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.

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.

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

Nearly half a million college athletes make up the 19,750 teams that send more than 52,500 participants to compete each year in the NCAA's 90 championships in 24 sports across 3 divisions.

Learn more at ncaa.org/about.