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# **Division III December Webinar**

**2025 NCAA Convention Proposals &  
Other AMA Updates!**

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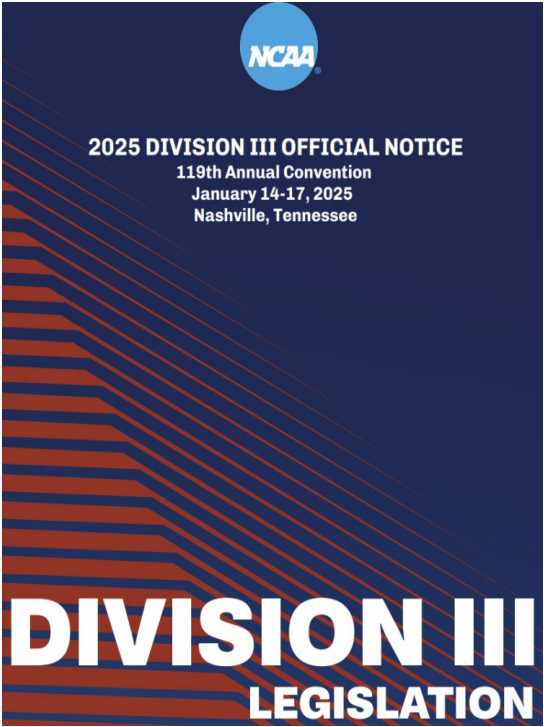
# The Goals.

- Continue our 2025 Convention prep.
  - Where are my resources?
  - How do I break down a proposal?
  - What happens on Friday morning?
- Review the 2025 Convention proposals.
- Review other AMA updates.



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# Where Are My Resources?



[Legislative Actions and Issues](#)



2025 NCAA Convention Division III Legislative Proposals  
Question and Answer Guide  
Approved **November 18**, 2024, by the  
Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee

Please note this is the first edition of the 2025 NCAA Convention Division III Legislative Proposals Question and Answer Guide. Future editions may be developed as questions are presented to the NCAA staff or the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee. On release of subsequent editions of this guide, newly approved questions and answers will be shaded in gray.

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# How Do I Break Down a Proposal?

## INTENT

What is the proposal trying to change/fix?

## TEXT

What language will: stay, ~~go~~ or **be added in**?

## SOURCE

Who thinks this is a good idea?

## EFFECTIVE DATE

If adopted, when would the proposal become a rule?

## RATIONALE

Why is this a good idea?



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# What Happens on Friday Morning?

- Each active institution and multisport conference, as well as National SAAC, gets one vote.
- If a proposal is **adopted**, legislation changes as of the Effective Date.
- If a proposal is **defeated**, legislation does not change.



# Presidential Grouping



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# 2025-1: National SAAC Composition.

Current.

- All multisport conferences and the group of independent institutions have a **partner**.
- Partner pairings alternate three-year terms on National SAAC as the **primary member**.
- Primary members attend all SAAC meetings, **associate members** attend January and July meetings.



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# 2025-1: National SAAC Composition.

Proposed by: ARC & GNAC.

- Allow each multisport conference and the group of independents to have a **primary representative** on National SAAC.
- Using current numbers, this proposal would increase the committee from **21** to **42** student-athletes.



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# 2025-2: Multisport Conference Size.

Current.

- To establish, or maintain, active Division III status, a multisport conference must have a minimum of **seven** institutions.



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# 2025-2: Multisport Conference Size.

Proposed by: UMAC, Coast-to-Coast & NCAC.

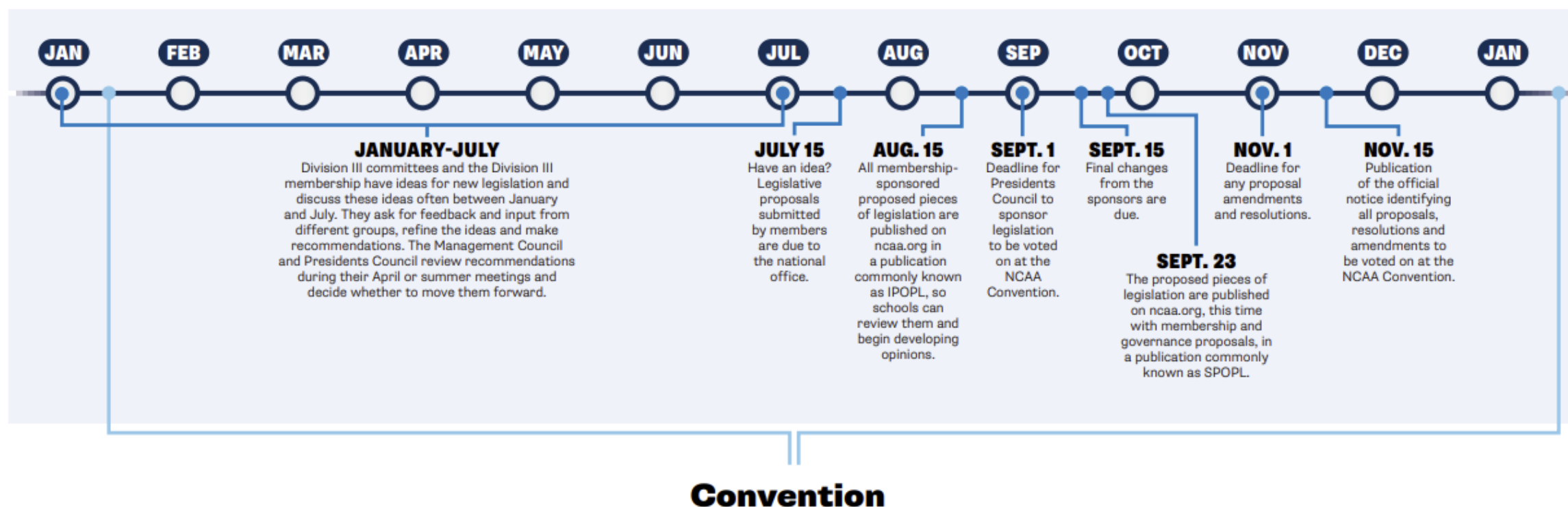
- Decrease the minimum number to **six** institutions.
- Align requirements with those for a **single sport conference** and **AQs** status for Division III Championships.



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# 2025-3: DIII Legislative Process.


Current.





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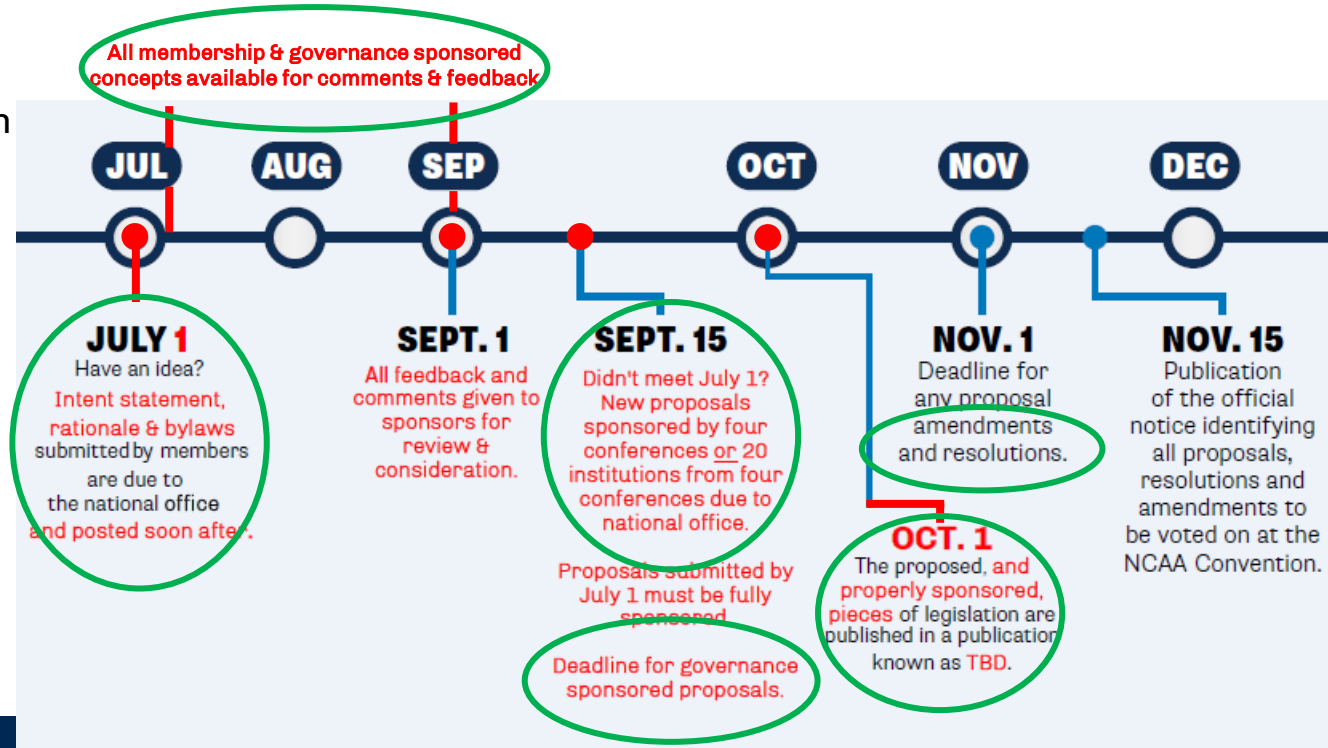
# 2025-3: DIII Legislative Process.


Proposed by: Management Council (ILC).


 New initial submission date & requirements


 Establish a comment period

 New alternate submission date



 Consistent submission date for all proposals

 Tidy up the POPLs

 Increasing amendments to proposals

Can increase modification:

- Sponsors of original proposal;
- Four member conferences;
- 20 institutions from at least four conferences; or
- Management or Presidents Council (by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote)



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# **NOT 2025-4:**

## ~~Postbaccalaureate Participation Exception.~~

- The proposal has been referred by Presidents Council back to the governance structure.
- Stay tuned!



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# General Grouping



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# 2025-4: Federated Playing Rules.

## Current.

### PLAYING RULES & DIVISION III

November 2024

#### What is a playing rule?

Playing rules are what happens on the field, court, pool, pitch, mat, rink, lane, track or slope when an opponent and officials are present. Playing rules are not what hap-pens during recruiting or practicing, or while working on compliance issues or NCAA championship policies.

#### What is the difference between a common rule and a federated rule?

A **common** rule is consistent across all three divisions, while a **federated** rule allows for differences by division.

#### What is the common rule making process and who is involved?

Every two years, each sport undergoes a Playing Rules Cycle.

Info Gathering	Rules Committee members solicit feedback from stakeholders.
Rules Committee Annual Meeting	Rules Committee meets to discuss feedback and vote on which rule proposals to move through the process.
Comment Period	A two-week period where head coaches, commissioners & ADs can offer feedback on the proposals moving through the process.
Rules Committee Reviews Comments	Rules Committee reviews comment period feedback and decides which proposals to elevate to PROP for final consideration.
PROP Reviews & Approves	PROP reviews all proposals for financial implications, safety concerns and harm to image of the game.
Next Year Rule Book Published	Proposals approved by PROP are published in the next rule book and sent to head coaches and commissioners.

#### Stakeholders.

Members of Division III, including coaches, commissioners and athletic administrators.

#### Rules Committee.

An Association-wide committee that meets to determine which rule changes are elevated to PROP and if proposals are common or federated. DIII is represented on each committee by 2 to 4 members, depending on the sport. For sports using non-NCAA playing rules\*, a subcommittee of the DIII Sport Championship Committee serves in this role.

#### Sport Championship Committee.

A DIII sport-specific committee comprised of coaches and administrators who are experts in their sport, govern each sport and are responsible for administering their respective championships, including establishing brackets and selecting teams to fill them.

#### PROP.

The Playing Rules Oversight Panel. An Association-wide committee that reviews playing rules proposals and playing rules issues, including implementation of playing rules proposed by rules committees. DIII representation is 3 members.

\*sports using non-NCAA playing rules: fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, rifle, rowing, skiing, tennis and men's volleyball.

### PLAYING RULES & DIVISION III

November 2024

#### How does the Division III federated rules process fit in the existing playing rules process?

Info Gathering	Division III members of the Rules Committee meet with the Division III Sport-Specific Championship Committee to discuss potential rule changes. Division III-specific proposals can be submitted to the Rules Committee during the "Call for Proposals" period.
Rules Committee Annual Meeting	Division III members of the Rules Committee may send a Division III-specific rule for comment and members may identify proposals of interest for Division III.
Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There may be Division III-specific rules where only Division III head coaches, commissioners and ADs provide comments.</li><li>The membership will be notified when potential rules carry a financial and/or philosophical impact to encourage participation during the comment period.</li></ul>
Rules Committee Reviews Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Division III members of the Rules Committee meet with the Division III Sport-Specific Championship Committee in an advisory capacity to review the Division III-specific feedback.</li><li>During the Association-wide meeting, Division III members may:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approve/alter/reject/delay a rule only for Division III.</li><li>Reject/alter/delay an adopted common rule as it applies for Division III.</li></ul></li></ul>
PROP Reviews & Approves	Division III members of PROP vote on DIII-specific issues
Next Year Rule Book Published	Proposals approved by PROP are published in the next rule book and sent to head coaches and commissioners.

#### Are there other ways for Division III members of playing rules committees to get feedback?

Yes. In October 2024 Management Council created a subcommittee to further inform and advise the Division III members of playing rules committees and PROP regarding potential impact of rules proposals on Division III.

#### Can any playing rule be federated?

While PROP has suggested that some rules areas are integral to competition and should remain common for all divisions, it has also acknowledged that there could be exceptions based on compelling reasons to federate a particular rule. Only the DIII members of PROP determine if a proposed rule that addresses one of the areas, below, has compelling reasons to be federated.

PROP has suggested that the following rules areas should be *common*:

- Rules with a health and safety impact
- Field dimensions, court markings, permissible logos on the field/court
- Scoring and timing rules, including rules surrounding overtime
- Conduct/unsporting rules
- Rules addressing penalty enforcement
- Uniform rules
- Equipment rules (ball/stick specifications, player equipment)
- Technical rules (individual team sports)

PROP has suggested that the following rules areas could be *federated* or *permissive*:

- Halftime/intermission length
- Allowable substitutions
- Technology rules (instant replay, challenge review, technology on bench/sideline, etc.)
- Rules identified as administrative that can be altered by mutual consent of the institutions involved in the contest



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# 2025-4: Federated Playing Rules.

Proposed by: NCAC, AMCC, HCAC, LEC, MASCAC & PAC.

- Establish an **additional process** by which Division III may consider exempting itself from sport-specific playing rules that have either a **financial** or **philosophical** impact for institutions.
- Decision to exempt would be made by **Management Council** and **ratified** by the full membership at Convention.



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# 2025-5: Reclassifying Process Waiver.

Current.

- Reclassifying institutions are coming to Division III from either **Division I** or **Division II**.
- The Division III Membership Committee oversees the reclassifying membership process, which currently takes **three years** to complete.



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# 2025-5: Reclassifying Process Waiver.

Proposed by: Management Council (Membership).

- Provide an opportunity for a reclassifying member to request a waiver of **Year Three** and become active after **Year Two**.
- No membership requirements would change, but the reclassifying member would need to satisfy all requirements **earlier** in the process.
- The **Division III Membership Committee** would decide the waiver.



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# 2025-6: Women's Wrestling.

Current.

- The sport of women's wrestling has been recognized on the **Emerging Sports for Women** list in Division III since **2023**.
- Emerging sports must follow the **Division III playing seasons rules** and they may be used for sports sponsorship purposes.
- During 2023-24 **76 NCAA institutions** sponsored the sport and, for 2024-25, **93 institutions** intend to sponsor.



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# 2025-6: Women's Wrestling.

Proposed by: Management Council (CWA).

- Establish a **National Collegiate Championship** in women's wrestling, as well as a women's wrestling **sport committee**.
- If adopted by **all three divisions**, the proposal would be **immediately effective** with a planned first championship in 2026.



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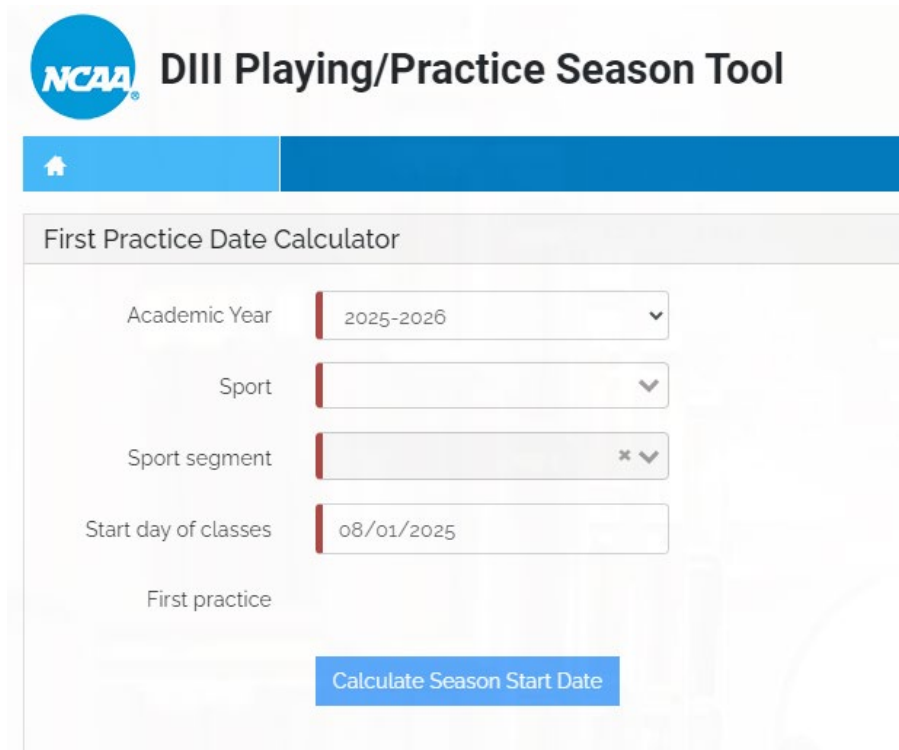
# Other AMA Updates



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# Start Date Calculator!

Up & Running for 2025 Fall Sports.



The screenshot shows the 'NCAA DIII Playing/Practice Season Tool' interface. It features a blue header with the NCAA logo and a home icon. Below the header is a section titled 'First Practice Date Calculator'. This section contains five input fields: 'Academic Year' (set to 2025-2026), 'Sport' (empty), 'Sport segment' (empty with a clear button), 'Start day of classes' (set to 08/01/2025), and 'First practice' (empty). A blue button labeled 'Calculate Season Start Date' is positioned at the bottom right of the form.

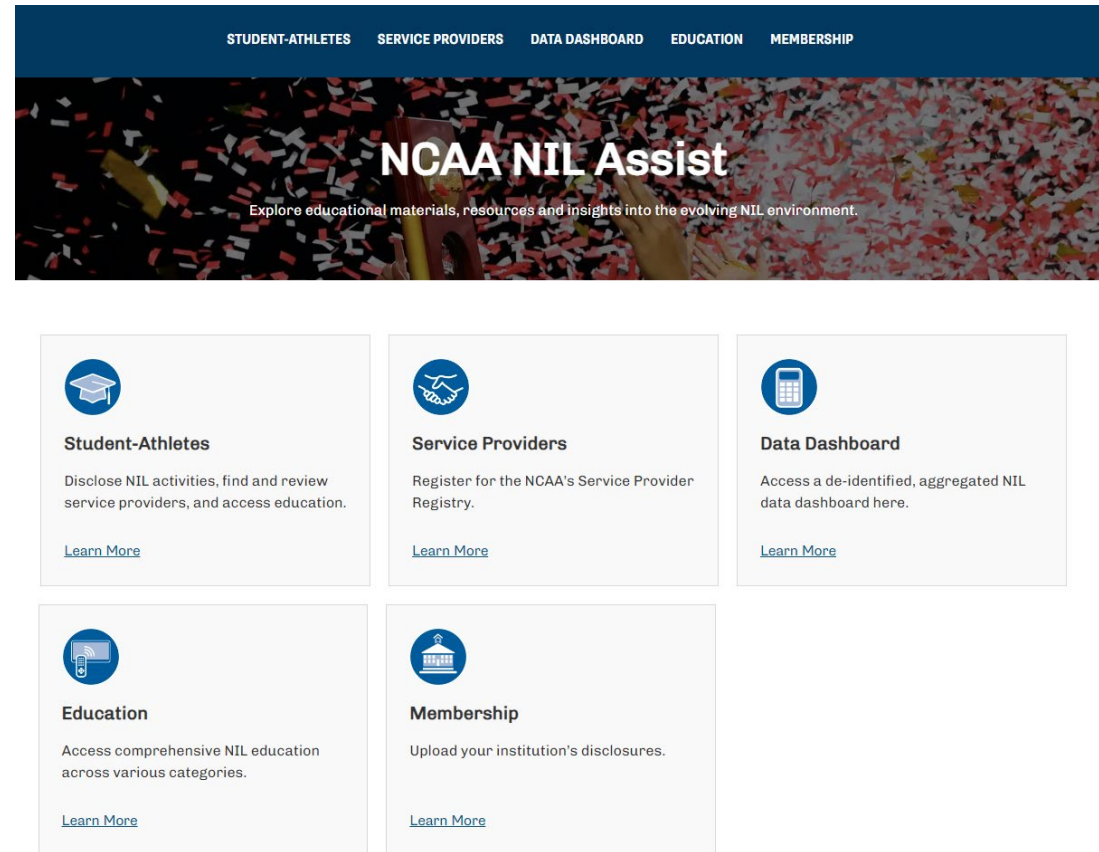


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# NIL Assist.

[NILassist.ncaa.org](http://NILassist.ncaa.org)

- Service Provider Registry.
- Student-Athlete Education.
- Aggregated NIL Data!



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# Questions?



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