

Division III 2021-22 Facts and Figures

MEMBERSHIP

Division III is the NCAA's largest division (approximately 40% of total membership).



Source: 2021-22 Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Forms

STUDENT-ATHLETE COMPOSITION

On average, student-athletes comprise **27%** of the student body at Division III institutions. (This percentage ranges from 2% to more than 76%.)



Source: 2020-21 Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Forms

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT



Source: 2019-20 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETES

- Report participating in club sports and intramural sports at greater rates than the student body.
- Report active academic engagement and participation in academic "extras," such as research with faculty, study abroad opportunities and capstone/senior thesis projects.
- Have a graduation rate approximately 5% higher than the overall student body.
- Report significantly greater gains in time management when compared with the student body.
- Report greater involvement in volunteering.
- Are more likely to report that they see themselves as part of the campus community.
- Have equal opportunity and access as the general student body to financial aid based on merit and need - but are not awarded aid based on athletics leadership, ability, performance or participation.

ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION

(Including emerging sports)

Approximately **38.8%** of NCAA student-athletes compete at Division III institutions.

	Division III	NCAA Overall
Men	114,777 (58%)	285,971 (56%)
Women	83,174 (42%)	224,042 (44%)
Total	197,951	510,013

Source: 2020-21 Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Forms

MEDIAN TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES PER INSTITUTION

	Without Football	With Football
	\$2,370,000	\$4,370,000

Source: 2020 NCAA Financial Reporting System

SPORTS SPONSORED PER INSTITUTION

19 average number of sports that Division III schools sponsor.

Source: 2020-21 Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Forms

NCAA BUDGET ALLOCATION

\$35.1 million (3.18% of NCAA operating budget.)

Source: NCAA Financial Statements

PRIORITY INITIATIVES

- Clarify the values of Division III athletics.
- Appropriately leverage presidential leadership in the Division III governance structure.
- Ensure the division is effectively managing diversity and inclusion issues.
- Enhance the well-being of prospects, student-athletes and staff.
- Promote the Division III philosophical principle that student-athletes' academic performance should be consistent with the general student body.
- Enhance formal accountability of the governance structure.
- Maintain fiscal integrity.

Source: 2021-22 NCAA Division III Strategic Plan

DIII-SPONSORED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Championship Sports (14)

Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Indoor Track and Field, Outdoor Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling

Women's Championship Sports (14)

Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Indoor Track and Field, Outdoor Track and Field, Volleyball

National Collegiate Championships (9)

Men - Gymnastics, Water Polo; Women - Beach Volleyball, Bowling, Gymnastics, Water Polo; Men and Women - Fencing, Rifle, Skiing

Division III 2021-22 Budget Overview



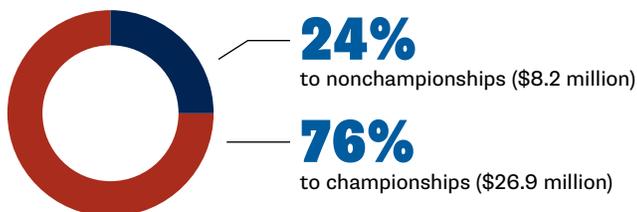
REVENUE

2019-20		\$32,493,820
2020-21		\$34,443,323
2021-22		\$35,126,323

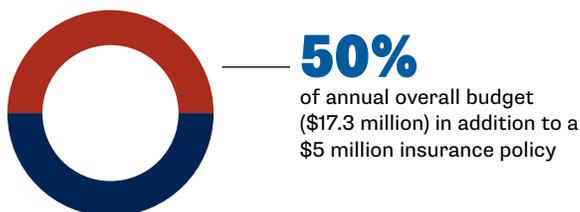
Source: 3.18% of NCAA operating revenue allocation

BUDGET ALLOCATION

2021-22 Allocation



Mandated Annual Reserve



MEMBERSHIP DUES

438 Division III Total Members
\$2,000 annual dues each = \$876,000

43 Division III Voting Conferences
\$1,000 annual dues each = \$43,000

23 Division III Nonvoting Conferences
\$1,000 annual dues each = \$23,000

VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

With an annual budget of **\$35.1 million** and annual membership dues of **\$2,000 or less**, the estimated annual per institution value of Division III membership is **\$77,246**.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

(28 Division III specific)

	Men's Budget	Women's Budget
Baseball	\$2,572,205	NA
Basketball	\$1,258,296	\$1,338,179
Cross Country	\$670,378	\$692,780
Field Hockey	NA	\$566,436
Football	\$2,178,578	NA
Golf	\$714,001	\$558,686
Ice Hockey	\$396,249	\$386,120
Lacrosse	\$748,053	\$1,008,185
Rowing	NA	\$441,260
Soccer	\$1,395,833	\$1,414,259
Softball	NA	\$1,814,894
Swimming and Diving	\$674,228	\$702,977
Tennis	\$752,139	\$786,168
Indoor Track and Field	\$877,344	\$806,061
Outdoor Track and Field	\$956,784	\$982,197
Volleyball	\$376,861	\$1,223,636
Wrestling	\$469,735	NA
Overall Totals	\$14,040,684	\$12,721,838

Source: NCAA Financial Statements (excludes overhead)

NONCHAMPIONSHIP INITIATIVES

2021-22 Budget

Strategic Initiative Conference Grants	\$3,194,730
Women & Minority Intern Program	\$1,300,000
Strategic Alliance Matching Grant	\$708,600
Student-Athlete Leadership Conference	\$300,000
Division III Identity Program	\$275,000
Division III Diversity Initiatives	\$225,000
Division-wide Sportsmanship Initiative	\$225,000
Coaching Enhancement Grant	\$100,000
SAAC April Meeting and Associate Member Travel	\$85,000
ADR Institute	\$80,000
New AD and Commissioner Orientation	\$75,000
FAR Institute	\$75,000
NADIII AA Partnership	\$75,000
Annual Convention	\$70,000
Division III Event Cancellation Insurance	\$60,000
360 Proof	\$53,000
DiSC Assessments	\$50,000
CoSIDA Partnership	\$44,000
LGBTQ Inclusion Program	\$40,000
Conference Commissioners Meeting	\$40,000
Special Olympics Partnership	\$35,000
Miscellaneous Division III Initiatives	\$31,577
SWA Enhancement Grant Program (WLCS)	\$30,000
CoSIDA D3 Day	\$10,000
NADIII AA and D3CA Meeting	\$10,000
Staff Professional Development	\$7,000
Overall Total	\$7,198,907

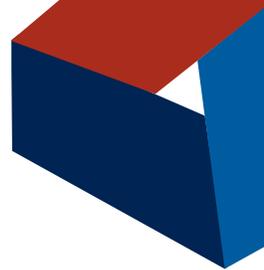
Source: NCAA Financial Statements (excludes overhead)

DIVISION III SUPPORT STAFF

Overall, of **450** NCAA staff members, **34** support Division III directly. **12** provide full-time, **100%** DIII support.*

*does not include administrative assistants

Talking Points



POSITIONING STATEMENT

Follow your passions and discover your potential.

The college experience is a time of learning and growth – a chance to follow passions and develop potential. For student-athletes in Division III, all of this happens most importantly in the classroom and through earning an academic degree. The Division III experience provides for passionate participation in a competitive athletics environment, in which student-athletes push themselves to excellence and build upon their academic success with new challenges and life skills. And student-athletes are encouraged to pursue their full passions and find their potential through a comprehensive educational experience.

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DISCOVER

Division III student-athletes are encouraged to pursue their interests and passions beyond the classroom and field of play ... to discover themselves.

DEVELOP

Division III institutions provide an environment that encourages student-athletes to develop into well-rounded adults. Small class sizes, the ability to participate in more than one sport, and an emphasis on participating in activities outside of the classroom are all hallmarks of the Division III experience.

DEDICATE

Division III institutions expect student-athletes to dedicate themselves to achieving their potential. Student-athletes must manage their busy schedules, keep up with class work and face the same challenges as the rest of the student body.

WHAT DOES DIVISION III ATHLETICS HAVE TO OFFER?

- Division III athletics provides a well-rounded collegiate experience that involves a balance of rigorous academics, competitive athletics, and the opportunity to pursue the multitude of other co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities offered on Division III campuses.
- Division III playing season and eligibility standards minimize conflicts between athletics and academics, allowing student-athletes to focus on their academic programs and the achievement of a degree.
- Division III offers an intense and competitive athletics environment for student-athletes who play for the love of the game, without the obligation of an athletics scholarship. However, three-quarters of all student-athletes in Division III receive some form of grant or nonathletics scholarship.
- Division III athletics departments place special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants rather than on the spectators. The student-athlete's experience is of paramount concern.
- Division III athletics departments are dedicated to offering broad-based programs with a high number and wide range of athletics participation opportunities for both men and women.
- Division III places primary emphasis on regional in-season and conference competition, while also offering 37 national championships annually.
- Division III affords student-athletes the opportunity to discover valuable lessons in teamwork, discipline, perseverance and leadership, which in turn make student-athletes better students and responsible citizens.
- Division III features student-athletes who are subject to the same admission standards, academic standards, housing and support services as the general student body. The integration of athletics with the larger institution enables student-athletes to experience all aspects of campus life.