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The San Jose State Spartans are the intercollegiate athletic teams that represent San Jos? State University. SJSU sports teams compete in the Mountain West Conference at the NCAA Division I level, with football competing in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS).

San Jose State is one of 20 Division I members in the state of California, seven of which are FBS members. The other FBS members are fellow Mountain West conference mates Fresno State and San Diego State, plus Pac-12 Conference members University of California, Stanford, UCLA and USC. SJSU has participated in athletics since it first fielded a baseball team in 1890.

SJSU alumni have won 20 Olympic medals (including seven gold medals) dating back to the first gold medal won by Willie Steele in track and field in the 1948 Olympics.&#91;9&#93; Alumni also have won medals in swimming, judo, water polo and boxing.

San Jos? State University sponsors teams in eight men"s and twelve women"s NCAA sanctioned sports. Jeff Konya has served as the director of athletics since June 12, 2021.&#91;10&#93;

SJSU"s mascot changed many times before the school finally adopted the Spartans as the official mascot and nickname in 1922. Mascots and nicknames prior to 1922 included the Daniels, the Teachers, the Pedagogues, the Normals and the Normalites. The school"s current mascot is Sammy the Spartan, or Sammy Spartan for short.

After 1887, the school"s official name was the State Normal School at San Jose. The school"s athletics teams initially played under the "Normal" identity, but they gradually shifted to the "State Normal School" identity, as evidenced by images of SNS football and basketball squads from this era. In official publications, the school was referred to as the "California State Normal School, San Jose."

All varsity teams representing San Jos? State University compete in the Mountain West Conference except beach volleyball (Southland Conference), women"s water polo (Mountain Pacific Sports Federation), men"s soccer (Western Athletic Conference), and men"s water polo (Golden Coast Conference).

The Spartan baseball team made NCAA tournament appearances in 1955, 1971, 2000, 2002 and 2023. In 2000, the team advanced to the College World Series.&#91;11&#93;



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From 1997 to 2013, the SJSU baseball team competed in the Western Athletic Conference, earning three WAC pennants in 1997, 2000 and 2009. In 2023, the SJSU baseball team won both the Mountain West Conference regular-season title and tournament championship title.

Under head coach and SJSU alumnus Sam Piraro (1987-2012), the SJSU baseball team reached the 30-win mark 17 times (including five 40+ wins seasons) and appeared in the national rankings 47 times.

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