

NCAA DIVISION II MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

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Sport	Minimum Number of Contests/Participants for Sponsorship	Minimum Number of Contests for Selections – Division II Championship Sports	Maximum Number of Contests/Dates
Acrobatics & Tumbling	6 contests	National Collegiate Championship	12 dates
Baseball	24 contests	24 contests	50 contests
Men's Basketball	22 contests	22 contests (18 in-region)	26 contests
Women's Basketball	22 contests	22 contests (18 in-region)	26 contests
Women's Beach Volleyball	8 contests	National Collegiate Championship	16 dates (championship segment)
Women's Bowling	8 contests with 5 participants	National Collegiate Championship	32 dates
Cross Country	4 contests with 5 participants	4 contests with 5 participants (no double duals to count towards minimum)	7 dates
Equestrian	6 contests with 12 participants	N/A – Emerging Sport	15 dates
Fencing	6 contests with 5 participants	N/A – Emerging Sport	11 dates
Field Hockey	10 contests	10 contests (6 in-region)	18 contests (championship segment)
Flag Football	12 contests	N/A – Emerging Sport	24 contests
Football	9 contests	9 contests (8 against Division II opponents)	11 contests
Men's Golf	7 contests with 4 participants	7 contests posting an official team score; 12 rounds (6 in championship segment)	21 dates
Women's Golf	7 contests with 4 participants	7 contests posting an official team score; 12 rounds (6 in championship segment)	21 dates
Men's Gymnastics	6 contests with 6 participants	National Collegiate Championship	13 dates
Women's Gymnastics	6 contests with 5 participants	National Collegiate Championship	13 dates
Men's Ice Hockey	20 contests	N/A – No Division II Championship	32 contests
Women's Ice Hockey	20 contests	National Collegiate Championship	34 contests
Men's Lacrosse	10 contests	10 contests	17 dates
Women's Lacrosse	10 contests	10 in-region contests	17 dates (championship segment)

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Rifle	8 contests with 4 participants	National Collegiate Championship	13 dates
Women's Rowing	6 contests	6 contests (3 in-region at 2,000 meters) with an Eight and a Four competing with no doubling of student-athletes Contest = trip down the course.	20 dates
Women's Rugby	9 contests	N/A – Emerging Sport	16 dates
Skiing	5 contests with 5 participants	National Collegiate Championship	32 (Alpine) 32 (Nordic)
Men's Soccer	10 contests	10 contests (must include at least one versus an in-region, non-conference Division II opponent)	18 contests (championship segment)
Women's Soccer	10 contests	10 contests (10 in-region)	18 contests (championship segment)
Softball	24 contests	24 contests	56 contests
Stunt	8 contests with 16 participants	National Collegiate Championship	16 dates
Swimming/Diving	8 contests with 9 participants	8 contests with 9 participants, per gender	16 dates
Tennis	10 contests with 5 participants	10 contests against Division II opponents	25 dates
Track and Field – Indoor	4 contests with 10 participants	4 contests with 10 participants (no double duals to count toward minimum)	18 dates (combined indoor and outdoor)
Track and Field – Outdoor	4 contests with 10 participants	4 contests with 10 participants (no double duals to count toward minimum)	18 dates (combined indoor and outdoor)
Women's Triathlon	4 contests with 3 participants	N/A – Emerging Sport	6 dates
Men's Volleyball	9 contests	National Collegiate Championship	28 dates (championship segment)
Women's Volleyball	15 contests	15 Division II matches (60 % of total matches must be against Division II teams)	26 dates (championship segment)
Men's Water Polo	15 contests	National Collegiate Championship	21 dates
Women's Water Polo	10 contests	National Collegiate Championship	21 dates



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Men’s Wrestling	9 contests with 6 participants	9 contests with 6 participants	16 dates
Women’s Wrestling	9 contests with 6 participants	National Collegiate Championship	16 dates