the conference also scrimmage against one another regularly throughout the school year. These fun informal events are a great chance to play a variety of people, and to learn and try out new shots. Scrimmages include all club members - not just team members - and are a great way to involve more people and grow the racquetball community!

Always having fun ...



Fall Tournament

UC Berkeley

National powerhouse Sacramento State won the overall team title by taking top spots in both Men's and Women's Division I. They lead by their top player Mark Salinas, a senior at Sacramento State, who is also playing in the open division at CSRA tournaments.



Stanford's new team was a close-second due to the depth on its men's team, sweeping top spots in Men Div II and Div III. Berkeley finished a strong third, with the best women's team overall. UC Davis placed fourth, with a balanced team of men and women.

Winter Tournament

UC Davis

UC Berkeley won the Winter tournament with a strong performance from the men's team, and with their women's team taking the top three spots! Women are making the difference now at the tournaments! Kyle Severns (UC Davis) won Men's Division I, Carlos Penagos (San Jose State) won Men's Division II, and Guillaume Jospin (UC Santa Cruz) won Men's Division III. We're getting a nice balance across the schools as players and programs improve.



A special thanks to: Allan Santos (UC Berkeley) for coordinating facilities at fall tourney; Benny Goldenberg for coordinating facilities for their first tourney at UC Davis; and Matt Hills (Stanford) for helping to run the tourneys and keeping everyone in touch.

We are looking to help other schools especially in Southern California, Nevada and Oregon build programs, and get involved in collegiate tournaments. If you'd like to play in an intercollegiate event, or to get help in starting a club, contact:

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