NCAA Health and Safety

The chart below provides an overview of the entities and collaborative processes involved in NCAA health and safety education, policy and legislative development.

NCAA Board of Governors

The Board of Governors is the highest governance body in the NCAA and is charged with ensuring that each division operates consistently with the basic purposes, fundamental policies and general principles of the Association. The board authorizes and directs Association-wide research on health and safety matters and provides direction related to the duties and areas of emphasis of CSMAS, to divisional presidential bodies in circumstances where health and safety legislation is necessary, and to banned drug classes and methods for year-round drug testing of student-athletes.

NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports

CSMAS is comprised of divisional representatives and experts, and provides expertise and leadership to the Association to promote a healthy and safe environment for student-athletes. Subject to the direction of the Board of Governors and in conjunction with the SSI, CSMAS 1) promotes education and sponsors research to address relevant health and safety issues, 2) operates a national injury surveillance program to monitor injury trends and enhance safety in college athletics, and 3) oversees the NCAA drug-testing program.

NCAA Sport Science Institute

The SSI works collaboratively with CSMAS to promote and develop safety, excellence and wellness in college student-athletes, and to foster lifelong physical and mental development through collaboration, research, education, policy development and interassociation recommendations.

NCAA Divisional Governance Bodies

The Division I Board of Directors and the Divisions II and III Presidents Councils are responsible for legislative agendas in their selective divisions. They identify the legislative process, including emergency/noncontroversial legislation, for best facilitating health and safety priorities. Student-Athlete Advisory Committees and additional governance bodies from all three divisions also participate and provide feedback regarding health and safety-related issues.

External Organizations and Experts in the Field

- Sports medicine organizations
- Medical associations
- National sport governing bodies
- Scientific organizations
- Higher education organizations
- NCAA-affiliated organizations
- Scientific experts
- Medical experts
- Sports medicine experts
- Researchers