

Championing Our Athletics: Key Points

- Cottey has 8 athletic teams, made up of over 120 student athletes
- Cottey is affiliated with NAIA – the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association
 - Flag football and esports are in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC)
 - All other programs are in the American Midwest Conference (AMC)
- Comet athletes average a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Follow the Comets at cotteycomets.com and on our app. Esports at [twitch.com/cotteyesports](https://www.twitch.tv/cotteyesports)

Championing Our Athletics: Key Points continued



- Supporting Cottey athletes is easy online: cottey.edu/give
 - Once a semester, athletes will join Cottey Phonathon to raise funds
 - 2nd Annual Cottey Comets 5K will be held during Founder's Day weekend, Sunday, April 2, beginning at 8 am.
 - Join the **Cottey Champions Club**
 - 5 different levels of giving with special perks

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Championing our Athletics and Academics

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Athletic Programs

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Esports
- Flag Football
- Golf
- Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field
- Softball
- Volleyball



What is Esports?



Esports describes **the world of competitive, organized video gaming**. Competitors from different leagues or teams face off in the same games that are popular with at-home gamers: Fortnite, League of Legends, Counter-Strike, Call of Duty, Overwatch and Madden NFL, to name a few.

Collegiate esports also serves as **an opportunity to develop the next generation of esports professionals**. Participating in a school's esports club or team offers the chance to hone skills in marketing, graphic design, coaching and more.

Currently involved in conversations to join the **Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC)** in fall 2022.

Athletic Program Highlights

- **Cottey Comets** consists of 127 student-athletes.
- Only all-women's institution to have a **Flag Football** team and the only team in the state of Missouri.
- **Softball** has made 4 national tournament appearances.
- **Volleyball and Cross Country** earned their first-ever bids to the NAIA National Championships (2021).
- **Basketball** recorded most wins since joining NAIA and first-ever bid to a postseason conference tournament (2022).



NAIA & Conference Affiliations



Cottey College joined the **National Athletic Intercollegiate Conference (NAIA)** in 2018.

Flag Football and **esports** are in the **Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC)**

All other programs – joined **American Midwest Conference** (Aug. 1, 2022)



Athletes in the Classroom



- Basketball 3.0454
- Cross Country 3.3537
- Esports 3.1018
- Flag Football 3.1953
- Golf 2.9123
- Softball 3.3967
- Track 3.2561

Cheering for our Comets



[Twitch.com/cotteyesports.](https://www.twitch.tv/cotteyesports)



Supporting our Student-Athletes through Philanthropy



Ways to give:

- You can support the Cottey athletic department or individual sports at anytime. We make giving easy with an online giving option at www.cottey.edu/give

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Ways to give:

- Our student-athletes will be joining the college **phonathon** for one night each semester this year to raise general athletic funds.



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- The 2nd Annual **Cottey Comets 5K** will be held during Founder's Day weekend on Sunday, April 2nd beginning at 8 am.



Supporting our Student-Athletes through Philanthropy

Ways to give:

- Premiering this year is our *Champions Club*.
- Supporters of Cottey athletics can join 5 different levels of giving with special membership perks.





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THANK YOU!

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