

Community Colleges of Spokane Athletic History

1963	District 17 President Dr. Walt Johnson hires Hank Coplen as first athletic director to start the SCC/SFCC athletic programs.
	The Spartan is selected by the students as the athletic department mascot.
1964	Men's basketball program plays its first contest under the direction of head coach Hank Coplen.
1967	First Washington Athletic Association of Community Colleges (WAACC) league championship is won by Spokane's men's basketball team under coach Hank Coplen.
	New athletic facilities begin with construction of SFCC gymnasium. Future building projects included baseball and football fields, track, and tennis courts.
1968	SFCC Football wins the WAACC championship with an 8-0 record under direction of Head Coach Dwight Pool; first of three league championships for coach Pool at SFCC.
1969	Athletic teams play as SFCC Spartans on the new Fort Wright campus. SFCC football stadium completed for WAACC competition.
1971	Athletic programs are approved at SCC-Mission campus under the leadership of Athletic Director Don Kolb. Students select Bigfoot-Sasquatch as the mascot.
	SCC men's basketball program is started with head coach Craig Johnson at the helm. SCC team wins eastern region of WAACC in their first season of competition.
	SCC athletic facility groundbreaking begins for new gymnasium.
1972	Mt. Hood (Oregon) joins WAACC conference and league changes name to AACC dropping the W (Washington) from its name.
1973	SCC men's track and field team wins AACC championship under head coach John Buck, the first of ten straight league championships for coach Buck at the Mission campus

1974	SFCC men's tennis wins its first AACC championship under head coach Mike Macaulay.
1975	Women's cross country, tennis, track and field and gymnastics start at SCC by Athletic Director Maury Ray as Title IX helps kick-start equal opportunity for female student-athletes. Further expansion of women's athletic programs continued with the addition of soccer, softball, and golf.
1978	Both women's and men's athletic programs begin competing with one common league structure, the AACC.
	Athletic programs from SFCC and SCC are consolidated under the direction of first CCS District Athletic Director, Dr. Maury Ray.
	CCS wins its first two AACC cross country championships under coach Dale Kennedy (women) and coach Duane Hartman (men).
1980	Women's gymnastics team wins national title under NJCAA Coach of the Year Rick Harrison, the first of three national championships won by CCS gymnastic teams.
1981	CCS women's volleyball team wins its second straight league championship for head coach Mary Jo Tracy.
1983	Community college athletic programs from Oregon and Washington are combined to form the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC). CCS became a dominant member of the new conference which now includes 36 member institutions.
	Men's track and field team wins the first of six straight AACC championships for head coach Duane Hartman, giving CCS a record 16 straight championship titles.
1984	CCS women's basketball team wins its second straight NWAACC championship under head coach Scott Foxley and assistant coaches Craig Johnson and Jerry Skaife.
	Students adopt the Bigfoot-Sasquatch as the CCS athletic mascot.
1985	CCS women's softball program is started by coach Jerry Skaife, who leads them to 13 straight NWAACC tournament appearances and three NWAACC titles
	Coach of the Year Bob Everson wins his fifth NWAACC football

	title.
1988	SCC Sports Center is named Dr. Walter Johnson Sports Center in honor of the first president of Washington Community College District 17.
1989	Coach Keith Snyder wins his second NWAACC baseball championship.
	Football ends at CCS after eight championships over 23 years of competition.
1990	John Troppmann named new strength and conditioning program director.
	SFCC hosts National Junior Olympics for United States Track and Field Association under co-meet directors Vernie (Gmeiner) Foxley and Dr. Maury Ray.
	Coach Cor Van der Meer wins first men's NWAACC soccer championship.
1991	SFCC builds new student fitness center and weight room.
	SCC hosts USA-Russia track event.
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1996	CCS 1988 NWAACC decathlon champion, Dan O'Brien, sets world record and wins Olympic Games decathlon gold medal.
1997	Coach Larry Beatty wins first of 13 men's NWAACC track and field championships.
2000	Coach Sam Brasch wins men's NWAACC basketball championship.
2001	Coach Paul Tikker wins his second men's and fifth women's NWAACC golf titles.
2003	Coach Irene Matlock wins her fourth NWAACC volleyball championship
2005	Athletic Director Maury Ray retires after leading CCS to over 200 region championships and 94 NWAACC titles.
2006	Ken Burrus is selected as CCS athletic director.

2008	Coach Erik Anderson wins fifth men's NWAACC cross country title in addition to his three women's championships.
2009	Coach Jenny Rosselli wins her first NWAACC volleyball championship.
2011	CCS women's track and field team wins twelfth NWAACC championship for retiring coach Larry Beatty.
	Coach Christie Dalsanders wins her seventh women's NWAACC golf championship.
2012	SFCC stadium remodeled and new turf field installed.
	Spokane wins inaugural NWAACC Maury Ray Cup named in honor of the retired CCS athletic director. This award is given each year to the NWAACC athletic program that has the highest success ratio for all sports in league play.
2013	Coach Wally Heidenson wins his seventh NWAACC men's tennis championship in addition to winning two previous women's tennis titles.
2014	The NWAACC changed its name and logo to the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC).
	Jessica Mildes wins her second NWAC women's cross country championship and sixth individual NWAC track and field title.
2015	Coach Janet Skaife wins her second NWAC softball championship.
	Coach Jim Martinson wins his second women's NWAC soccer championship.
2016	Coach Jeremy Groth wins his first NWAC men's basketball championship.
	Coach Scott Kramer wins his fifth NWAC men's golf championship.
	CCS wins its first NATYCAA Cup (National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators) under the direction of CCS Athletic Director Ken Burrus.
	Coach Sean McLachlan wins his fourth consecutive NWAC women's cross country title in addition to his previous five men's championships.

