

Fort Collins

Fort Collins is not called “The Choice City” for nothing. Those who visit, never want to leave! The City is set in the beautiful front range of the Rocky Mountains alongside the banks of the Cache La Poudre River, 5,000 feet above sea level, facing 300 days of sunshine, with mild temperatures all year. It is a 45 minute drive north of Denver and a short drive into the wilderness for camping, hiking, and skiing. The city, home to 142,000, offers a unique blend of natural beauty, cultural and recreation opportunities, and a strong economic base with diverse opportunities. The jewel of the city is “Old Town”, a thriving, pedestrian, family, and college student-friendly downtown shopping and dining area that hosts a variety of social festivities throughout the year to include many associated with the numerous award-winning micro-breweries near-by.

Fort Collins is a frequent recipient of a variety of awards: 2nd Best Place to Live: *Money magazine*, Aug 2008; Best Place to Raise Kids: *Business Week*, Nov 2008; Top 10 College Towns for Grown-Ups: *Kiplinger's Magazine*, Mar 2007; 3rd Best Places for Business and Careers: *Forbes Magazine*, Mar 2008; 6th Most Affordable Community and Best to Raise a Family: *Frommer's Magazine*, May 2006; #1 Best Place to Live in the Nation: *Money Magazine*, Mar 2006; Best “American Dream Town” in U.S., *Outside Magazine*, Aug 2005, 4th Best Place to Live in the U.S., *Men's Journal*, Apr 2005. The list goes on and on – please see www.fcgov.com for more information on our wonderful community.

The Northern Colorado hockey community is also thriving with great collegiate competition, robust youth and adult hockey leagues, the ECHL's Colorado Eagles, and the NHL's Colorado Avalanche. CSU hockey benefits from a large extent and variety of interaction with every member of this sport community.



The University

Founded in 1870, Colorado State University hosts 24,700 resident students, a large, stunning, central campus, and a diverse selection of educational programs and majors with strong ties with business, biosciences, international relations, and the arts. The school is considered the torch bearer for the advancement of the “green revolution” industries, and is among the nation's leading research universities.

For more information see: www.colostate.edu and www.admissions.colostate.edu.



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HOCKEY



Welcome to CSU Ram Hockey!

The CSU hockey team is dedicated to providing the Fort Collins and Northern Colorado communities with quality performance and representation both on and off the ice. We are a non-athletic scholarship, non-profit organization with perennial success in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA).

We are continually placed in the top 10 out of over 200 teams nationally, challenging for the National Title every year. The program has hosted the ACHA National Tournament twice (1995, 2006) and co-hosts the annual Western Classic Tournament (with CU) every fall. The Rams have made it to the semi-finals at Nationals in 3 of the last 5 years and last won the Championship in 1995. Our program has grown to now include both a Division II and a Division III men's team, with the Div.II team moving to DI in 2013.

Beyond hockey, the program provides students with an excellent opportunity for leadership and responsibility that will benefit them long after they hang up the skates.



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CSU Men's Ice Hockey

The Rams are part of the ACHA Division II league (www.achahockey.org) and affiliated with USA Hockey. The team has flexibility with opponents and scheduling and plans a challenging and fun season every year to include trips around the nation and established rivalries with in-state teams Denver, Colorado, and Northern Colorado, as well as with other top teams from around the nation.

The team plays 35-40 games a season starting with open tryouts in September and playing through the National Championships in March. We honor all school holidays to include an extended break over the holiday season and players miss few school days due to the 3-4 regular season road trips we take each year.

The team practices 2-3 times a week in the evenings to avoid conflict with class schedules and work and we get prime ice time for our weekend games.

Beyond the season, the team works closely with the University, groups in the community, and youth hockey organizations to host and participate in events such as the SAM Spady Charity Hockey Game, summer Ram Hockey clinics, and other fundraisers.

EPIC / BEC / Pepsi Center Games

CSU practices and plays all home games at EPIC (Edora Pool and Ice Center) in Fort Collins, a 1,500 seat, two-rink facility that is a short drive from main campus. They also play a few special games at the 5,500 seat BEC (Budweiser Events Center) in Loveland, CO, and at the Pepsi Center in Denver.



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Coaches: Kelly Newton/Ryan Kenney

Kelly Newton, co-head coach at CSU since 2006, took over the team as Head Coach in 2009, leading the Rams to a #2 West and #10 National finish. A native of Penticton, BC, Coach Newton has coached successfully in the ACHA since 1999 with Weber State DI and DII programs, Cal-State Long Beach and now Colorado State. He has a Masters Coaching Level with USA Hockey and lives with his wife, Suzanne, and three kids in Fort Collins. His record at CSU is 60W-23L -2T vs Div.II opponents.

Ryan Kenney, a Colorado Springs CO native, played 4 seasons for the U. of Oklahoma Div.I Sooners. Ryan graduated with a Mjr in Finance & Marketing. 2011 is Ryan's first season as a CSU Assistant Coach. Contact Coach Newton at "kanukz@yahoo.com" with any questions.



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