

SPORTS

New Fall Intramural Sports Season Begins

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Intramural sports are back at UW-Superior this fall, offering students a chance to compete, connect, and unwind. The lineup includes outdoor flag football and soccer, and indoor volleyball and basketball.

Outdoor games will be held at the new Superior Choice Credit Union Stadium from Oct. 6 through Nov. 7. Soccer runs Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m., and flag football is Mondays and Thursdays from 8 to 10 p.m. Indoor games take place at the Lydia C. Thering Fieldhouse in the Marcovich Wellness Center from Oct. 27 through Dec. 12. Volleyball is on Tuesdays, and basketball is on Wednesdays, both from 7 to 10 p.m. (Game times are accurate unless otherwise noted).

Students can register teams on IMLeagues.com for \$5 per player. The indoor registration deadline is Oct. 23. While outdoor registration closed on Oct. 2, students can still join as a “Free Agent” on IMLeagues. This allows individuals to request team placement or be picked up by teams. If that doesn’t work, students are welcome to show up to games and ask teams if they need substitutions.

Garrett Kroells, now in his second

year as director of the Intramural Sports Program, encourages students to get in the game as a way to break the academic routine. “It’s important to get people involved...doing an activity rather than just living life as a school student,” Kroells said. He hopes to expand the program with more teams and new sports. “If people want different sports, different activities, they can throw those out to me as well, and we can see how we can do it.”

Beyond the players, the program thrives; thanks to student referees who help maintain fairness and foster a positive atmosphere. Colleen Claude, a referee drawn by her love of sports, emphasizes the benefits of intramural sports. “Anyone can be involved...it allows for people to meet friends that have similar interests,” Claude said, “I hope to see everyone having fun while playing...intramurals shouldn’t be too stressful.”

Marshall Swanson is another referee who hopes to see friendly relationships in the games. “Sports will have their heated and intense moments, but that’s all part of the game,” Swanson said, “Intramurals give everyone a chance to play a sport that they love, or would like to try out, or even to just goof around in with a



Soccer, Basketball, Football, and Volleyball in MWC field house Oct. 4, 2025.
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bunch of friends...it also gives people something to talk about afterwards.”

Poor sportsmanship will not be welcome on the court or field. “Behaviors that will not be tolerated are yelling at opponents...and being disrespectful about calls or rules that are made,” Claud said. “The only thing I don’t stand for...is players who bring down the atmosphere...swearing at other players is never a fun time, it’s even worse if it’s directed to referees,” Swanson added.

Spectators are encouraged to come watch the games to experience the fun, even if they don’t want to play. For updates, follow @uws_campusrec on Instagram. Any questions or ideas can be directed to Kroells at gkroells@uwsuper.edu.

New Womens Soccer Coach

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University of Wisconsin-Superior women’s soccer coach Nick Piazza shared a little bit about himself.

During his time playing soccer, he started his college career at a junior college and transferred to Superior to play under the current head coach of the men’s soccer team here at Superior. After playing he joined the coaching staff as a volunteer assistant and worked his way up to being the head coach of the women’s team.

When asked what his goals for the team this year, he responded that for the past four years they have been to the national tournament so for this upcoming

season he not only wants to make it to the tournament he also wants his team to win a game at the national tournament, however, this won’t happen without some short term goals like being better than they were the day before, and playing the way that they want to play.

After being asked how did he started to build trust with his players, coach Piazza responded with, “I asked some of the upper classmen what they think the team needed and the direction they wanted to go in which is between the coaching staff and the players, but player to player it more about opening up and being vulnerable about their team goal and individual goals and who they want to be not



New Women’s Head Soccer Coach: Nick Piazza
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just as players but as people.” His biggest goal as a coach is to make sure each player leaves saying that

they had a good experience and that they came out a better person and player.

Men’s Club Soccer Debut Photos



UWS team huddle at SCCU Stadium
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Ezra Walt, men’s club soccer, kicks ball on Sept. 14, 2025
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Women’s Lacrosse Head Coach: Hilda Nuutinen

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Being a graduate from Northern Michigan University Hilda Nuutinen got a degree in Sports PR, allowing her to gain experience by working with a minor league baseball team, semi-

pro soccer, and various Lacrosse organizations. Believing “finding your passion and finding something you’re willing to try and fail at a young age is good.”

With more than four years of coaching under her belt Nuutinen took part

of leading Hudson High School a win for the Wisconsin State Tournament and due to the awkward placement of Hudson they were even able to secure not only an undefeated title in Wisconsin but also in Minnesota.

Nuutinen got the opportunity to coach boy’s Lacrosse for the 2026 season deeming it “a whole new animal,” finding more comfort in coaching women’s Lacrosse allowing her to secure a position as a coach for the “Minnesota Lakers North Shore Training” a new clinic hosted by the Lakers.

Gaining all that experience and more at only 23. With the forward mindset of: “Nobody knows growing a program better than I do” allowing her to push through the doubting thoughts and achieve the head coach position for

UWS’s Women’s Lacrosse team. While trying to establish a team here at UWS Nuutinen has faced a mild struggle with finding players and recruiting.

Once a team is fully established Nuutinen would like to have a strong competitive team that is willing to compete and help create a legacy for this new team. Something Nuutinen would like to teach her girls is to value their mental health and to understand that their athletic successes are not the same as other successes they may have in their life and to not define themselves through their athletic endeavors. Something Nuutinen has learned through her life experiences is that “you’re never too young to do something and you’re never too old.”



UWS Women’s Lacrosse Head Coach, Hilda Nuutinen
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Volleyball UWS vs. CSS



Katlyn Jones sets ball during match against St. Scholastica on Sept. 30, 2025.
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UWS team celebration at Mertz Mortorelli Gymnasium on Sept. 30, 2025
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