



# NCAA Sports

**What you need to know:  
May 30th, 2018**

# Plan for the session:

- Overview of Different Divisions
- What your experience as a college athlete can look like at different levels.
- NCAA Clearinghouse- How it affects your course planning
- What should you be doing now
- Resources

# Overview of Divisions:

## DIVISION I

Division I schools, on average, enroll the most students, manage the largest athletics budgets, offer a wide array of academic programs and provide the most athletics scholarships.

### PARTICIPATION

- 179,200 student-athletes
- 351 colleges and universities

### ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

59 percent of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid

### ACADEMICS

2017 Graduation Success Rate: 87 percent\*

### OTHER STATS

**Median Undergraduate Enrollment:** 9,629  
**Average Number of Teams per School:** 19  
**Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports:** 4 percent  
**Division I National Championships:** 26

## DIVISION II

Division II provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, high-level athletics competition and community engagement. Many participants are first-generation college students.

### PARTICIPATION

- 121,900 student-athletes
- 308 colleges and universities

### ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

62 percent of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid

### ACADEMICS

2017 Academic Success Rate: 72 percent\*

### OTHER STATS

**Median Undergraduate Enrollment:** 2,485  
**Average Number of Teams per School:** 16  
**Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports:** 9 percent  
**Division II National Championships:** 25

## DIVISION III

The Division III experience provides an integrated environment that focuses on academic success while offering competitive athletics and meaningful nonathletics opportunities.

### PARTICIPATION

- 190,900 student-athletes
- 443 colleges and universities

### FINANCIAL AID

80 percent of all student-athletes receive some form of academic grant or need-based scholarship; institutional gift aid totals \$17,000 on average

### ACADEMICS

2017 Academic Success Rate: 87 percent\*

### OTHER STATS

**Median Undergraduate Enrollment:** 1,748  
**Average Number of Teams per School:** 18  
**Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports:** 26 percent  
**Division III National Championships:** 28

- Probability of playing after high school.
- ***Division 1:***
  - You are basically an employee of the college.
  - Much of your time/day/experiences will revolve around your sport and your team.
  - It is a year round commitment- even out of season there are team and individual workouts.
  - It is very rare to get a “full ride”.

**What you can expect:**

- ***Division 2:***

- Less money distributed.
- A lot of your time/day/experiences will revolve around your sport and your team.
- You will have time for other interests.
- You have some team activity year round, most your team work is in your “traditional” season, however there are many session including individual workouts year round.

**What you can expect:**

- ***Division 3:***

- No Athletic \$ is given out.
- Your team and sport will be a priority in season, but you will have plenty of free time for other interests.
- Not unusual to play another sport.
- Coaches DO NOT have access to “train” you in the off season except for a 4-6 week “non traditional” season on many sports. Total season equals 19 weeks.

**What you can expect:**

# NCAA Clearinghouse:

This is necessary if you are planning on playing D1 or D2. If you haven't signed up yet, you must do so now.

## NCAA Eligibility Center

This will allow them to track your SAT scores & the classes you are taking. There are requirements you must plan for.

\*Film as Literature is not recognized as an English Class\*

# How do I get recruited?:

- 1- Identify the schools you are interested in.  
Contact the coach- email/phone/handwritten note  
Fill out Prospective Student Athlete Forms
- 2- Put together a short recruit video (they will want one)
- 3- Get your transcript/resume together (they will want one)
- 4- Contact the coach again- you are interested in their school, their program, can you come for a visit.
- 5- Plan a visit



# Resources:

[NCAA Guide for the College Bound Athlete](#)

[NCAA Eligibility Center](#)

[Prospective Student Athlete Form](#)

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future>