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 UNIVERSITIES
- Baylor University
  Waco, Texas
- Iowa State University
  Ames, Iowa
- Kansas State University
  Manhattan, Kansas
- Oklahoma State University
  Stillwater, Oklahoma
- Texas Christian University
  Fort Worth, Texas
- Texas Tech University
  Lubbock, Texas
- University of Kansas
  Lawrence, Kansas
- University of Oklahoma
  Norman, Oklahoma
- University of Texas
  Austin, Texas
- West Virginia University
  Morgantown, West Virginia

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