



BACKGROUND

McMaster Athletics and Recreation at a glance

- the Department of Athletics and Recreation supports McMaster's academic mission by **enhancing the student experience** and the McMaster community through programs and services built on a foundation of **physical activity, health and wellness and sports**.
- Athletics and Recreation is committed to the pursuit of excellence in competition, in its facilities and programs, to enhancing the student experience and promoting engagement; to developing, supporting and enriching the McMaster community; and to helping recruit the best students.
- marquee facilities are the **David Braley Athletic Centre** and **Ron Joyce Stadium**, operating in conjunction with the **Ivor Wynne Centre** for indoor sports, athletic fields and outdoor track.
- total operating budget for Athletics and Recreation programs is **\$12 million** -- a combination of student fees, recreation and community program revenue, facility rentals, sports medicine fees, gate receipts and university contributions.
- full-time staff: 35, including 7 full-time coaches. The department has 18 part-time coaches and 800 (mainly student) part-time employees.
- the **Pulse Fitness Centre**, in the **DBAC**, is one of the largest university fitness centres in Canada.
- the **David Braley Sport Medicine and Rehabilitation Centre** is a state-of-the-art facility within DBAC. The centre is open to McMaster athletes and students, faculty and staff, and the surrounding community.
- **thousands of children** participate every year in March Break and summer **camps** offered by Athletics and Recreation
- a wide range of **recreational programs** available include more than 30 intramural sports, yoga, Pilates, martial arts, dance, fencing, outdoor recreation and leadership and aquatics.

- more than **two dozen varsity teams** compete in the Ontario University Athletics conference of Canadian Interuniversity Sport, using the name McMaster Marauders since 1948.

- the men's water polo team has won the OUA championship 25 times, making it the most successful team at the provincial level, and men's wrestling team has been the most successful team at the national level, winning the Canadian Interuniversity Sport championship four times.

- the football team has won six Yates Cup conference championships and one Vanier Cup national championship, in 2011.

- the women's and men's volleyball teams both won their respective 2013-14 provincial championships

- The Marauders women's rugby team captured a national championship in 2014