



Pathfinder

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How to find Sports Information

Reference books

The dictionary of sports: the complete guide for TV viewers, spectators and players. REF GV567.D53 1999

A thorough list sport terms are defined for understanding a sport more in-depth. Organized by type of sport (e.g. “water sport”, “court games”).

Biographical dictionary of American sports. (4 volumes with slightly different titles and call numbers) REF GV856.A1, GV865.A1, GV939.A1

This four volume set covers biographies of sports figures across many different sports and eras.

Encyclopedia of ethnicity and sports in the United States. REF GV709.5.E83 2000.

Includes biographies of minority sports figures, ethnic group sport histories, and sports organizations.

Encyclopedia of world sport: from ancient times to the present. REF GV567.E56 1996

This three volume set covers general sports, events, and sports concepts like art in sport and gambling.

International encyclopedia of women and sports. REF GV709.I58 2001 (3 volume set)

This women-specific, three-volume set includes biographies, different sports, and sports topics particular to women.

Sports: a complete visual reference. REF GV704.S663 2000

This source provides detailed color pictures of sporting equipment and playing areas, with appropriate measurement information.

Sports: a reference guide and critical commentary, 1980-99. MAIN STACKS GV704.D42 2000

This guide has a chapter for each important topic in the area of sport, with a discussion of each and appropriate reference sources for more information on the topic.

The sports rules book. REF GV731.H85 1998

The essential rules for 54 sports are covered. Not as detailed as an NCAA manual, but more detailed than most descriptions of a sport.

Books

Most sports materials can be found in the “GV” call number section of the library. Useful subject headings to use in [LINUS](#) to find other materials related to sports:

- *Sports*
- *Athletics*
- The name of any specific sport or sporting event (e.g. baseball, Olympics)

Internet

Amateur Athletic Foundation

<http://www.aafla.org/> - Searchable scholarly sport journals and books, information on coaching education, international games research, and a primer on the Olympic Games.

University of Calgary's Scholarly Sports Sites

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/library/ssportsite/> - This subject directory brings together the websites that will assist the serious sports researcher, kinesiology librarian, sport information specialist, college/university student and faculty.

Hickok Sports

<http://www.hickoksports.com/> - Sports history, biographies, sports calendars, glossaries, and sports quotes.

NCAA Online

<http://www.ncaa.org/> - Current NCAA news, rules, statistics, schedules, and employment postings for NCAA schools.

Sporting News archives

<http://www.sportingnews.com/archives/> - A searchable archive of 100+ years of The Sporting News.

Indexes/Library Databases

EBSCOHost & ProQuest

General resources that include full-text articles from many recent sports journals and newspapers. Search by sport or event of interest to get journal articles.

Lexis-Nexis

Best source for current sports information & news. Includes international sports news.

MEDLINE

This medical resource includes articles on sports medicine and injury treatment.

ProQuest Historical Newspapers (New York Times, Los Angeles Times)

The entire text of the New York Times (1851-1999) and many years of the Los Angeles Times are searchable, including full image pages of all the sports pages and sports box scores.

PsycInfo

This database is limited to psychology journals, and is good for finding information about the psychological aspects of sport.

**The online Sports Pathfinder is located at: <http://www.lmu.edu/pages/4502.asp>