

# WHAT IS THE NCAA?

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is a member-led organization dedicated to providing a pathway for opportunity for college athletes.

NCAA

101

Members:

**1,098** colleges and universities\*

**102** athletics conferences

\* Number does not include reclassifying, provisional or exploratory schools.

## NCAA schools

● Division I	350
● Division II	310
● Division III	438

## Whose ranks include:

### College presidents

lead their schools and the NCAA

### Athletics directors

oversee athletics staff on their campus and guide policy decisions

### Faculty athletics representatives

serve as liaisons between academics and athletics

### Compliance officers

manage NCAA rules and policies on campus

### Conference staff

lead the governing bodies that organize competition among schools

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 **19,886** teams that send more than **57,661** participants to complete each year in the NCAA's **90** championships in **24** sports across **3** divisions.

### National office staff

The 500 employees at the NCAA's Indianapolis headquarters interpret and support member legislation, run all championships and manage programs that benefit student-athletes.

### Coaches

develop student-athletes on and off the field

### Sports information directors

document and share player and team achievements

### Health and safety personnel

support college athlete well-being

### Academic support staff

prepares athletes for the classroom and future careers

## 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.

Learn more at [ncaa.org/about](http://ncaa.org/about).