

= Georgetown Hoyas =

The Georgetown Hoyas are the athletics teams that officially represent Georgetown University in college sports . Part of the NCAA 's Division I , the Hoyas field 23 varsity level sports teams , most of which participate in the Big East Conference , with the exception of the Division I FCS Patriot League in football . In late 2012 , Georgetown and six other Catholic , non @-@ FBS schools announced that they were departing the Big East for a new conference . The rowing and sailing teams also participate in east coast conferences . The men 's basketball team is the school 's most famous and most successful program , but Hoyas have achieved success in a wide range of sports .

The team name is derived from the mixed Greek and Latin chant , " Hoya Saxa , " ( meaning " What Rocks " ) which gained popularity at the school in the late nineteenth century . The name Hoyas came into use in the 1920s . Most teams have their athletic facilities on the main campus of Georgetown University . The men 's basketball team plays most of their home games at the Verizon Center in downtown Washington , D.C. and the baseball team plays at Shirley Povich Field in Cabin John , Maryland . Lee Reed took over as the school 's athletic director in April 2010 .

= = Traditions = =

= = = The word " hoya " = = =

The University admits that the precise origin of the term " Hoya " is unknown . At some point before 1893 , students well @-@ versed in classical languages combined the Greek hoia or hoya , meaning " what " or " such " , and the Latin saxa to form Hoya Saxa ! , or " What Rocks ! " This cheer may either refer to the stalwart defense of the football team , or to the baseball team , which was nicknamed the " Stonewalls " , or to the actual stone wall that surrounds the campus .

After World War I , the term " Hoya " was increasingly used on campus , including for the newspaper and the school mascot . In 1920 , students began publishing the campus 's first sports newspaper under the name The Hoya , after successfully petitioning the Dean of the College to use it instead of the proposed name , The Hilltopper . " Hilltoppers " was also a name sometimes used for the sports teams . By the fall of 1928 , the newspaper had taken to referring to the sports teams as the Hoyas . This was influenced by a popular half time show at football games , where the mascot , a dog nicknamed " Hoya , " would entertain fans .

Georgetown 's unique team name has caused opponents to mock Georgetown with chants including " What 's a Hoya ? " Harrison High School , located in Kennesaw , Georgia , is the only other institution in the country licensed to share this name . However , Georgetown Preparatory School , which separated from the University in 1927 , uses the name " Little Hoyas " for its sports teams and shares the University 's blue and gray color scheme .

= = = Mascot = = =

Georgetown 's nickname is The Hoyas , but its mascot is " Jack the Bulldog . " Various breeds of dogs have been used by the sports teams as mascots since the early 1900s . Several notable bull terriers like Sergeant Stubby and " Hoya " were used at football games in the 1920s , as was a Great Dane in the 1940s . However , in 1951 , the school suspended its football program because of the increasing cost of the game financially and academically , which left the school without an official live mascot .

In 1964 , the school permitted exhibition football games to resume , and students financed the purchase of a young English bulldog named Royal Jacket , whom they intended to rename " Hoya " , but he only responded to the callname " Jack " . This breed was chosen to represent the school because of their " tenacity . " The athletics department subsequently adopted as its logo a drawing of a bulldog sporting a blue and gray freshman beanie . The original Jack retired in 1967 , but the

name was carried over to his successors . In 1977 , the university began the tradition of dressing up a student in a blue and gray bulldog costume , replacing the live bulldog , though several dogs periodically joined the costumed mascot during the 1980s and 1990s .

In 1999 , Scott R. Pilarz , S.J. , with the help of the Hoya Blue fan club , revived the tradition of an official live bulldog named Jack , to work along with the costumed mascot . When Pilarz left for the University of Scranton in 2003 , taking Jack with him , Georgetown secured a new bulldog puppy and found another Jesuit , Christopher Steck , S.J. , to care for him . The current bulldog is named " John S. Carroll , " a play on the name of Georgetown 's founder , which name allows for continuation of the " Jack the Bulldog " nickname . After Jack injured his leg in 2012 , two Georgetown parents donated a younger bulldog puppy , who the school refers to as " Jack Jr . "

= = = Colors = = =

Blue and gray are the official colors of Georgetown University and its athletic teams . The colors are an important reminder of the school 's past . During the American Civil War , Prussian blue was commonly used in Union uniforms , while cadet grey was used in Confederate uniforms . These colors were introduced by the rowing team in 1876 , who deemed blue and gray " appropriate colors for the [ Boat ] Club and expressive of the feeling of unity between the Northern and Southern boys of the College . " Girls from neighboring Georgetown Visitation sewed the original uniforms together for the team and presented the Boat Club with a blue and gray banner reading " Orior Euro " ( Swifter than the Wind ) .

The basketball and lacrosse teams use gray as their primary color in home jerseys , with blue in away jerseys . White is also frequently used as an accent to these colors , and is actually the main color in the football and baseball teams ' away jerseys and the soccer team 's home jerseys . Campus spirit groups often encourage students to " bleed Hoya blue , " a slogan used on teeshirts and bumper stickers sold to fans . Fans are generally encouraged to wear gray to home games , and sellouts are referred to as a " gray out . " Though various shades are used , the primary ones suggested by the school 's identification policy are pantone 409 and pantone 282 , which is the same shade as Oxford Blue .

= = = Fight song = = =

The Georgetown Fight Song , known as " There Goes Old Georgetown " , is actually an amalgamation of three songs , only the oldest of which , 1913 's " The Touchdown Song " , contains the lyric " here goes old Georgetown " . Students combined a version of " The Touchdown Song " with " Cheer for Victory " , written in 1915 , and " The Hoya Song " , written in 1930 , both of which are included in their entirety . The authors of these songs , and of the combined version , are unknown .

Georgetown 's fight song is rare among U.S. university fight songs for mentioning other colleges by name . Specifically , it mentions Yale University , Harvard University , Princeton University , College of the Holy Cross , the United States Naval Academy , and Cornell University , who were all rivals of Georgetown in the early to mid @-@ 20th century , and mocks their fight songs . In recent years the Hoyas only play Cornell and Holy Cross regularly ( in football ) , and many of these schools no longer use the fight songs that Georgetown 's song mocks .

= = Varsity sports = =

Georgetown University fields 23 varsity level sports teams , 11 men 's teams , 11 women 's teams , and one co @-@ ed team . Intercollegiate sports include ( inaugural season in parentheses ) :

Men 's : baseball ( 1870 ) , basketball ( 1907 ) , crew ( 1876 ; 1958 ) , cross country ( 1924 ) , football ( 1887 ) , golf ( 1925 ) , lacrosse ( 1951 ) , soccer ( 1952 ) , swimming and diving ( 1949 ) , tennis ( 1920 ) , and track and field ( 1891 )

Women 's : basketball ( 1960 ) , crew ( 1975 ) , cross country ( 1976 ) , field hockey ( 1960 ) , golf (

2001 ) , lacrosse ( 1975 ) , soccer ( 1991 ) , softball ( 2005 ) , swimming and diving ( 1975 ) , tennis ( 1960 ) , track and field ( 1976 ) , and volleyball ( 1960 )

Coed : sailing ( 1937 )

== = Basketball = = =

The Georgetown University men 's basketball team is perhaps the most well @-@ known Hoya program . Georgetown 's first intercollegiate men 's basketball team was formed in 1907 . John Thompson III , son of the accomplished Hoyas coach John Thompson , is the current head coach . The Hoyas historically have been well regarded not only for their team success , but also for their ability to generate players that after graduation succeed both on the court , such as Patrick Ewing , and off , such as Paul Tagliabue and Henry Hyde . The team has reached the NCAA Tournament Final Four five times including the 1984 national championship , and has won the Big East Tournament seven times , and has also won or shared the Big East regular season title seven times .

The women 's basketball also plays in the Big East Conference , and are coached by Terri Williams @-@ Flournoy . The team was first formed in 1970 , and joined the Big East in 1983 . They play their home games on campus at McDonough Gymnasium . The women 's team so far has not seen the same success as the men 's , and have only been invited to the NCAA tournament three times , reaching the Sweet Sixteen in 1993 and 2011 , and the second round in 2010 . They have been invited to the Women 's National Invitation Tournament , five times , progressing furthest in 2009 by reaching the fourth round .

== = Rowing = = =

Rowing at Georgetown has a distinguished history dating back to the founding of the Boat Club in 1876 . The team was however suspended from 1909 to 1920 due to lack of interest , and involvement in World War I. Georgetown added a men 's lightweight team in 1963 , a women 's team in 1975 , and a women 's lightweight team in 1996 .

The men have won 5 national championships at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta , the most recent being the men 's varsity lightweight fours with coxswain on June 5 , 2016 . The first national championship win was in 1991 with the varsity heavyweight fours with coxswain .

Under the guidance of coaches Tony Johnson and Steve Full , Georgetown competes as a member of the top leagues in American rowing , the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges and Eastern Association of Women 's Rowing Colleges . Georgetown 's four crew teams have seen success in recent years , including trips to the Henley Royal Regatta and entry into the Eastern Sprints for the men 's heavyweight and lightweight teams and second @-@ in @-@ the @-@ nation finishes for both men 's and women 's lightweight teams . Many Georgetown oarsmen and -women have gone on to represent the United States on national and Olympic teams . The lightweight women 's team has earned bronze medals at Women 's Eastern Sprints in the Lightweight Women 's Varsity 8 + in 2013 and the Lightweight Women 's Varsity 4 + in 2015 . The LW8 + crew earning bronze in 2013 was later named Row2k Crew of the Week .

The university rents space in Thompson Boat Center , though it has ongoing plans to build a new boathouse closer to campus . For land workouts , Georgetown rowers have access to the Rowing Training Center , a refurbished storeroom beneath the Leavey Center that was repurposed into an erg room in 2013 ( its underground , windowless location has inspired numerous nicknames such as the " Thunder Dungeon " ) . Notable Georgetown crew alumni include walk @-@ on Mike Vespoli , the founder and chief executive officer of Vespoli USA , Inc. as well as actor Bradley Cooper .

== = Sailing = = =

The sailing team competes in the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association ( MAISA ) of the Inter @-@ Collegiate Sailing Association ( ICSA ) . Under coach Mike Callahan has been ranked

number 1 nationally in the ICSA Sailing World College Rankings on multiple occasions . The team sails from the Washington Sailing Marina Andrew Campbell was named U.S. Olympic Committee ( USOC ) Male Sailing Athlete of the Year in 2002 and 2005 , and ICSA College Sailor of the Year in 2006 . He is one of the six team members awarded as College Sailors of the Year on seven occasions , as Nevin Snow has taken the prize twice , in 2015 and 2016 . Campbell helped lead the team to the first of their 13 Inter @-@ Collegiate Sailing Association National Championships since 2001 , and are the reigning national co @-@ ed champions as of 2016 . During this time the team also won seven MAISA conference championships , known as the America Trophy . After the team 's 2013 national championship , they were invited to participate in the 2014 World University Match Racing Championships in Trentino , Italy , on Lago di Ledro , which they won 7 ? 1 , besting nineteen teams from fourteen countries . The Hoyas won the Leonard M. Fowle Trophy to the best overall collegiate team in 2006 .

= = = Soccer = = =

The men 's soccer team was organized in 1952 , and have made four NCAA Tournament appearances , in 1994 , 1997 , 2010 , and 2012 . They play in the Big East Conference , and have made it to the Big East Tournament 19 times , and advanced to the finals in 2012 . They are coached by Brian Wiese , and play their home games on campus at North Kehoe Field . The women 's soccer team began play in 1991 , have been coached by Dave Nolan since 1999 , and share the same home field . The women 's team has been to the NCAA Tournament twice , in 2007 and 2010 , when they advanced to the quarterfinals .

Six players from the men 's soccer team have played professionally for Major League Soccer : Phil Wellington ( drafted in 1996 ) , Brandon Leib ( 1997 ) , Eric Kvello ( 1999 ) , Dan Gargan 2004 ( Selected 43rd overall in the 2005 MLS Supplemental Draft ) , Jeff Curtin 2005 ( 1st round draft Pick # 14 overall ) , and Steve Neumann 2014 ( 1st round draft pick in 2014 MLS SuperDraft , 4th overall pick ) . Ricky Schramm , who played on the 2006 Hoyas , was drafted in the 3rd round by D.C. United . Women 's team star Ingrid Wells has played on the United States U @-@ 23 women 's national soccer team and for Göteborg FC .

= = = Lacrosse = = =

Both the men 's and women 's lacrosse teams have been highly competitive in recent years , both in conference and tournament play . A men 's lacrosse team was first organized in 1951 , and entered Division 1 play in 1970 . The team played in the Eastern College Athletic Conference until the 2010 season , when the Big East Conference created a men 's league . The men 's team made the NCAA Tournament each season from 1996 ? 2007 , reaching the Final Four in 1999 .

The women 's lacrosse team was formed in 1977 , and won the first 6 consecutive Big East titles from 2001 ? 2006 . The Lady Hoyas reached the NCAA Women 's Lacrosse Championship final in both 2001 and 2002 . In 2005 , their first season under new coach Ricky Fried , the team went 13 ? 5 and made the NCAA Tournament for the 8th straight year . Both the men 's and women 's teams play their home games on Multi @-@ Sport Field .

= = = Football = = =

The football team at Georgetown was first formed on November 1 , 1874 , with the earliest recorded games dating to 1887 . By the 1940s , Georgetown had one of the better college football teams in America , and played in the 1941 Orange Bowl , where they lost 14 ? 7 to Mississippi State . As the college game became more expensive after World War II , however , Georgetown 's program began to lose money rapidly . The Hoyas last successful season was 1949 , when they lost in the Sun Bowl against Texas Western . However the program was losing too much money , and on March 22 , 1951 , the university 's president canceled the football program .

In 1964 , Georgetown allowed its students to start a football program as an exhibition @-@ only

club sport . Varsity football resumed in 1970 at what later became known as the Division III level . Today , Georgetown plays at the Division I Football Championship Subdivision , competing in the Patriot League and perennially plays against Ivy League schools . The Hoyas have also begun a cross @-@ town rivalry with Howard University for a championship known as the D.C. Cup .

" Big Jim " Ricca , an NFL defensive end and offensive lineman , graduated in 1949 and was the last Hoya to play in an NFL game . In 2007 , the Washington Redskins made Alex Buzbee a reserve player , becoming the first Georgetown player on an NFL team since Ricca retired in 1956 . The 2011 Georgetown Football team finished 8 @-@ 3 , which was their first winning season since the 1999 campaign , giving them a second place in the conference .

= = = Track and field = = =

Georgetown has been nationally successful in both cross country and track and field . The men and women 's track and field teams practice off @-@ campus at Duke Ellington Track in neighboring Burleith . The men 's and women 's teams have both been ranked # 1 by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association in recent years , both nationally and in the Mid @-@ Atlantic Region . In 2011 , the women 's cross country program won Georgetown 's only other team NCAA Championship by besting Big East rival Villanova . Chris Miltenberg , women 's cross country coach , won the 2011 NCAA coach of the year for women 's cross country . Patrick Henner is the director of men 's and women 's track and field as of 2012 . Georgetown track and field has won 21 individual NCAA National Championships , being 15 by male athletes and 6 by female athletes . The first individual NCAA National Champion was Charles Capozzoli in cross country in 1952 . To date , there have also been 11 National Champions in indoor and 9 National Champions in outdoor NCAA track and field championships .

= = = Baseball = = =

Baseball is Georgetown 's oldest sport , with the first recorded game taking place in 1866 , and the team formally organized and sanctioned in 1870 . The Hoyas have seen little national success , with no appearances in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship since the event was established in 1947 . The team was once known as the Stonewalls , and is one possible source of the Hoya Saxa cheer famous among all Georgetown sports teams . The Hoyas play their home games at Shirley Povich Field , a 1 @, @ 500 seat stadium located in Bethesda , Maryland and named for Washington Post sports columnist Shirley Povich . The stadium was built in 2000 . The Hoyas also utilize three lighted batting cages and two bullpen areas located on campus above Yates Field House , and adjacent to Kehoe Field .

= = = Golf = = =

The men 's golf team has won two Big East Conference championships : 1998 and 2010 . They are coached by Tommy Hunter , who was named Big East Coach of the Year in 2010 . They have crowned two national champions : Maurice McCarthy Jr. in 1928 and John Burke in 1938 .

= = National team championships = =

As of July 2 , 2015 , Georgetown has 2 NCAA team national championships .

Men 's ( 1 )

Basketball ( 1 ) : 1984

Women 's ( 1 )

Cross Country ( 1 ) : 2011

see also :

Big East Conference national team championships

List of NCAA schools with the most NCAA Division I championships

= = Club teams = =

Georgetown University fields numerous club sports teams . They range from club versions of varsity sports , such as tennis or basketball , to sports for which there is no varsity equivalent , such as men and women 's Water Polo Clubs or Ultimate Frisbee . The university began supporting club teams in 2000 . Though other teams exist , such as the Georgetown University Croquet Society , the Club Sports Board at Georgetown supports eleven men 's club teams , nine women 's , and three co @-@ ed teams ( year founded in parentheses ) :

Men 's : Boxing ( 2008 ) , Cycling , Ice Hockey , Basketball , Lacrosse ( 1995 ) , Rugby ( 1967 ) , Soccer , Ultimate Frisbee , Volleyball , Water polo ( 1993 ) , Triathlon ( 2005 )

Women 's : Squash ( 2008 ) , Water polo , Basketball , Field Hockey , Lacrosse , Rugby ( 2000 ) , Soccer ( 2001 ) , Ultimate Frisbee , Volleyball

Co @-@ ed : Equestrian , Racquetball ( 2007 ) , Tennis ( 2004 ) , Climbing ( 2010 )

= = = Rugby = = =

The Georgetown University Rugby Football Club is the intercollegiate men 's rugby union team that represents Georgetown in the USA Rugby Division II competition . It was founded in the spring semester of 1967 by former members of the Washington D.C. Rugby Football Club including graduate student Michael Murphy . In 2005 , Georgetown 's first reached the Final Four of the USA Rugby Collegiate Division II National Tournament . The " Hoya Ruggers " again reached for the semifinals in 2009 in Palo Alto , California , and have had an undefeated 2009 @-@ 10 season .

A women 's rugby team was founded in 2000 , and plays in Division II in the Potomac Rugby Union ( PRU ) . They have won the PRU championship four consecutive times from 2006 to 2009 . They have also been invited to the Mid @-@ Atlantic Rugby Football Union tournament three times , and were runners @-@ up in 2006 @-@ 07 .

= = = Ice hockey = = =

Georgetown 's ice hockey team plays in the ACHA Division II in the Atlantic Coast Collegiate Hockey League ( ACCHL ) as one of three teams whose primary conference is not the Atlantic Coast Conference . Since joining this conference in 2003 , the team has won the conference championship four times , in 2004 @-@ 05 , 2006 ? 07 , 2007 ? 08 , and again in 2012 @-@ 13 . The team previously played in the Division III Mason @-@ Dixon Collegiate Hockey Association , where it won the league championship in 1997 , 1999 , and 2000 . In 2001 and 2002 , they were invited to the national tournament of the American Collegiate Hockey Association , which the team had joined in 1999 . Coach Brad Card now leads the team , taking over the bench for Coach John Kokidko . The team plays its home matches at the Washington Capitals ' practice arena , Kettler Capitals Iceplex in Ballston , Arlington , Virginia at the Ballston Common Mall .

= = Athletic directors = =

After Bernard Muir left the position as the Director of the Athletic Department on May 11 , 2009 , a year long search for a replacement began . Dr. Daniel R. Porterfield , Senior Vice President for Strategic Development , served as Interim Director of Athletics beginning June 3 , 2009 , until Lee Reed took the position on April 15 , 2010 .