## **VC** Sports



Your Guide to Everything About Sports and Sports Bursaries





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# Sports at The IIE's Varsity College

Learning goes beyond the lecture room. We believe that finding the right balance between academics and sports contributes to overall academic success. And we understand that no students play the same, which is why we offer sports ranging from team to individual, competitive to participative, so that each student can play their way!



The VC Sports Club has activities for everyone, with events ranging from the annual University Sports South Africa (USSA) tournaments to social campus internal leagues. Sign up during registration and get involved.

Catering for the semi-professional, social athlete, team player or individual sportsman and woman, the VC Sports Club offers a variety of sports clubs. Not every campus offers the same sports clubs, the offering per campus depends on the location and available facilities.



## **Sports Clubs**

#### **National Sports Clubs**

All national sports clubs offer expert coaching to students and most of the clubs' 1st teams compete in the top tier in their local leagues or competitions.

The IIE's Varsity College offers the following national sports clubs to students, alumni and the public:

- VC Rugby Club
- VC Water Polo Club
- VC Hockey Club
- VC Cricket Club
- VC Netball Club
- VC Softball Club
- VC Football Club
- VC Athletics Club

The Rugby and Hockey Clubs are in KZN with the home base at the Durban North campus, however, students from all three KZN campuses are welcome to join both clubs. All KZN national sports clubs' 1st teams compete for top spots in their respective KZN Premier Leagues.

The Sandton campus hosts the VC Football Club. The men's 1st team participates in the SAB League and the men's lower teams and our ladies' team play in the local Rand Central Football League. The VC Softball Club is the other national sports club in Gauteng and is based in Pretoria.

The two national clubs based at our Cape Town campus are the VC Netball and VC Cricket Clubs. Our Netball Club is a member of the Tygerberg Netball Association and our Cricket Club is registered with the Western Province Cricket Association.

Our VC Athletics Club, registered with Athletics South Africa, allows athletes from around South Africa to participate in road races and provincial and national track and field events.

#### **Campus Sports Life Clubs**

Sports Life Clubs offer sports that are fun, healthy and geared towards the individual and are the kind of outdoor activities that once you start, you'll likely keep doing for the rest of your life. Campuses are equipped with extra skis, boats, bikes and boards for newbies. These clubs include:

Cycling (Mountain Biking and Road Cycling)
Running

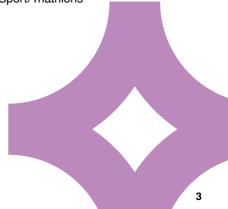
Canoeing

Surfski

Golf

Surfing

Multi-Sport/Triathlons



#### **Campus Team Sports Clubs**

The number of team sports clubs per campus is determined by the location of the nearest arena or suitable league. The campus team sports clubs participate in the local leagues at either a social or competitive level.

Alternatively, the club will host an internal Varsity College league and students within the club are encouraged to enter their own teams. Campus Team Sports Clubs include:

Action Soccer/Futsal/SOCA 5s
Action Netball
Action Cricket/Last Man Stands Cricket
Action Hockey
Action Softball
Touch Rugby
Volleyball
Basketball
Netball
Football

#### **Campus Social Sports Club**

Lifestyle activities like Esports, chess and hiking are offered at a social level by some campuses as part of The IIE's Varsity College Sports Club. Some of the campuses offer a Fitness Club which includes a variety of activities like walking, yoga and pilates. This ensures we give every student the opportunity to get involved in The IIE's VC Sports Club and enjoy a balanced student lifestyle.

#### **VC Sports Club Leadership Team**

The VC Sports Club is managed by the Campus Sports Coordinator who appoints Club Administrators to run each sports club on campus. Passionate students, who have the knowledge and admin skills, can be appointed as Sports Club Administrators, and will be responsible for organising training, scheduling racing opportunities, confirming team lists and supporting beginners. Club Administrators are supported by the VC Sports Club Committee who is responsible for marketing and advertising all the sports clubs on campus.

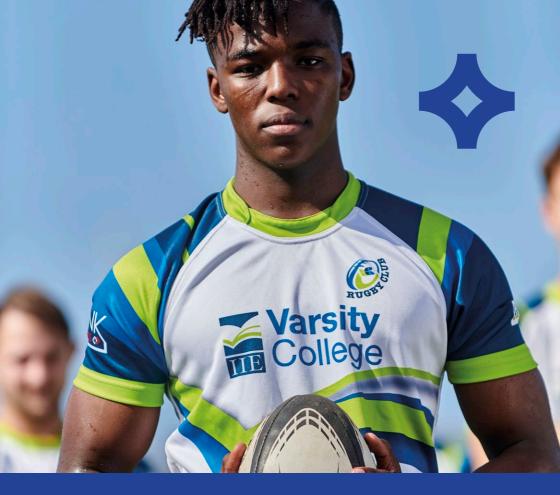
#### **University Sport South Africa (USSA)**

We participate in a number of different USSA tournaments annually: athletics, golf, netball, rugby (15s & 7s), surfing, water polo, football, hockey, softball, cricket and swimming. Our teams have achieved great success recently and these tournaments are highlights in the calendar for all our national sports clubs.

#### **VC Sports Club Awards**

Each year we celebrate athletes' achievements. Awards include the prestigious VC Sports Club All Star award for the student with the highest level in both sports and academics. Other awards include Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year and Club Administrator of the Year.





## Rugby

The Durban North campus is home to the VC Rugby Club. The club has qualified, for the first time, to play in the prestigious Varsity Shield competition for 2024, and appointed top-class coaches, providing a great platform for talented young players.

The club's facilities include eight state-of-the-art change rooms, a fully equipped medical room, electronic scoreboards and fantastic lighting on all fields. Students can participate in university tournaments and the KZNRU league and competitions.

The club is open to students from all KZN campuses and the public and boasts two open and two U20 teams, with the 1st team participating in the KZNRU premier division.



**Hockey** 

The Hockey Club got the ball rolling in 2014, providing an opportunity for students from all three KZN campuses to become members. The club practices are based in Durban North and we have 3 men's and 3 women's teams, therefore catering for both social and competitive players. Both the men's and women's 1st teams play in the competitive KZNHA outdoor and indoor super leagues.

Our achievements are largely due to our coaches' dedication and expertise, and the effort of our players. The highlight of the year is the annual USSA hockey tournament where our men's and women's teams are in the A section, fighting for a spot in the Varsity Hockey competitions. Quality coaching produces quality players, and in the last few years the club has produced several South African national and provincial representatives at both senior and age group level.

## **Football**

The Football Club is based both in Gauteng and Western Cape. The main club is at the Sandton campus and is open to students, alumni and the public.

The club has three senior men's teams and a women's team, and the men's 1st team has been promoted to the prestigious SAB league.

Other teams play in the Rand Central Local Football Association DSL premier league. Both the men's and women's teams participate in the USSA Football National Championships.

The Cape Town campus operates a satellite club to the main Football Club and participates in the Cape Town Tygerberg football league. They have two men's teams.



### **Water Polo**

The Water Polo Club is a national club with links at various satellite clubs in Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg. Students from any one of the IIE Varsity College campuses can become members. The highlight of the year is the annual USSA Water Polo Championships where the club goes

head-to-head with other universities. Both our men's and women's teams participate in the Currie Cup National Club Championships where we test our metal against top clubs and provincial teams from around the country.

## Softball

The Pretoria campus recently launched Softball, serving as the home base for the VC Softball Club. Both the men's and women's 1st teams play in the very competitive GASA Super League – the strongest club league in the country – in addition to the local Tshwane Softball Leagues. With an excellent technical

team consisting of former SA players and current SA and provincial coaches, the tactically based practice sessions and individual player management strategies are great assets to this fledgling club. The club is open to all students, alumni and members of the public, and all skill levels are welcome.



## Netball

The Cape Town campus is home to the VC Netball Club, which is the centre of excellence for Netball at The IIE's Varsity College. Training is at Sans Souci Girls' High School and the ladies compete in the USSA Netball Champs against other top universities, where they have been promoted to the A section with the hope to qualify for the Varsity Netball competition. The coaches have considerable provincial

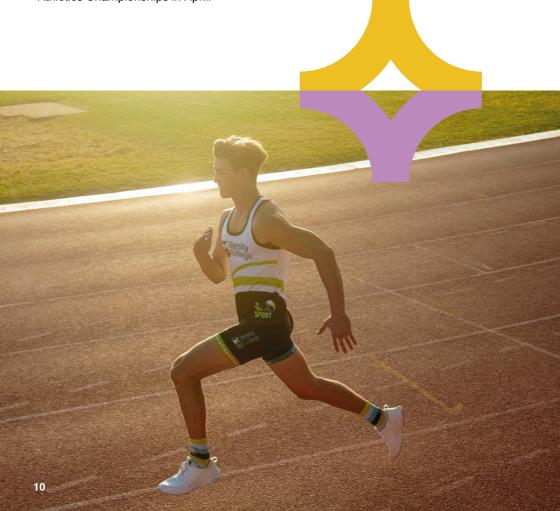
and national experience which allows our netball players to take their netball careers to the next level. The club is open to students and alumni, and participates in the Tygerberg Outdoor and Montague Arena action netball leagues. There is a great combination of social interaction and competitive edge in the newly formed Netball Club, and players of all levels are welcome.



## **Athletics Club**

The newly formed VC Athletics Club, based in KZN, Gauteng and Eastern Cape, and registered with Athletics South Africa in those provinces, welcomes students and the public around the country to become members. The club caters for a variety of disciplines like road running, trail running, track and field, and for students that are track and field specialists, the Athletics Club provides the opportunity to compete at all ASA events and the annual USSA Athletics Championships in April.

Many of the campus sports clubs use the running club sessions as their own fitness sessions. Trail running offers students the opportunity to experience some of the most beautiful landscapes, and the newly developed eco-trail based on the Westville campus is an example of this.





## Cricket

The IIE's Varsity College Cape Town campus is home to the VC Cricket Club. The VC Cricket Club, launched in 2020, is registered with the Western Province Cricket Association and has two open men's teams that compete in the Western Province Cricket 1st and 2nd divisions with the vision to add a ladies' team.

It is a student-centric club that participates in the USSA Cricket A Week, and the league teams are open to a limited number of alumni and community members. Practices and home matches are played at the Western Province Cricket Club, mainly at the Vineyard Oval, and there is great synergy between the two clubs. The VC Cricket Club's acquisition of top-class coaches and players will assist in the club's development.

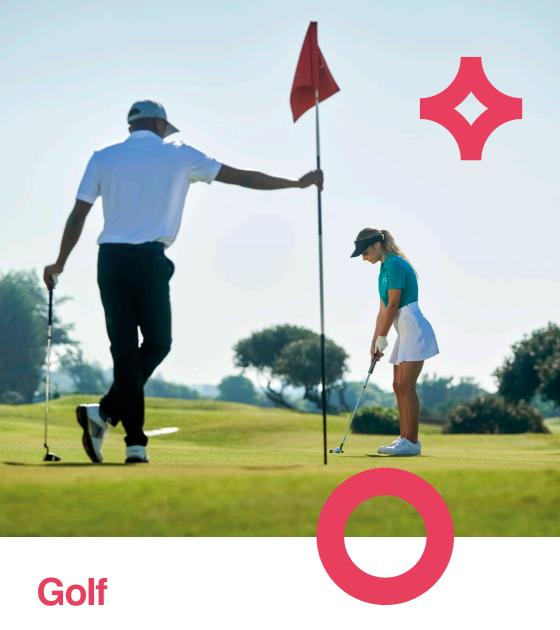


## **Canoeing & Surf Skiing**

The VC Canoe Club, registered with Canoeing South Africa, is part of the offering at the Cape Town and Nelson Mandela Bay campuses. The two disciplines that the club focuses on are canoeing and surfskiing. From the excitement of the white waters of the Fish River to the freedom of the ocean's down winds, canoeing and surfskiing are action-packed and healthy outdoor sports.

Each of our campus Canoe Clubs are equipped with canoes, surf skis and paddles, allowing beginners to get involved without huge financial commitment. Aside from the great social aspect, there is also a competitive side to the Canoe Club, with students taking part in various events locally and internationally.





Golf is offered at a social and competitive level at all IIE Varsity College campuses around the country. Each club has relationships with local driving ranges or golf courses where the clubs practice or play a round on a weekly basis. The clubs are run by experienced Club Administrators who can assist beginners with the basics,

as well as support more advanced players. For those more competitive golfers, there is an opportunity to represent The IIE's Varsity College at the annual USSA Golf Championships, where the top golfers from campuses around the country compete against other tertiary institutions.



## **Surfing**

With outposts in Cape Town, Durban North, Westville and Nelson Mandela Bay, the Surfing Club boasts surfers that are among South Africa's best. Most campuses offer a "Learn to Surf" programme and surfboards

are provided for those who don't yet have their own. Advanced sessions are available for experienced surfers. This talent, passion and dedication to the "Learn to Surf" programmes is what feeds this club.

## **Cycling**

The IIE's Varsity College offers cycling on most campuses around the country and these clubs offer either mountain biking (MTB) or road cycling. With talented and enthusiastic Club Administrators overseeing

these clubs, this sport is enjoyed by beginners and advanced riders alike. Equipment – including bikes and helmets – is available at each campus for new riders.



## **Bursaries**

#### **Sport Bursary Categories**

There are several sport bursaries available to students who have excelled in their sport disciplines (categories included in this brochure), in addition to students who are interested in becoming an IIE Varsity College Sports Club Administrator.

#### **Sports Club Administrator Bursary**

Critical to the success of the Sports Clubs on campus are the dedicated, committed and experienced Sports Club Administrators. If you're passionate about any of the sports included in this brochure, and you have the administration skills and energy to see it grow in a student environment, please apply at your nearest campus to become a Sports Club Administrator. This bursary is applicable to the sports clubs offered on campus.

#### **National Sports Club Bursaries**

Bursaries are available to students who are interested in becoming a member of one of our competitive sports clubs – e.g. rugby (KZN), cricket (Cape Town) hockey (KZN), football (Sandton), netball (Cape Town), water polo (National), softball (Pretoria), cycling (National) and athletics (National) – and have achieved a high level of sporting performance (e.g. provincial or national representation). Bursaries are awarded depending on the positional and transformation requirements of each sports club.

#### **Discretionary Sport Bursaries**

Students who have achieved National Senior Protea colours, in the year prior to registration, can apply for a sport bursary. Preference is given to students participating in sporting disciplines offered by The IIE's Varsity College or if it is a USSA sport. These sports include: cycling, surfing, canoeing, surfskiing, golf, swimming and athletics.

#### **Application Process**

Complete the sport bursary application form at the end of this brochure and compile a CV of your sporting achievements and a short motivation as to why you would be suitable for one of the above sport bursaries. You can submit all these documents when you come in for an interview with a Student Advisor at your nearest campus.



## **Application Form**



#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Entrance Year: Campus:		_	_		
<ul><li>□ Durban North</li><li>□ Nelson Mandela</li></ul>	☐ Westville Bay ☐ Sandton	<ul><li>☐ Pietermaritzburg</li><li>☐ Waterfall</li></ul>	☐ Cape To ☐ Pretoria		
Qualification: (E.g. BCom)					
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Athletics	Swimming	Hockey**	Football*		
Canoeing & Surf Ski	Golf	Water Polo	Netball***	Other	
Please specify:					
Are you interested	d in becoming a VC S	Sports Club			
Administrator? YES N			NO		
*Sandton campus on	ly • **KZN campuses on	ly • ***Cape Town campus of	only • ****Pretoria cam	pus only	
Leadership Detail					
Please list the posi	itions of leadership th	nat you have held e.g. H	ead Girl or Surfing (	Club Captain.	
<b>Sporting Achieve</b>	ments:				
Please list your top	sporting achieveme	nts in the last two years	:		



#### Gauteng

#### Sandton

#### Waterfall

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