## INSPIRATIONAL SPORTS MOVIES



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## **50 Most Inspirational Sports Movies**

- 1. **Rocky** Underdog boxer gets a shot at the heavyweight title through grit and heart. (*Rent on Amazon Prime Video HD \$3.99*)
- 2. **Remember the Titans** High school team overcomes racial tension to unite under powerful leadership. (*Rent via Apple TV, Amazon, Google Play*) (general availability; not price-checked)
- 3. **Chariots of Fire** Faith and conviction drive two British athletes to Olympic greatness. (*Rent via major platforms*)
- 4. **Miracle** The U.S. Olympic hockey team's legendary upset inspires a nation. (*Rent available on digital platforms*)
- 5. **Hoosiers** Small-town basketball team chases a championship. *(Rent via Apple, Amazon, etc.)*
- 6. **Warrior** Brothers wrestle with their past in and out of the MMA ring. (Rentable through major digital outlets)
- 7. **Cinderella Man** A boxer rises from despair to defy expectations. *(Digital rental options available)*
- 8. **Bend It Like Beckham** A young woman tackles cultural expectations and soccer dreams. (*Rent via platforms like Amazon*)
- 9. **Rudy** Grit drives an underdog's dream to play for Notre Dame football. (*Rental platforms: Apple, Prime Video, etc.*)
- 10. **Coach Carter** A coach benches his winning team to emphasize academics. *(Rentable online)*
- 11. **Moneyball** Analytics revolutionize underdog baseball success. *(Rent digitally across major services)*
- 12. **Invictus** Rugby becomes a tool for national unity in post-apartheid South Africa. (*Rent via Apple TV, Amazon, etc.*)
- 13. **A League of Their Own** Female baseball players break molds during WWII. (*Rental options on mainstream platforms*)
- 14. **Bring It On** Cheerleading becomes a lesson in teamwork and integrity. *(Rent via digital providers)*
- 15. **Million Dollar Baby** A trainer and fighter find redemption in the ring. (*Rental via major platforms*)
- 16. **Soul Surfer** Surfing star Bethany Hamilton's return after a shark attack. *(Rentable online)*

- 17. **Field of Dreams** Baseball and magic converge in a story of legacy. *(Digital rental available)*
- 18. **Cool Runnings** Jamaica's bobsled team brings optimism to the Winter Olympics. *(Rent via streaming services)*
- 19. **Friday Night Lights** High school football and small-town pressures collide. *(Rental platforms available)*
- 20.**The Sandlot** Summer, friendship, and baseball under the stars. *(Rentable online)*
- 21. **Glory Road** Underdog college team breaks racial barriers. *(Rental options available digitally)*
- 22. **The Damned United** The rise and fall of a football manager. *(Rent via digital platforms)*
- 23. **Eddie the Eagle** The Olympic dreamer ski-jumps into hearts. *(Rent online across platforms)*
- 24. **Next Goal Wins** Comedic, heartfelt journey of an underdog soccer team. (*Rental platforms likely*)
- 25. **Eephus (2025)** A small-town baseball tale of aging, friendship, and joy. *(Streaming on MUBI; rental varies)*
- 26. **The Miracle Season** A volleyball team heals after tragedy. *(Digital rental available)*
- 27. **Raging Bull** Raw study of a boxer's fury and flaws. (*Rent via Apple TV, Amazon, etc.*)
- 28. **Challengers** Passion and rivalry collide on the tennis court. *(Rental options likely available)*
- 29. **Rush** (or **Ford v Ferrari**) Racing tales of obsession and triumph. *(Rent via major platforms)*
- 30. **King Richard (2021)** How Richard Williams shaped Venus & Serena into legends. (*Rent on Amazon Prime Video Approx. \$3.79-\$3.99; Apple TV ~ \$3.99*)
- 31. **American Underdog (2021)** Kurt Warner's improbable rise from stocking shelves to NFL glory. (*Rent on Amazon and Apple ~\$3.99*)
- 32. **The Boys in the Boat (2023)** Depression-era rowers chase Olympic dreams. (*Rental on Apple, Amazon, etc.*)
- 33. **Nyad (2023)** At age 60, Diana Nyad swims from Cuba to Florida. *(Rent via digital services)*

- 34. **The Beautiful Game (2024)** Homeless athletes find purpose through soccer. (*Rent platforms TBD, commonly via Amazon, etc.*)
- 35. **Gran Turismo (2023)** Gamer turns racer in this high-octane true story. *(Rental via major platforms)*
- 36. **McFarland, USA (2015)** Cross-country runners redefine limits in a farm town. *(Rentable online)*
- 37.**42 (2013)** Jackie Robinson changes baseball's color barrier forever. *(Rental platforms available)*
- 38. **The Rookie (2002)** A late-blooming pitcher makes it to the majors. *(Rentable digitally)*
- 39. **We Are Marshall (2006)** Community rebuilds through football after tragedy. (*Rent via Apple, Amazon, etc.*)
- 40. **When the Game Stands Tall (2014)** A record-breaking team faces unexpected adversity. (*Rental platforms available*)
- 41. **Greater (2016)** Walk-on turns college legend through determination. *(Rent online via major services)*
- 42. **Million Dollar Arm (2014)** MLB dreamers discovered via Indian talent search. (*Rent platforms available*)
- 43. **The Way Back (2020)** A coach finds redemption through his troubled team. (*Rental via streaming services*)
- 44. **Hustle (2022)** A scout bets his career on a hidden talent from Spain. *(Rent digitally available)*
- 45. **Hoop Dreams (1994)** Documentary of Chicago teens chasing basketball dreams. *(Rental via Apple, Amazon, etc.)*
- 46. **Woodlawn (2015)** Football and faith unite an Alabama team. *(Rent via Angel Studios and other outlets)*
- 47. **Sweetwater (2023)** Nat Clifton's journey from Globetrotters to NBA pioneer. (*Rent via Angel Studios platform*)
- 48. **The Swimmers (2022)** Syrian sisters chase their Olympic aspirations. *(Rental platforms available)*
- 49. **Safety (2020)** Clemson player fights to protect his dream and younger brother. (*Rent via Amazon, Apple, etc.*)
- 50. **Creed (2015)** A new contender rises Apollo Creed's son fights for identity. *(Rental via major digital platforms)*