Life in the Balance

Division II supports the educational mission of college athletics by fostering a balanced and inclusive approach in which student-athletes learn and develop through their desired academic pursuits, in civic engagement with their communities and in athletics competition. Division II gives student-athletes the unique opportunity to compete in the classroom, on the field, in their career, for their causes, and on their terms.

24 conferences | 308 active members | 7 schools in membership process

Type of School
Percentage of active members only
48% public | 52% private

Average Number of Student-Athletes
SCHOOLS WITH FOOTBALL | SCHOOLS WITHOUT FOOTBALL
455 | 281 men | 174 women | 296 | 151 men | 145 women

Median Total Expenses
By quartile (in millions)

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1:8 Championships Participation Ratio

Conferences

MEDIC | NSIC | WAC | Sun Belt | Big Sky | Big West | WAC

Graduation Rates
(2007-10 cohorts)
49% Student body federal rate
55% Student-athlete federal rate
72% Academic Success Rate

Composition of Enrollment

Women
56%
Undergraduate enrollment
670,568
Student-athletes
49,556
(7%) | 8.4 Average number of sports sponsored

Men
44%
Undergraduate enrollment
517,153
Student-athletes
68,355
(13%) | 7.2 Average number of sports sponsored

Enrollment at Division II Active Members

2.6%
8 institutions with more than 15,000 students

9.1%
28 institutions with 7,500-14,999 students

36.7%
113 institutions with 2,500-7,499 students

51.6%
159 institutions with fewer than 2,500 students

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What is Division II?

Division II is a collection of more than 300 colleges and universities that conduct their athletics programs as part of the parent organization National Collegiate Athletic Association, whose mission is to (1) govern athletics competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner; (2) integrate intercollegiate athletics into higher education so that the educational experience of the student-athlete is paramount; and (3) position college sports as a pathway to opportunity.

The NCAA’s three-division structure was created in 1973 to give member institutions a more varied menu for which to classify their athletics programs. Division II gave those programs that wanted to keep their athletics budgets in good proportion to the total institutional budget a place to compete.

Any response to “What is Division II?” should emphasize:

• The commitment to academic success;
• The ability to award athletics scholarships;
• The plentiful access to NCAA championships; and
• The balanced approach that allows student-athletes to “Make It Yours” – to experience all the campus and surrounding community has to offer.

Make It Yours

Division II adopted the Make It Yours brand enhancement at the 2015 NCAA Convention.

Here’s what Make It Yours means for Division II members:

• It’s making graduation a priority.
• It’s about earning scholarship dollars for your athletic ability and competing for national championships.
• It’s making athletics participation truly part of the college experience rather than just one aspect of it.
• It’s making lifelong friends at a campus whose size affords a more intimate setting.
• It’s making the academic experience more personal.
• It’s about professors, coaches and staff caring for you as a student.
• It’s about an experience in which you can be an active participant.
• It’s about a campus that is tight-knit enough to respond to individual student needs.
• It’s about having coaches who help athletes develop their resumes as much as their athletics skills.
• It’s about a custom-fit approach to athletics and education rather than a one-size-fits-all philosophy.