

What is the NCAA?

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is an organization dedicated to providing a pathway to opportunity for college athletes. Over 1,000 colleges and universities are members of the NCAA. These schools work together with the NCAA national office and athletics conferences across the country to support more than 500,000 college athletes who make up over 20,000 teams competing in NCAA sports.

The NCAA's diverse members include schools ranging in size from hundreds of students to tens of thousands. The NCAA's current three-division structure was adopted in 1973 to create a fair playing field for teams from similar schools and provide college athletes more opportunities to participate in national championships.

Among the three NCAA divisions, Division I schools generally have the biggest student bodies, manage the largest athletics budgets and offer the highest number of athletics scholarships. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and a focus on service to the community. The Division III experience offers participation in a competitive athletics environment that pushes college athletes to excel on the field and build upon their potential by tackling new challenges across campus.

To learn more about the pathway that's right for you, visit on.ncaa.com/3divisions.



The NCAA membership and national office work together to help the more than 500,000 student-athletes develop leadership, confidence, discipline and teamwork through college sports.

NCAA Sports

The NCAA conducts 90 national championships in 24 sports across Divisions I, II and III, with 45 championships for women, 42 for men and three coed national championships. Nearly 54,000 student-athletes participate in NCAA championships each year.

From signature events like the NCAA March Madness® basketball tournaments to rowing, rifle and skiing, the NCAA administers championships to ensure student-

athletes have a first-class experience. But the NCAA is also committed to quality events for everyone involved, from the coaches to the fans and broadcast audiences.

It is important to the NCAA that our championships have a positive impact on the communities that host them. The NCAA hosts youth clinics and various fan events to complement the competition – creating a championship experience for everyone involved.

| FALL SPORTS | | WINTER SPORTS | | SPRING SPORTS | | EMERGING SPORTS |
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| MEN: | WOMEN: | MEN: | WOMEN: | MEN: | WOMEN: | WOMEN: |
| Cross Country | Cross Country | Basketball | Basketball | Baseball | Beach Volleyball | Acrobatics and Tumbling |
| Football | Field Hockey | Fencing | Bowling | Golf | Golf | Equestrian (Divisions I and II only) |
| Soccer | Soccer | Gymnastics | Fencing | Lacrosse | Lacrosse | Rugby |
| Water Polo | Volleyball | Ice Hockey | Gymnastics | Outdoor Track and Field | Outdoor Track and Field | Stunt |
| | | Indoor Track and Field | Ice Hockey | Tennis | | Triathlon |
| | | Rifle | Indoor Track and Field | Volleyball | Rowing | Wrestling |
| | | Skiing | Rifle | | Softball | |
| | | Swimming and Diving | Skiing | | Tennis | |
| | | Wrestling | Swimming and Diving | | Water Polo | |