

## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Directors of Athletics of NCAA Division III Institutions.

FROM: Mark Bedics  
Associate Director of Championships and Alliances.

SUBJECT: Elite 90™ Academic Recognition Award Program.

During the 2009-10 academic year, the NCAA launched a new academic achievement award -- the Elite 88. With the addition of Division III Men's Volleyball and National Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball, it is now known as the Elite 90. The Elite 90 recognizes the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers.

The Elite 90 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 90 championships. It is a tremendous opportunity to honor the academic accomplishments of the top student-athletes during our championships.

Each institution with at least one student-athlete qualifier for the finals site of any NCAA championship is eligible to submit an Elite 90 nomination. The web page is located at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org), click on student-athlete programs and then recognition and awards. In order to access the website, you must first log in to ncaa.org. Here you will find the nomination form that is to be used for all of the championships along with the deadlines for each. The criteria for award eligibility are included on the nomination form. The link to the website is located at [Elite 90 Submission Forms](#).

If you have any questions concerning this program, please contact Mark Bedics, Andrew Louthain or Quintin Wright of the NCAA national office staff at 317/917-6222 or [elite90@ncaa.org](mailto:elite90@ncaa.org).

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