



# 2025 Division II Membership Survey: Student-Athlete Advisory Committee 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.

# Overall Responses

- N = 2,234
- Individuals from 302 (99%) institutions and conference staff representing 23 (100%) conferences responded.

## Institutional Characteristics

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

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

## 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)*

*Note: For more information on respondents and demographics, please see the comprehensive survey results on NCAA Research's Divisional Research [webpage](#).*

# **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee**

## My campus SAAC meets at least:

	AD (N=210)
Weekly	8%
Monthly	88%
Once a semester	2%
Yearly	0%
As needed	1%
Don't know	1%

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## I attend my SAAC meetings:

	AD (N=210)
Weekly	1%
Monthly	17%
Once a semester	31%
Yearly	8%
As needed	43%
Don't know	1%



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**AD Opinion on Campus SAAC**  
(Percentage responding “Agree” or “Strongly Agree”)

	AD (N=211)
<b>I am involved in the work of my campus SAAC.</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>My athletics senior leadership team supports the work of my campus SAAC.</b>	<b>91%</b>

*Note: Responses on a 6-point scale (strongly agree to strongly disagree) with a 'Don't know/not applicable' option.*

# Opinion on Campus SAAC

(Percentage responding “Agree” or “Strongly Agree”)

“My campus SAAC...”	AD (N=230)	Coach (N=1,003)	FAR (N=96)	Ath. Trainer (N=179)	Other Ath. Admin. (N=480)	Conf. Staff (N=61)
Is an organized leadership group	76%	75%	72%	61%	64%	44%
Is a recognized leadership group	75%	71%	60%	58%	61%	40%
Can influence change	74%	62%	57%	45%	46%	42%
Embraces national DII SAAC’s goals	73%	70%	73%	62%	58%	46%
Understands its purpose	73%	67%	60%	56%	56%	47%
Has their input considered when school decisions impacting the SA experience are made	69%	58%	53%	44%	52%	38%
Is aware of resources created by national SAAC	67%	63%	59%	55%	54%	49%

Light orange indicates a decrease of 10 to 19 percentage points from 2018.

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# Opinion on Campus SAAC

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<b>Is a productive leadership group</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>Is supported by my school through the allocation of resources</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Is relied upon to communicate information to other SAs</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Coordinates most of our athletics dept. community engagement and service events</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Members are more engaged in non-athletic campus events than other SAs</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Has been active in the NCAA’s Congressional engagement efforts</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>33%</b>

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# Opinion on Ideas to Enhance the Student-Athlete Experience

(Percentage responding “Agree” or “Strongly Agree”)

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<b>Our SAs’ involvement in community engagement initiatives.</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Providing at least two opportunities annually for campus SAAC leaders to discuss SA-related topics with the athletics senior leadership team.</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>A requirement for my campus SAAC to have a SA executive team.</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>67%</b>

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<b>My institution administering an NCAA-managed survey among SAs about their experience and areas my school can improve.</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>A requirement to have at least one SA from my school serve as an active member on an institutional committee or ad hoc group.</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Requiring a senior athletics administrator to oversee my campus SAAC.</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>56%</b>

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<b>A requirement for my institution to provide career counseling and life skills programming to student-athletes.</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>The establishment of an annual attestation that requires my institution to provide SAs with education and programming in mental health, nutrition, transfer requirements, etc..</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Student-athlete involvement and engagement at my athletic department staff/coaches meetings.</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>40%</b>

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