WHAT IS THE NCAA?

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

Members:

- **1,117** colleges and universities*
- **100** athletics conferences
- **40** affiliated sports organizations

*Number does not include exploratory schools.

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

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 52,500 participants to compete each year in the NCAA's 90 championships in 24 sports across 3 divisions.

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