













# Our Three Divisions

The NCAA's three divisions were created in 1973 to align like-minded campuses in the areas of fairness, competition and opportunity.

DIVISION	 DIVISION I	 DIVISION II <i>MAKE IT YOURS</i>	 DIVISION III <i>DISCOVER   DEVELOP   DEDICATE</i>
ACTIVE SCHOOLS*	<b>355</b> (32%)	<b>293</b> (27%)	<b>425</b> (39%)
MEDIAN UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	<b>8,883</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>1,617</b>
STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES	<b>1 in 23</b> 	<b>1 in 7</b> 	<b>1 in 5</b> 
AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEAMS PER SCHOOL	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>
PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION	 <b>37%</b>	 <b>24%</b>	 <b>38%</b>
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available. <b>59%</b> of athletes receive athletics aid.	Partial athletics scholarship model. <b>64%</b> of athletes receive athletics aid.	No athletics scholarships. <b>80%</b> of athletes receive nonathletics aid.
DID YOU KNOW?	 Division I student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than the general student body.	 Division II is the only division with schools in Alaska, Puerto Rico and Canada.	 Division III's largest school has <b>28,692</b> undergraduates. <i>The smallest? 270.</i>

\*The number of schools for each division is current as of the 2024-25 academic year. All other figures are based on 2023-24 data. Percentages shown for schools and student-athletes represent numbers at active NCAA schools, so they do not add up to 100%.

## How is each division governed?

NCAA schools develop and approve legislation for their own divisions. Groups of presidents and chancellors lead each division in the form of committees with regularly scheduled meetings. For more information, visit [on.ncaa.com/governance](https://on.ncaa.com/governance).

## What are the eligibility requirements in each division?

If you want to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school, you must meet academic and amateurism standards set by NCAA members. **Academic** and **amateurism standards** are outlined in this guide and can be found on each division's page on [ncaa.org](https://ncaa.org).

