



## 2019 NCAA Division II Enhancement Fund Distribution



Funds for the distributions are approved annually by the NCAA Division II Planning and Finance Committee as part of the Division II budget.

<u>Description of Distribution:</u>	<u>Data submission:</u>	<u>Due date for data:</u>	<u>Fund release date:</u>	<u>Amount of Fund:</u>	<u>Paid to:</u>
Division II Sports Sponsorship Fund	Revenue Distribution System	11/1/2019	3/11/2020	\$ 5,523,000	Conference
Division II Equal Fund	Not required	NA	3/11/2020	\$ 1,841,000	Institution

## Division II Sport Sponsorship Distribution - To Active Division II Conferences

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The Division II sports sponsorship portion of the fund is distributed to active Division II conferences in early March based on the number of sports sponsored in the prior academic year. Conferences must have at a minimum six active Division II institutions sponsoring the NCAA sport to be eligible for the fund. In 2019, each unit for Division II sports sponsorship was approximately \$12,860, for a total distribution of \$5.25 million.

Annually, the conference is required to verify the sports sponsored for the previous academic year within the NCAA Revenue Distribution system. The NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographic form automatically captures the sports that each institution reported as sponsoring for the previous academic year and transfers that information to the Revenue Distribution system. Conferences are required to verify the information by November 1. If the submission is received past the deadline, the conference will be fined.

The following policies apply to conferences for fund eligibility:

- Newly formed conferences will be eligible for the sports sponsorship fund one year after active conference membership (Constitution 3.4.3.3).
- Each sport counted by the conference must have at least six active Division II institutions that meet the minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship per NCAA Bylaw 20.10.3.3. Regular season, post season and exempt contests would count towards minimum contests' requirements.
- Affiliate institutions can be counted toward meeting the minimum of six institutions for sports-sponsorship.
- If an active conference falls below the minimum number of six institutions sponsoring a specific sport, the conference will forfeit enhancement funds for that sport for the following academic year. To begin receiving funds again, the active conference must meet the minimum of six institutions sponsoring a sport.
- A voting member conference that fails to satisfy minimum sports sponsorship criteria in a given year shall be placed on probation for one year in the next academic year after noncompliance occurs. During the probationary year, the conference shall not be eligible to receive the share of the Enhancement Fund that is based on conference sports sponsorship (Constitution 3.4.5.1).
- A Division I sport is countable only if there is not a Division II championship for the six institutions to compete in.
- A National Collegiate sport is countable.
- An emerging sport for women is countable.
- Competing in the NAIA Championship for any sport is not countable.

## Division II Equal Distribution – To Active and Eligible Division II Institutions

The Division II equal distribution is sent to active Division II institutions in early March. Each active and eligible Division II institution in the academic year in which the distribution occurs will receive an equal share of the fund. In 2019, the distribution was \$1.75 million, approximately \$5,748 per institution. Funds are provided to use at the institution's discretion and there are no reporting requirements.

The following policies apply to institutions to be eligible for the funds:

- To be an active member, an institution shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the Association.
- Institutions must be current with NCAA membership dues.
- Single gender institutions are eligible to receive a full share of the fund.
- Division I or III institutions are not eligible for the fund.
- Division II institutions are eligible for the funds, even if the institution has opted to compete in one Division I sport. However, the institution must be eligible in the Division I sport.
- An institution qualifies for funds as long as it is in good standing.
- Division II for-profit institutions that are not affiliated with a Division II conference are not eligible to receive funds.
- An active member institution that fails to submit data for the Academic Success Rate by the applicable deadline shall forfeit receipt of Division II enhancement funds in the following academic year. Further, an active member institution that fails to submit data for the Academic Success Rate in any two years during a five-year period shall forfeit Division II enhancement funds for the following three consecutive academic years (Constitution 3.3.4.14.1).
- If an institution fails to submit its Academic Performance Census by the applicable deadline, in a format approved and administered by the Presidents Council (or a committee designated by the Presidents Council), that institution shall forfeit Division II institutional enhancement funds for the following academic year (Constitution 3.3.4.15).
- Institutions failing to complete the self-study report within the five-year time period shall be placed on probation for one year pursuant to Bylaw 20.02.4 and shall not be eligible to receive Division II Enhancement Funds. An institution that fails to complete the self-study report during the probationary year shall be fined \$1,000, placed on restricted membership status pursuant to Bylaw 20.02.6, shall not be eligible to receive Division II Enhancement Funds and shall not be eligible for NCAA championships competition in all sports. In order for an institution to be removed from probation or restricted membership status, the institution must supply the Membership Committee with a complete self-study report including the institution's action plan (Constitution 6.3.1.2).
- A member of Division II that is reclassifying to Division I shall no longer be eligible for the Division II Enhancement Fund once it officially begins the reclassification process.
- A member of Division II that is reclassifying to Division III remains eligible for enhancement funds during the Division III exploratory period, provided the institution continues to comply with all Division II regulations. However, such eligibility shall terminate once the exploratory period ends and the reclassification period to Division III has officially begun.