How We Support College Athletes

Opportunities and Experiences

- Each year, the NCAA funds 90 championships in 24 sports, including paying for almost 14 million miles of travel to get athletes to the competitions.
- More than 90% of former student-athletes surveyed 10 years after finishing their eligibility reported they were satisfied with their overall college experience.

Financial Assistance

- NCAA schools award more than $2.9 billion in athletic scholarships every year to more than 150,000 student-athletes.
- The NCAA finances a Student Assistance Fund of more than $80 million each year to help Division I athletes with essential needs, from flying home for a family tragedy to buying a winter coat.

Wellness and Insurance

- The NCAA’s Sport Science Institute promotes health and safety through research and training on concussions, overuse injuries, drug testing, mental health, sexual assault and more.
- The NCAA funds an insurance policy covering all college athletes who experience catastrophic injuries while playing or practicing their sport – providing up to $20 million in lifetime insurance benefits.

Academic Services

- NCAA schools help student-athletes succeed in the classroom by providing state-of-the-art technology, tutoring and access to academic advisers.
- In the last decade, nearly 13,000 former college athletes in Division I returned to campus to complete their degrees. The NCAA offers a degree-completion program, and schools can fund additional scholarships to help former athletes graduate.

- More than eight out of 10 student-athletes at Division I schools are earning bachelor’s degrees, the highest rate ever.

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