Program Philosophy

At Linfield, our goal is to create a demanding and rewarding environment that leads to both athletic and academic excellence. In our pursuit to compete for a Northwest Conference title each year, we as coaches and players commit ourselves daily to championship principles while encompassing an enduring passion for improvement.

Our philosophy provides our student-athletes with the tools and support that place them in a position of ownership and responsibility. With a focus on combination play and intelligent decision-making, we implement and teach a fast-paced, exciting brand of soccer that is not only exhilarating to watch, but also inspiring to be a part of.

Above all, our No. 1 objective is developing young adults both on and off the field. Goal-setting, personal evaluation, maximizing personal ability, and team cohesiveness are fundamental aspects of our program. It is our expectation that our athletes will be students first, honoring their primary commitments and responsibilities in the classroom.

We play the game of soccer with a high amount of integrity and respect for our opponents, our supporters and our institution. With year-round devotion, discipline and dedication to the Wildcat soccer family, student-athletes have a tremendous opportunity to experience a first-class program at a top-rated college.

See For Yourself

To make arrangements for a campus visit, reach Coach Dominic Doty at ddoty@linfield.edu or 503-883-2527.
Facilities

Steadily taking shape over the last 16 years, the Linfield soccer facility has blossomed into one of the finest small-college venues of its kind.

The development began in earnest in 1999, when the pitch was enclosed with a perimeter fence. Vinyl slats were added to the fence, creating a sense of intimacy for spectators and players alike. In 2001, bleacher seating for 750 was erected on a large concrete platform. Covered team benches and an elevated, enclosed press box were constructed. A new electronic scoreboard was installed in 2002.

Adjacent to the game field are twin practice fields, reducing wear and tear on the main field. The game field's dimensions are 70 yards by 120 yards. All three fields were located on property owned by Hewlett-Packard Company, which donated the property to the college.

Linfield has served as host for the Region IV Olympic Development Program each of the last two summers. Top soccer players from up and down the West Coast gathered at Linfield to showcase their talent.

Coach Dominic Doty

Since taking over the program in 2008, Coach Dominic Doty has led Linfield to back-to-back winning campaigns. In 2010, he guided the Wildcats to 13 wins, equaling the most victories and highest conference finish in program history.

With 25 wins in slightly more than two seasons, he is already the most successful women's soccer coach at Linfield.

Doty grew up in the shadow of Linfield, lettering in soccer, basketball and baseball at McMinnville High School before graduating in 2003. He was a four-year starter in both soccer and basketball.

A four-time all-Pacific-9 Conference selection in soccer, Doty earned Pac-9 Player of the Year and first team all-state accolades as a senior. He set career records for goals (50), assists (21) and shots on goal (103), and holds the single-season mark for goals (24).

He attended Santa Clara University on a soccer scholarship, but chronic injuries cut short his playing career. He graduated from SCU in 2007.

About Linfield

Linfield is the leader among all colleges in Oregon in student-athlete graduation rates and academic strength, according to NCSA Athletic Recruiting

12:1 Student/Faculty Ratio

41 Majors, 36 Minors, 4 Pre-Professional Programs

Upon graduation, 94 percent of students gain employment or enter graduate degree programs

Ranks No. 11 in the U.S. for Undergraduate Participation in Study Abroad Programs by the Institute of International Education