BUILDING CHAMPIONS
ON AND OFF THE FIELD
After months of construction the Duke University soccer program unveiled its new and improved practice site in August 2012. An upgrade from the previous field on campus, the facility was raised two feet, drainage installed and new natural grass and sand laid down to make it one of the best practice facilities in the country.

Through the generosity of Duke supporters and the commitment of the Duke University administration, the soccer program enjoys the upgraded setting which allows the team to practice in nearly any weather condition as well as to host spring competitions. The upgraded drainage system keeps the field dry even during the wet Durham springs, while the grass surface is one of the best around.

For the exclusive use of Duke varsity programs, facility is located in a private setting on Duke’s campus and features a full-size field, a large area where goalkeepers can train as well as a fitness area. The large space allows the coaching staff to get the most out of every practice without any space limitations.

“I thank all of my colleagues in athletics and throughout the university who work to build great facilities. I think this is one we will get so much use from. It will help you be the best you can be. This is a university where the excellence of our teams is the excellence we aspire to in every capacity and the excellence of our facilities is the foundation which makes everything else flow.”

- Duke University President Richard H. Brodhead

In addition to the full-sized field, there is a goalkeeping training area directly adjacent to allow the goalkeepers to train separately from the rest of the team when necessary.

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When people speak of the top multi-sport facilities in the South and in the nation, Duke's Koskinen Stadium comes to mind. Koskinen Stadium is situated ideally in the heart of Duke's athletic complex -- allowing easy access for Duke fans. The Bermuda grass playing surface is 75 yards by 120 yards with an underground irrigation system that keeps it in top condition year round.

Renovations continue to improve the facility and in 2005 a field house featuring two locker rooms and viewing deck to host special events was added to enhance the facility. In 2014, new grandstands were put in bringing the crowd closer to the feel to give it a true home field feel. In January 2015, a state-of-the-art press box will be completed, making it one of the top facilities in the ACC and nationally.

Koskinen Stadium provides an ideal location in the fall for television crews to broadcast games, while fans are afforded great seats for the action to give Duke a home field advantage.

The Blue Devils regularly have games televised by ESPN3, the Regional Sports Network (RSN) as well as various Fox Sports regional networks.
WHERE WE GET BETTER
ON THE FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM

Duke student-athletes excel in the classroom as well. Student-athletes benefit greatly from the state-of-the-art Campbell Academic Center in the Schwartz/Butters Athletic Center. The academic center has computer labs, individual tutorial rooms and study spaces as well as meeting rooms for student-athletes. Academic advisors work closely with each student-athlete in scheduling, setting up tutors and helping them achieve greatness in the classroom.

The Murray Building state-of-the-art team room features theatre style seating and drop-down movie screens to create the ideal environment for analyzing game film.

Duke student-athletes have the benefit of a modern sports medicine training room. The facility provides all of the equipment and services necessary to keep the Duke men’s soccer team healthy and in action throughout the year.

The Blue Devils are led by Head Olympic Sports Performance Coach Dan Perlmutter. The 3,300 square foot weight room has over three tons of free weights along with Nautilus, Hydra-Gym and Universal Stations. The weight room was renovated in 2009 with updated flooring and new weight racks, weights and surround sound satellite radio. Perlmutter and the Duke Sports Performance department are crucial in keeping the Blue Devils fit and strong in the fall and spring.

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