

# Equestrian

**Sport's Governing Body:** [National Collegiate Equestrian Association](#), a representative of the United States Equestrian Federation.

**Season of competition:** Winter.

## SPORT SPONSORSHIP BY DIVISION

	2023-24 SPORT SPONSORSHIP	2024-25 PROJECTED SPORT SPONSORSHIP
<b>DIVISION I</b>	19	19
<b>DIVISION II</b>	3	3
<b>DIVISION III</b> <i>Equestrian is not an emerging sport in Division III.</i>	12* <i>*Does not include Mixed Equestrian (XEQ) programs.</i>	12* <i>*Does not include Mixed Equestrian (XEQ) programs.</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>

*Note: Sport sponsorship numbers as of October 2024 are derived from data submitted by NCAA member schools each year and are only as accurate as the information provided. The data are refreshed each fall and will remain static until the next annual release.*



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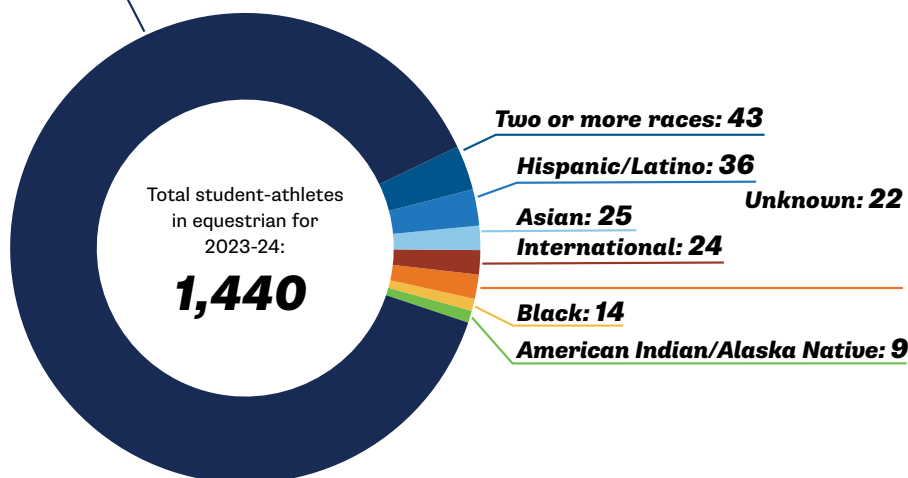
## AVERAGE ROSTER REPORTED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

The average roster varies by division:

- Division I: Average of 39 student-athletes.
- Division II: Average of 20 student-athletes.
- Division III: Average of 25 student-athletes.

## STUDENT-ATHLETE DEMOGRAPHICS

**White: 1,267**



Student-athlete demographics as of October 2024 are submitted by NCAA member schools to NCAA research.

## COMPETITION FORMAT

- Head-to-head matches where one competitor from each team rides a common horse, judged by a licensed official.
- The competitor with the higher score earns a team point.
- Each competition includes four events, with five scoring competitors per event from each team.
- Exhibition competitors are also judged, but their scores do not count toward the meet totals.
- To ensure safety for both student-athletes and horses, competitors are given four minutes of warmup time.

## CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

- The equestrian championship features a head-to-head single-elimination bracket between qualified teams.

## FACILITIES NEEDED

- Facilities can be owned or leased, with a minimum requirement of one arena.
- The facility must have equipment to maintain arena footing, jumps for the fences event and a flat arena for the flat event.
- Housing and maintenance facilities for horses are required.

## PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

- Over 15,000 prospective student-athletes are in equestrian pipeline pathways.
- Current coaching staffs receive an average of 400 recruiting videos annually per campus from prospective youth and high school female participants.

Equestrian is an NCAA Emerging Sport for Women.

For more information about the program, visit

[ncaa.org/emerging-sports-for-women](https://ncaa.org/emerging-sports-for-women).

To learn more about equestrian, visit

[collegiateequestrian.com](https://collegiateequestrian.com).



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