WHAT IS THE NCAA?

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is a member-led organization dedicated to providing a pathway to opportunity for college athletes.

Members:

1,123 colleges and universities
98 voting athletics conferences
39 affiliated sports organizations

Whose ranks include:

- **College presidents**
  lead their schools and the NCAA

- **Athletics directors**
  oversee athletics staff on their campus and guide policy decisions

- **Faculty athletics representatives**
  serve as liaisons between academics and athletics

- **Compliance officers**
  manage NCAA rules and policies on campus

- **Conference staff**
  lead the governing bodies that organize competition among schools

Prioritizing academics, well-being and fairness so college athletes can succeed on the field, in the classroom and for life.

Coaches

- develop student-athletes on and off the field

Sports information directors

- document and share player and team achievements

Health and safety personnel

- support college athlete well-being

Academic support staff

- prepare athletes for the classroom and future careers

Who makes the rules?

Member representatives serve on committees that propose rules and policies surrounding college sports. Members ultimately decide which rules to adopt – everything from recruiting and compliance to academics and championships – and implement them on campus.

Nearly half a million college athletes make up the 19,500 teams that send more than 54,000 participants to compete each year in the NCAA’s 90 championships in 24 sports across 3 divisions.

Numbers do not include provisional or reclassifying schools.

Learn more at ncaa.org/about.