2025 Division II Membership Survey:
Member Requirements Results

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Methods

- Division II governance collaborated with NCAA Research to gather feedback from Division II presidents and chancellors, athletics directors, athletic trainers, commissioners, conference staff, and other athletics staff about the current state and future of Division II.

- Individuals at all active Division II institutions and those in the membership process (304 institutions) were invited to complete the online survey via a Salesforce email invitation. Those as schools transitioning out of Division II were not invited to complete the survey.

- The survey was designed using Qualtrics survey software and took 30-60 minutes to complete. It opened January 22 and closed February 21. Due to a lower than desired response rate among presidents and chancellors, the survey reopened for that group of individuals and closed March 7, 2025.

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Overall Responses

- N = 2,234

- Individuals from 302 (99%) institutions and conference staff representing 23 (100%) conferences responded.

Institutional Characteristics

	Division II	Survey Respondents
Public/Private	**50 % / 50%**	**46% / 54%**
HBCU/Non-HBCU	**10% / 90%**	**5% / 95%**
MFB/No Football	**54% / 46%**	**55% / 45%**
Midwest	**22%**	**25%**
Northeast	**17%**	**17%**
South	**45%**	**44%**
West	**16%**	**14%**

Midwest: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD
Northeast: CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT, DE, DC, MD, NJ, NY, PA
South: AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV, AZ, NM, OK, TX
West: CO, ID, MT, UT, WY, AK, CA, HI, NV, OR, WA

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Responses by Key Analysis Groups

Title	N
President/Chancellor	106
Director of Athletics	230
Conference Staff	61
Athletic Trainer*	179
Coach**	1,003
FAR	96
Other Athletics Administrator	480

*Athletic Trainer: 152 head, 27 assistant/associate
**Coach: 953 head, 44 assistant, (6 indicated being both a head and assistant coach)

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The minimum number of <u>active Division II schools</u> to be considered an active Division II conference should be:

	Pres./ Chanc. (N=99)	AD (N=209)	Coach (N=831)	FAR (N=77)	Ath. Trainer (N=158)	Other Ath. Admin. (N=409)	Conf. Staff (N=56)
6	6%	12%	14%	9%	6%	10%	18%
8 (current requirement)	77%	80%	71%	78%	82%	80%	66%
10	12%	7%	11%	8%	10%	9%	14%
12	4%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	0%
Other, please specify	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	<1%	2%

Note: Those who selected 'Other, please specify' indicated uncertainty/not sure or responses ranging from 4 to 14.

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The minimum number of <u>sports</u> an active Division II conference must sponsor to be considered an active conference should be:

	Pres./ Chanc. (N=99)	AD (N=208)	Coach (N=829)	FAR (N=78)	Ath. Trainer (N=159)	Other Ath. Admin. (N=407)	Conf. Staff (N=56)
6	2%	3%	6%	5%	4%	2%	4%
7	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
8	17%	15%	12%	17%	14%	14%	18%
9	6%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
10 (current requirement)	66%	75%	75%	74%	79%	79%	63%
11	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
12	8%	6%	5%	1%	2%	4%	16%
Other, please specify	0%	0%	0%	3%	1%	0%	0%

Note: Those who selected 'Other, please specify' indicated uncertainty/not sure or 5.

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The minimum number of <u>sports</u> a Division II school must sponsor to be considered an active member school should be:

	Pres./ Chanc. (N=99)	AD (N=209)	Coach (N=825)	FAR (N=78)	Ath. Trainer (N=158)	Other Ath. Admin. (N=407)	Conf. Staff (N=56)
6	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%	3%	2%
7	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
8	21%	14%	11%	21%	11%	15%	23%
9	5%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
10 (current requirement)	60%	70%	77%	71%	80%	75%	59%
11	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
12	10%	10%	5%	1%	4%	6%	16%
Other, please specify	0%	1%	0%	3%	1%	0%	0%

Note: Those who selected 'Other, please specify' indicated uncertainty/not sure or that cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field should not count separately.

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The minimum number of <u>sports</u> a Division II school that is a single-gender program must sponsor to be considered an active member school should be:

	Pres./ Chanc. (N=95)	AD (N=202)	Coach (N=812)	FAR (N=77)	Ath. Trainer (N=157)	Other Ath. Admin. (N=397)	Conf. Staff (N=55)
3	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	0%
4	16%	9%	6%	14%	6%	7%	4%
5 (current requirement)	68%	72%	79%	75%	79%	75%	58%
6	3%	10%	6%	4%	6%	8%	26%
7	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%	4%
Other, please specify	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Not applicable	11%	5%	4%	3%	6%	5%	9%

Note: Those who selected 'Other, please specify' indicated uncertainty/not sure.

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The minimum number of <u>active Division II schools</u> to form a <u>new</u> active conference should be:

	Pres./ Chanc. (N=96)	AD (N=206)	Coach (N=817)	FAR (N=77)	Ath. Trainer (N=158)	Other Ath. Admin. (N=405)	Conf. Staff (N=56)
6	3%	4%	8%	5%	3%	5%	5%
8	28%	31%	20%	27%	23%	27%	21%
10 (current requirement)	60%	61%	69%	62%	72%	66%	64%
12	7%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	9%
Other, please specify	1%	1%	0%	3%	1%	0%	0%

Note: Those who selected 'Other, please specify' indicated 5, uncertainty/not sure or expressed disinterest in the ability to form new conferences.

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