
Supporting
Athletics
at MIT



A resource for
Alumni and friends
of MIT athletics.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation

Development Fund Questions and Answers

Over the past several years, many questions have been asked about the fund support for varsity sport and other programs in DAPER. What follows is a brief overview of those questions and answers. Please let us know if there are others that we should include in the future.

➤ **Why is the Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation important to the overall quality of life at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology?**

The Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation (DAPER) is important to the quality of life at MIT because it fits within the educational mission of the Institute, allows students to develop leadership and teamwork skills, balances academic rigor at MIT and allows students the pursuit of excellence in their chosen sport.

Quality of life is one of the most important considerations for incoming students when choosing to come to MIT. Almost 60% of the incoming class has participated on sports teams in high school. Many of them were team captains. It is vital that DAPER sports programs remain robust to attract the best and brightest to MIT today.

➤ **How is the Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation funded ?**

DAPER relies on The General Institute Budget, Facility Rentals and Recreational Memberships, Endowment Income (sport specific and general), and Annual Sport Specific Donations. Each of these sources is vital to enable DAPER to continue to support our Physical Education, 41 Men's and Women's Varsity Sports, Club Sports, extensive Intramural Program, and Community Exercise and Health Programs.



➤ **What expenses are included in the sports budgets? How are my dollars used in support of my chosen sport?**

Coaches submit budgets including everything they believe will be required to stage a successful program including items that were previously regarded as enhancement expenses such as training trips and specialized equipment. Your dollars go toward supporting all of the needs of that sport.

➤ **Can I give to a specific part of a sport budget, such as training trips?**

Budgets are established with all costs for a successful program included. Your gift supports the entire program, not just part of it!

However, if you choose to make a gift for a large or small capital expense, such as a synthetic turf field, Zamboni, or other needed piece of equipment, your gift can be earmarked for that purpose.

➤ **Is my contribution used to support other sports or department overhead?**

Every dollar that you give to your specific sport, is used in support of that sport. Department overhead is not a part of the specific sport budget, therefore your dollars do not support DAPER overhead.

➤ **What benefit does the donor receive for contributions to the Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation?**

Satisfaction in knowing that you are giving back to the sport that gave you so much! In addition, the donor receives Sport Shorts, the electronic summary of the MIT intercollegiate sport success, and invitations to special department events on campus such as alumni games, dedications, and off campus events such as intercollegiate contests and regional receptions. Your tax deductible donation is credited to your Alumni Giving record as well.

➤ **I've heard about an organization called Friends of DAPER? What is this organization doing to support DAPER?**

Don Shobry's '75 and Mike Schoen '87 established the Friends of DAPER in 2003.

The goals of the friends of DAPER are to:

- ❖ *improve communications with alumni,*
- ❖ *enhance DAPER's visibility*
- ❖ *nurture existing friends programs*
- ❖ *actively support fundraising efforts*

Together with Friends of MIT Crew (FOMITC), FoDAPER is leading a drive to help raise funds to support and ultimately endow the entire varsity athletics program.

The Friends of DAPER partner with DAPER, Resource Development and the Alumni Association to keep alumni informed and to raise necessary dollars to keep the programs strong!

We hope you will join fellow advocates for athletics at MIT to ensure that our sports and fitness resources remain worthy of our remarkable students. Visit the Friends of DAPER website at <http://web.mit.edu/fofdaper>. Contact dshobry@alum.mit.edu for more information or to get involved.



➤ **How do I make a donation?**

Give to the Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation through the alumni association gift page at <http://alum.mit.edu/gv/give/index.html>.

On the page you will see opportunities to give using a check or credit card. The page also contains explanations of the process to give securities and to obtain corporate matching gifts.

➤ **How do I earmark my contribution?**

Make your contribution as an annual expendable gift or contribute to an existing endowment account. Gifts to support the department's activities in general may be made to the DAPER expendable fund or the DAPER endowed fund.

Donations may be made to support a specific program area such as, Physical Education, Recreation, Intercollegiate Sports, Clubs Sports, Intramural Sports and Facilities.

OR you may earmark your gift to a specific varsity or club sport fund. Remember, every dollar you give to a specific fund, goes to support that sport.



Other Information:

Some alumni have inquired about establishing a specific endowment for their sport and, we would welcome your doing so with much enthusiasm. In fact, as I've mentioned, one of the future goals of DAPER is to create endowment funds that will help to support the Department in perpetuity. If you have an interest in creating an endowment fund for your sport, please contact Steve Dare, DAPER's contact in MIT's Resource Development Office (617/253-7574 or dare@mit.edu).

Thank you for keeping our programs strong through your interest and support! If you have other questions, please feel free to contact me anytime at: clroyer@mit.edu

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Candace L. Royer'.

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Head of the Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation (DAPER!)

