

# Life in the Balance

Division II supports the educational mission of college athletics by fostering a balanced and inclusive approach in which student-athletes learn and develop through their desired academic pursuits, in civic engagement with their communities and in athletics competition. Division II gives student-athletes the unique opportunity to compete in the classroom, on the field, in their career, for their causes, and on their terms,

**24** conferences | **308** active members

**6** schools in membership process 

4 schools in year three 2 schools in year one

## **ENROLLMENT AT DIVISION II ACTIVE MEMBERS** 2.6% 8 institutions with more than 15,000 students 9.1% 28 institutions with 7,500-14,999 students 35.4% 109 institutions with 2,500-7,499 students **52.9%** 163 institutions with fewer than 2,500 students

## **COMPOSITION OF ENROLLMENT**

Women **56%** Undergraduate enrollment 663,965 Student-athletes

50,331 (8%)

8.6 Average number of sports sponsored



69,513 (14%)

7.3 Average number of sports sponsored



### AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

SCHOOLS WITH FOOTBALL 285 men 178 women

SCHOOLS WITHOUT FOOTBALL

155 men 146 women

## **MEDIAN TOTAL EXPENSES**

By quartile (in millions)

\$10.8

(with football)

\$7.7

**1ST QUARTILE OF SCHOOLS** (without football) (with football)

(with football) \$8.4 \$6.3

2ND QUARTILE OF SCHOOLS **4TH QUARTILE OF SCHOOLS** (without football) (with football)

\$4.3 \$3.2

**3RD QUARTILE OF SCHOOLS** 

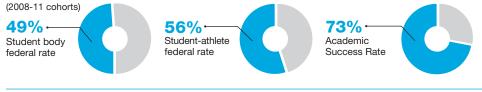
(without football)

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\$4.8

\$6.2 Overall median expenses \$6.3 million

**GRADUATION RATES** 





**CHAMPIONSHIPS** 



## 13,890 participants total

(Division II's access ratio to championships is the best of any division)

## What is Division II?

Division II is a collection of more than 300 colleges and universities that conduct their athletics programs as part of the parent organization National Collegiate Athletic Association, whose mission is to:

- (1) Govern athletics competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner;
- (2) Integrate intercollegiate athletics into higher education so that the educational experience of the student-athlete is paramount; and
- (3) Position college sports as a pathway to opportunity.

The NCAA's three-division structure was created in 1973 to give member institutions a more varied menu for which to classify their athletics programs. Division II gave those programs that wanted to keep their athletics budgets in good proportion to the total institutional budget a place to compete.

#### Any response to "What is Division II?" should emphasize:

- The commitment to academic success;
- The ability to award athletics scholarships;
- The plentiful access to NCAA championships; and
- The balanced approach that allows student-athletes to "Make It Yours" to experience all the campus and surrounding community has to offer.



### NC44 Division I





## **Make It Yours**

Division II adopted the Make It Yours brand enhancement at the 2016 NCAA Convention.

#### Here's what Make It Yours means for Division II members:

- It's making graduation a priority.
- It's about earning scholarship dollars for your athletic ability and competing for national championships.
- It's making athletics participation truly part of the college experience rather than just one aspect of it.
- It's making lifelong friends at a campus whose size affords a more intimate setting.
- It's making the academic experience more personal.
- It's about professors, coaches and staff caring for you as a student.
- It's about an experience in which you can be an active participant.
- It's about a campus that is tight-knit enough to respond to individual student needs.
- It's about having coaches who help athletes develop their resumes as much as their athletics skills.
- It's about a custom-fit approach to athletics and education rather than a one-size-fits-all.