



**Miramar College Title IX
Intercollegiate Sports Survey
*Spring 2015***

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Background

The San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Title IX Intercollegiate Sports Survey was conducted in accordance with the Title IX Equal Opportunity in Education Act to determine students' level of interest in intercollegiate athletics and whether the colleges are fulfilling the needs of their students. The survey was administered during the Spring 2015 semester through an online survey program to all full-time students (enrolled in a minimum of 12 units) at Miramar College.

The survey targeted full-time students who meet the athletic eligibility criteria, according to the Commission on Athletics/California Community College Athletic Association Constitution and Bylaws;

1.3 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

1.3.1 In order to be eligible for non-conference, conference, and post conference competition, a student athlete must be continuously and actively enrolled and attending class in a minimum of 12 units at his/her California community college during the season of sport. Students dropping below 12 units are not eligible for competition until they are once again actively enrolled and attending class in at least 12 units.

The survey was open for three weeks, from April 27, 2015 through May 18, 2015. Of the 2,354 Miramar College full-time students invited, 312 completed the survey, or a 13% response rate.

The survey instrument contained 8 questions (6 multiple choice and 2 open-end questions) and took approximately 2 to 4 minutes to complete. Students were instructed to access the survey directly from a URL link in a survey invitation. In an effort to maximize student response, two reminder emails were sent prior to the end of data collection.

Of those students that responded, 44% were female (n=137) and 56% male (n=175), which is equal to the college-wide proportions (female 44% and male 56%). Although only full-time students were emailed invitations to participate in the survey, 4% of respondents classified themselves as part-time, which may be a result of dropping or withdrawing from classes after receiving the invitation. Students between the ages of 18 to 24 constituted the majority of respondents (72%), followed by ages 25 to 29 (16%), 30 to 34 (4%), 35 to 39 (1%), 40 to 49 and 50 years or more (4%, each).

Respondents were asked to indicate all of the intercollegiate sports that they currently participate in, or had previously participated, at any of the colleges in the San Diego Community College District. Male and female respondents were directed to separate lists of sports that corresponded to their gender (Table 1). The majority of Miramar College's respondents indicated that they had not participated in any of the sports listed on the survey (82% of females and 83% of males). The most common response for female Miramar College students who answered that they are currently participating or had participated previously in a sports program, was water polo (6%), followed by soccer (5%), volleyball, badminton, swimming (3%, each), tennis, and basketball (2%, each). Soccer was the most common sport (5%) among male Miramar College students who answered that they are currently participating in a sport or had participated in a sports program, followed by track/field, volleyball (4%, each), water polo, swimming, basketball (3%, each), baseball, football (2%, each), and cross country (1%).

Table 1. Athletic Programs

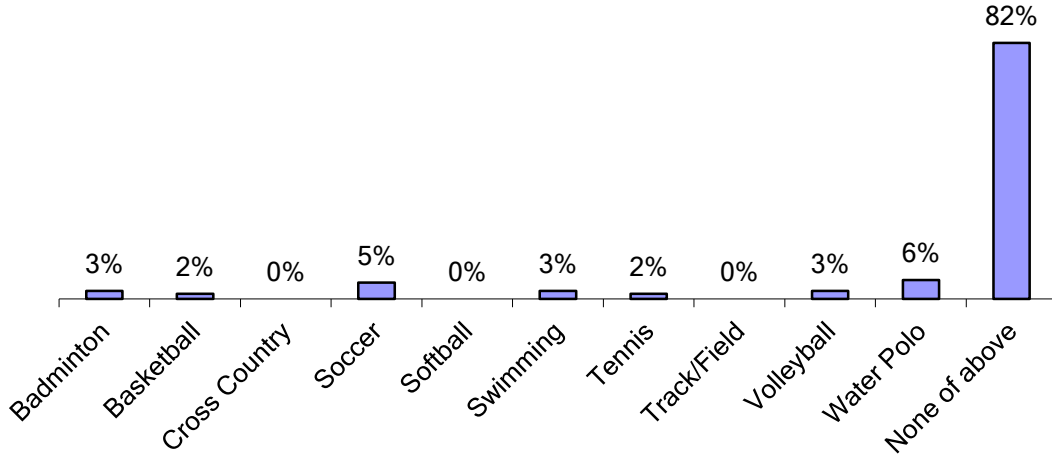
<u>Female Sports</u>		<u>Male Sports</u>	
Badminton	Tennis	Baseball	Tennis
Basketball	Track/Field	Basketball	Track/Field
Cross Country	Volleyball	Cross County	Volleyball
Soccer	Water Polo	Football	Water Polo
Softball		Soccer	
Swimming		Swimming	

When asked to select an intercollegiate sport that they would like to participate in, as well as estimating their level of ability at the sport, 41% of female respondents and 37% of male respondents chose *None of the above*. The most common selection for female respondents who were interested in participating in sports was volleyball, with the majority expressing that they were beginners (69% of total responses for this choice). Swimming at the beginner level (64% of total responses for this choice), soccer at the beginner level (68% of total responses for this choice), and badminton at the beginner and intermediate levels (55% and 41% of total responses for this choice, respectively) followed as the most popular sports that would like to be pursued. The most popular response among male respondents who were interested in participating in sports was soccer at all levels (44% at beginner, 26% at intermediate, and 30% at advanced). Football at all levels (38% at beginner, 33% at intermediate, and 29% at advanced), swimming at the beginner level (59% of total responses for this choice), and baseball at beginner and intermediate level (50% and 34% of total responses for this choice, respectively) were chosen as the next most pursued sports.

Students that chose not to participate in an intercollegiate sport, but were interested at some point while at one of the colleges, were asked to explain why they did not participate. The most common explanation from female and male students was a lack of time available due to school, work, and family conflicts, followed by insufficient availability of information on intercollegiate sports. Respondents indicated that they didn't know the college offered intercollegiate athletics, which sports were offered, or how to participate. Although both female and male respondents had some of the same explanations, female respondents more frequently identified lack of confidence, skill level, or lack of interest, while male respondents more often chose not to participate because of advanced age, injuries, or disabilities. Another explanation offered by students who chose not to participate was that the college did not have a team for their sport of choice. Female respondents noted an interest in cross country and track, soccer, and basketball, while male respondents had an interest in hockey, lacrosse, football, and golf.

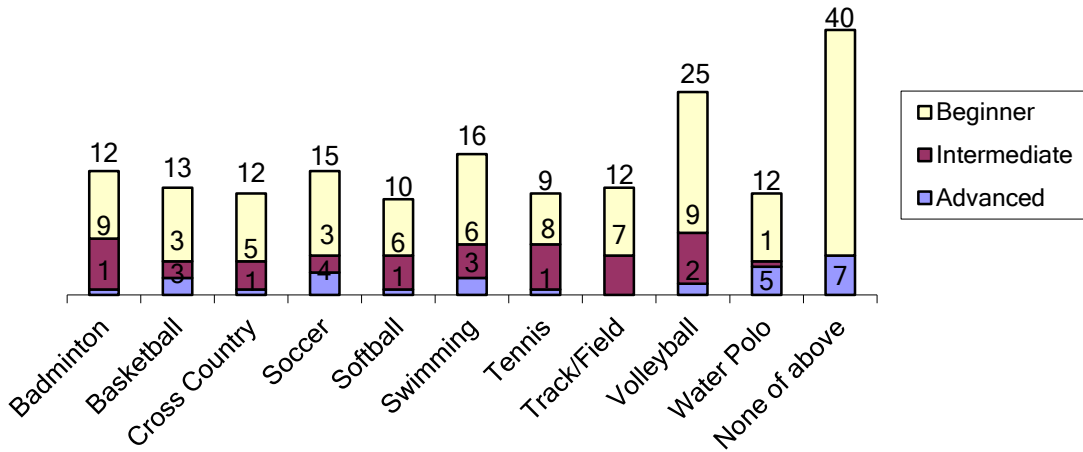
FEMALE RESPONDENTS

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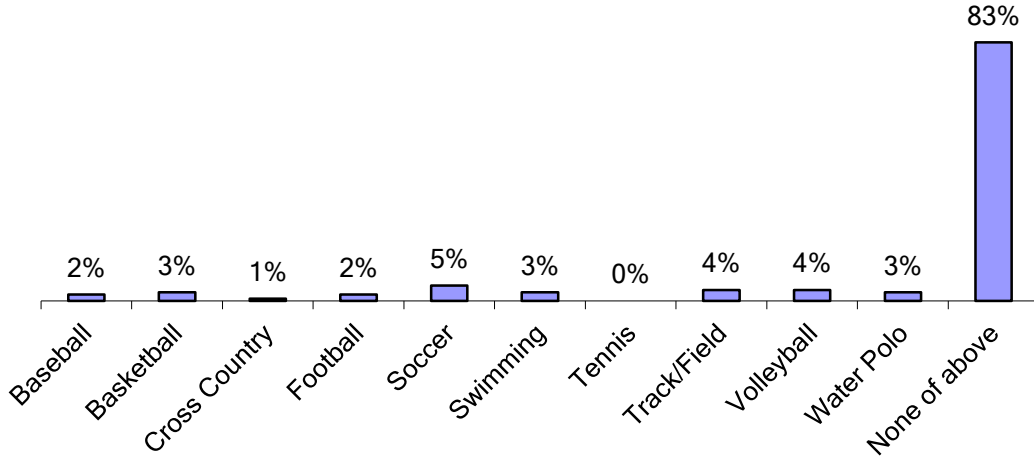
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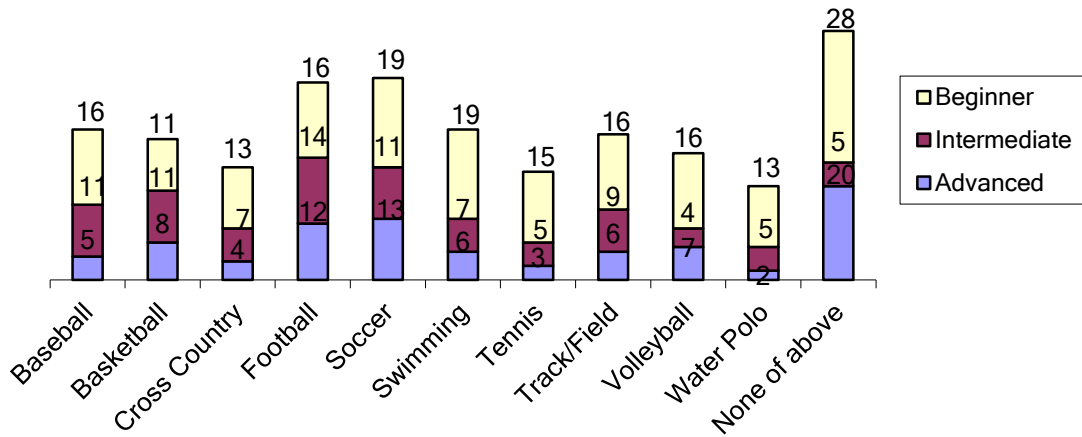
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Female Survey Respondents

If at any time while at the college you were interested in participating in an intercollegiate sport but did not participate, please explain why you did not participate.

- N/a
- Sports aren't really common in community college. It is not introduced or announced so not many people even know there's sports in the school
- I missed the fall semester, and I chose to focus on academics rather than sports in the spring semester.
- concentrating on school work
- There's no women's basketball team at Miramar college
- No time
- lack of information concerning try outs
- Did not feel confident enough to join
- I need to work, I love throwing shot put but I don't have time.
- Not enough time, heavy major requirements
- I have ehlers-danlos syndrome
- I didn't think I'd be good enough to actually be able to participate or keep up with the rest of the team
- Not at the level to participate.
- My sport isn't listed .
- N/A
- Don't have time
- The sport was not offered at the school, and I really wish it was offered.
- Was not aware about the program
- I did varsity cross country and track all four years in high school and was very bummed to find out that Miramar doesn't offer either of them.
- I wanted to try soccer but I haven't played since I was 14-15 in and I'm now 18. I enjoyed soccer a lot and played ages 7-15. I didn't get a chance to do it in high school because I got into musical theatre but it would be nice to start back up in the college level, for fun.
- I never played sports in high school, but now want to be more involved in school activities
- Been really busy with school, work and im a single mom to 3 kids. I volunteer on the side and just didn't have the time
- The other people on the team and the staff
- I'm not sure about the time requirement, I have work that I can't miss when I'm called.
- Busy with classes and work.
- No time
- Did not offer sports of interest - fencing, martial arts, women's golf.
- I do not have a car and live out of town away from Miramar College, so it would be difficult to make all the practices and games
- Schools did not offer it

Male Survey Respondents

If at any time while at the college you were interested in participating in an intercollegiate sport but did not participate, please explain why you did not participate.

- Health Issues
- I don't have time to equally study and play sports at Miramar college.
- Focused on classes for the first semester instead of playing water polo
- Can't do Fulltime school and part time work, and include sports in my schedule
- Lack of information.
- Focused on studies
- Too many classes
- I did not feel I was in condition to compete. I've been working this semester on swimming and other aerobic conditioning and perhaps I will decide to compete in the future.
- I was very interested in competing in an intercollegiate sport but have taken time off to focus on my engineering studies. I am taking interest again because my schedule has freed up rather lately.
- Please make a hockey team. It's more popular than soccer, water polo, and volleyball in this country. Ice or roller would be fine. It makes no sense why you don't have a team.
- Not available.
- I am not at or near any competitive level of athletics.
- to busy
- No time.
- too busy
- I applied and sent emails to do swim and no one got back to me. Just figured they didnt want me on the team.
- Golf. It's not offered. I'd get beaten like a drum by everyone, but I'd still enjoy it. There has to be some way for the school to get a deal on greens fees.
- I have to work
- no football team
- I did not participate because I figured you needed prior experience to the sport you are interested in. I did play some sports in grade school, but have not played in so long. Other reason was lack of knowledge of sports.
- Not aware of sports on campus, and last semester too much course work.
- sports are stupid
- Not available. Road Bike cycling is what I have been competing in for the past 2 years in an amateur level in races sanctioned by USA Cycling. I would join a collegiate team if it was available. Mostly have raced Criterium races, Road Races and Stage Races (consecutive days).
- Taking too many classes to have time for extra curricular activities.
- If there were Rugby available at any of the schools I would play
- There is no mens sand volleyba team so I did not play
- Too old
- Never seen any offers or leagues.
- it wasn't offered
- I did not participate because it would conflict with ASC , and Full time School Schedule
- Don't know how to start or where to begin.
- Not enough time
- time frame, work, child care & expenses.
- working full time, school part time. No time left for sports.
- No men's soccer team at Miramar.
- Yes and I still am, however, previously I had too little time to dedicate.

- My job and 17 units of class took up all my time
- Reoccurring knee injuries
- Wrestling was not offered by the San Diego Miramar college district.
- Just haven't
- New student
- The classes for engineering majors is really slim to none.
- Make a lacrosse team please!!
- I don't like competitive sports. I prefer sports for recreation.
- My main sport of interest wasn't available (Football)
- I am transgender and I do not feel safe doing so.
- N/A