

SPORTS

New Sports Facilities Coming Soon

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Although we may be a few months out from baseball and softball, it is never too early to start preparing for the upcoming seasons.

The University of Wisconsin-Superior was considered for funding in the most recent budget cycle with the state of Wisconsin which allows for new baseball/softball facilities to be built! As of now the UWS baseball/softball teams have been using the NBC Spartan Sports Complex. However, now they are getting their very own fields. The complexes are being built near the old track by

Siinto S. Wessman Arena.

There is no official name for the complex as of now, but Bursik hopes to have a name by the time construction starts. He also hopes for the new stadiums to be a community asset and support all students and possibly host adult leagues as well. Bursik's anticipation is to have the complex ready for games by the 2027-28 academic year. Both complexes should have around 500 seats directly behind home plate with the hope for more seating in the outfield and along the foul lines.

Future amenities to be added will include player development features such as batting cages, bullpens,

and dugouts, as well as technology to aid in enhanced training, with some additions depending upon funding. The most significant future amenity to be added would be the Videoboard, very similar to the one currently featured at the Superior Choice Credit Union Stadium.

The current budget for the new sports complex is approximately \$15 million, with nearly all of the funding coming from the state. There would only be an increase in tuition cost to students if parking lots needed to be reconfigured.

In a press release, by the UWS athletics department, a new outdoor track and field throws facility is to

be built in the same area as the baseball/softball complexes behind the Ross and Hawkes halls. Construction has started and is expected to be ready for use by the Spring 2026 track and field season, as well as the UMAC championships.



Throws Facility 3-D rendering, Baseball and softball fields 3-D rendering;

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UWS Esports League Propels to National Success

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The University of Wisconsin-Superior's E-Sports program has come a long way since its inception in late 2023. Starting with just a single 4-member Rocket League team, there are now over 100 students in the program's Discord server, and over 30 students competing at the varsity level. In addition to Rocket League, the varsity rosters now compete in Valorant, Super Smash Bros, Counterstrike, and League of Legends. Success has quickly followed the growth of the program, with their best season to date being with Valorant in the spring of 2025. The team played in a national conference known as Playfly, where the team won the national championship for their division. Moreover, the team has had plenty of seasons with a positive win ratio, scoring above 0.500 (More wins throughout the season than losses).

"A couple to highlight would be

our UWS Valorant Black team that went 11-3 and ended up finishing 3rd in the state for Division 3 and 4," said Brady Stocker, a coach for the Esports team. "Our first ever Rocket League team in Spring 2024 ended up playing at the state championship hosting in the Milwaukee area too! We were invited after having a strong season in the Wisconsin College Rocket League Conference."

If a student wants to get involved, there are multiple ways for them to do so. Any student can stop by the Esports lab during open hours from 4-9 pm Monday through Friday, or they can join the Discord. If a student would like to play competitively for UWS, that's when they should connect with coaches Stocker or Martinez about joining a Varsity team.

However, it's important to note that playing competitively is not a requirement. There are many ways to play, and the E-Sports coaches are there to help get students involved, no matter their skill level. "The UWS

E-Sports Club is where you would see some of our noncompetitive events, but the beauty in E-Sports is that we can find leagues that allow beginners to compete in the game," said coach Stocker. "E-Sports are unique in that sense...you can play in leagues and for fun as a beginner, or as a veteran." As for the future of the E-Sports program, things are looking good. UWS E-Sports went from 2-3 students and a couple of pro staff members to now 2 established coaches, 100+ members, and over 5 Varsity rosters.

Along with UWS, more and more Midwest colleges are starting Esports leagues. For E-Sports, it's only the beginning.



E-Sports competing in "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate" on Oct. 2, 2025, in Swenson Hall. Photo by Noa Mikami | The Promethean



E-Sports Member playing "Counter-Strike 2," on Oct. 2, 2025 in Swenson Hall. Photo by Noa Mikami | The Promethean

Up Next in Sports

Volleyball

at Crown
 Oct 17 (Fri) / 7:00 p.m.
 St. Bonifacious, Minn.

at Minnesota Morris Oct 18
 (Sat) / 12:00 p.m.
 Morris, Minn.

at St. Scholastica
 Oct 22 (Fri) / 7:00 p.m.
 Duluth, Minn.

at Martin Luther Oct 24
 (Fri)/7:00 p.m New Ulm,
 Minn

at Bethany Lutheran Oct, 25
 (Sat) Mankato, Minn.

M/W Cross Contry

Augustana Interregional
 Oct 18 (Sat)/Rock Island, Ill.

UMAC Champoinship
 Nov 1 (Sat)/Winthrop, Minn.

NCAA Divition III North
 Regional Nov 15 (Sat)/Win-
 throp, Minn.



Women's Soccer

vs Crown
 Oct 18 (Sat)/Superior, Wis.
 1 p.m.

at St. Cathrine
 Oct 19 (Sun)/ St.Paul, Minn.
 3:30 p.m.

at North Central (Minn.)
 Oct 21 (Tue)/ Minneapolis,
 Minn.
 1:00 p.m.

vs Minnesota Morris Oct 25
 (Sat)/ Morris, Minn.
 5:30 p.m.

vs Mancaleston
 Oct 28 (Tue)/ Superior, Wis.
 7:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer

vs Crown
 Oct 18 (Sat)/Superior, Wis.
 3:30 p.m.

at North Central (Minn.)
 Oct 21 (Tue)/ Minneapolis,
 Minn.
 3:30 p.m.

at Minnesota Morris
 Oct.25 (Sat)/Morris, Minn.
 3:30 p.m.

at Gustavus Adolphus
 Oct 26 (Sun)/St. Peter, Minn.
 2 p.m.

vs Bethany Luthren
 Oct 31 (Fri)/Superior, Wis.
 3:30 p.m.