



# ATENEO DE NAGA UNIVERSITY: PROMOTING HEALTH, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

## Collaborative Partnerships

Ateneo de Naga University (ADNU) sustains its commitment to holistic formation and community engagement through partnerships that promote health and physical well-being. Since 2019, the University has actively collaborated with the Naga City Local Government Unit (LGU) in organizing the Bicol Universities and Colleges Athletic League (BUCAL)—a regional initiative that strengthens camaraderie and sportsmanship among higher education institutions across the Bicol region.

Through this partnership, ADNU provides its gymnasium and athletic facilities for use during tournaments, training sessions, and related athletic events. This arrangement reflects both the University's Jesuit value of *cura personalis* and its civic responsibility to support inclusive community programs that encourage teamwork, discipline, and personal excellence.

## Facility Access and Community Use

Beyond intercollegiate competitions, ADNU's sports facilities are also made available for local schools, civic groups, and public agencies conducting physical education classes, wellness programs, and sports-based youth activities. These shared spaces offer safe, well-maintained venues for recreation and training, ensuring that physical fitness opportunities extend beyond the University population to the broader community.

The Athletics Office oversees coordination with partner institutions and city officials, ensuring the proper scheduling, maintenance, and safety of facilities. This system of structured access underscores the University's commitment to transparency, collaboration, and community trust.



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## Social and Developmental Impact

ADNU contributes to the City of Naga's inclusive development agenda, particularly in the areas of youth development, health promotion, and social participation by extending the use of its facilities and resources. The University's continued engagement in BUCAL and related programs promotes shared responsibility and civic pride among students, athletes, and residents alike.

These partnerships demonstrate that higher education institutions can play a vital role in strengthening local communities—not only through academics and research but also through sports, recreation, and well-being initiatives that build solidarity and nurture the whole person.