

DIVISION III FACTS AND FIGURES

MEMBERSHIP

Division III is the NCAA's largest division (approximately 40% of total membership).



450
TOTAL MEMBERS

442 Active
7 Provisional
1 Reclassifying

42 Division III voting conferences

80%

(360) of active Division III institutions are private

20%

(90) of institutions are public

Source: September 2016 Membership Report

STUDENT-ATHLETE COMPOSITION

On average, student-athletes comprise **24%** of the student body at Division III institutions. (This percentage ranges from two to more than 60%)



279 median number of student-athletes at schools that don't sponsor football.

549 median number of student-athletes at schools that sponsor football.

Source: 2015 NCAA Financial Reporting System

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT



Source: 2016 Sports Sponsorship Form

DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETES

- Report participating in club sports and intramural sports at greater rates than the student body.
- Report active academic engagement and participation in academic "extras," such as research with faculty, study abroad opportunities and capstone/senior thesis projects.
- Have a graduation rate approximately 5 percent higher than the overall student body.
- Report significantly greater gains in time management when compared with the student body.
- Report greater involvement in volunteering.
- Are more likely to report that they see themselves as part of the campus community.
- Have equal opportunity and access to financial aid as the general student body – but are not awarded aid based on athletics leadership, ability, performance or participation.

ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION (including emerging sports)

Approximately **38.9%** of NCAA student-athletes compete at Division III institutions.

	Division III	NCAA Overall
Men	111,770 (58.4%)	278,445 (56.5%)
Women	79,628 (41.6%)	214,086 (43.5%)
Total	191,398	492,531

Source: 2015-16 Participation and Sponsorship Report

AVERAGE TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES PER INSTITUTION

	WITH FOOTBALL	WITHOUT FOOTBALL
	\$4,108,000	\$2,709,000

Source: 2015 NCAA Financial Reporting System

SPORTS SPONSORED PER INSTITUTION

18 average number of sports that Division III schools sponsor.

Source: 2015-16 Participation and Sponsorship Report

NCAA BUDGET ALLOCATION

\$29.7 million

(3.18% of NCAA operating budget.)

Source: NCAA Financial Statements

PRIORITY INITIATIVES

- Clarify the values of Division III athletics.
- Appropriately leverage presidential leadership in the Division III governance structure.
- Ensure the division is effectively managing equity and inclusion issues.
- Enhance the well-being of prospects, student-athletes and staff.
- Promote the Division III philosophical principle that the academic performance of student-athletes should be consistent with the general student body.
- Enhance formal accountability of the governance structure.
- Maintain a balanced budget.

Source: NCAA Division III Strategic Plan

DIII-SPONSORED CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS (14)

Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Indoor Track and Field, Outdoor Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling

WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS (14)

Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Indoor Track and Field, Outdoor Track and Field, Volleyball

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (9)

Men - Gymnastics, Water Polo; Women - Beach Volleyball, Bowling, Gymnastics, Water Polo; Men and Women - Fencing, Rifle, Skiing

POSITIONING STATEMENT

Follow your passions and discover your potential.

The college experience is a time of learning and growth — a chance to follow passions and develop potential. For student-athletes in Division III, all of this happens most importantly in the classroom and through earning an academic degree. The Division III experience provides for passionate participation in a competitive athletics environment, in which student-athletes push themselves to excellence and build upon their academic success with new challenges and life skills. And student-athletes are encouraged to pursue their full passions and find their potential through a comprehensive educational experience.

THE THREE D'S

DISCOVER

Division III student-athletes are encouraged to pursue their interests and passions beyond the classroom and field of play ... to discover themselves.

DEVELOP

Division III institutions provide an environment that encourages student-athletes to develop into well-rounded adults. Small class sizes, the ability to participate in more than one sport, and an emphasis on participating in activities outside of the classroom are all hallmarks of the Division III experience.

DEDICATE

Division III institutions expect student-athletes to dedicate themselves to achieving their potential. Student-athletes must manage their busy schedules, keep up with class work and face the same challenges as the rest of the student body.

WHAT DOES DIVISION III ATHLETICS HAVE TO OFFER?

- Division III athletics provides a well-rounded collegiate experience that involves a balance of rigorous academics, competitive athletics, and the opportunity to pursue the multitude of other co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities offered on Division III campuses.
- Division III playing season and eligibility standards minimize conflicts between athletics and academics, allowing student-athletes to focus on their academic programs and the achievement of a degree.
- Division III offers an intense and competitive athletics environment for student-athletes who play for the love of the game, without the obligation of an athletics scholarship. However, three-quarters of all student-athletes in Division III receive some form of grant or nonathletics scholarship.
- Division III athletics departments place special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants rather than on the spectators. The student-athlete's experience is of paramount concern.
- Division III athletics departments are dedicated to offering broad-based programs with a high number and wide range of athletics participation opportunities for both men and women.
- Division III places primary emphasis on regional in-season and conference competition, while also offering 37 national championships annually.
- Division III affords student-athletes the opportunity to discover valuable lessons in teamwork, discipline, perseverance and leadership, which in turn make student-athletes better students and responsible citizens.
- Division III features student-athletes who are subject to the same admission standards, academic standards, housing and support services as the general student body. The integration of athletics with the larger institution enables student-athletes to experience all aspects of campus life.

DIVISION III 2016-17 BUDGET OVERVIEW

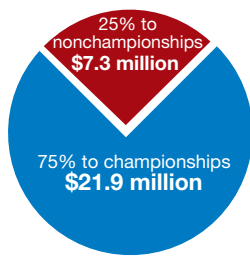
REVENUE

2014-15	\$27,117,000
2015-16	\$28,543,836
2016-17	\$29,695,153

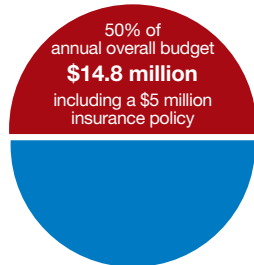
Source: 3.18% of NCAA operating revenue allocation.

BUDGET ALLOCATION

2016-17 Allocation



Mandated Annual Reserve



MEMBERSHIP DUES

450 TOTAL MEMBERS
\$900 annual dues = \$405,000

42 DIVISION III VOTING CONFERENCES
\$450 annual dues = \$18,900

25 DIVISION III NONVOTING CONFERENCES
\$450 annual dues = \$11,250

VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

With an annual budget of \$29.7 million and annual membership dues of \$900 or less, the estimated per-institution value of Division III membership is \$66,889 annually.

CHAMPIONSHIPS (28 Division III specific)

	Men's Budget	Women's Budget
Baseball	\$1,963,071	NA
Basketball	\$1,039,241	\$1,350,348
Cross Country	\$560,320	\$581,323
Field Hockey	NA	\$447,830
Football	\$1,906,585	NA
Golf	\$563,541	\$333,377
Ice Hockey	\$340,417	\$296,004
Lacrosse	\$480,824	\$746,444
Rowing	NA	\$317,709
Soccer	\$1,101,694	\$1,263,436
Softball	NA	\$1,453,315
Swimming and Diving	\$531,072	\$543,662
Tennis	\$631,301	\$664,143
Indoor Track and Field	\$625,267	\$626,450
Outdoor Track and Field	\$795,214	\$823,161
Volleyball	\$180,281	\$1,031,544
Wrestling	\$391,535	NA
Overall Totals	\$11,110,363	\$10,478,746

Source: NCAA Financial Statements

NONCHAMPIONSHIPS INITIATIVES

	2016-17 Budget
Strategic Initiative Conference Grants	\$2,541,000
Women & Minority Intern Program	\$1,130,000
Strategic Alliance Matching Grant	\$708,600
Student-Athlete Leadership Conference	\$365,000
Division III Identity Program	\$360,000
Division III Diversity Initiatives	\$231,000
360 Proof	\$200,000
ADR Institute	\$90,000
Campus-based Student-Athlete Leadership Programs	\$80,000
FAR Institute	\$80,000
Annual Convention	\$70,000
New AD and Commissioner Orientation	\$60,000
NAD3AA Partnership	\$52,000
Division-wide Sportsmanship Initiative	\$50,000
CoSIDA Partnership	\$44,000
Division III Event Cancellation Insurance	\$41,000
Special Olympics Partnership	\$35,000
SWA Enhancement Grant Program	\$28,000
Academic Reporting Honorarium	\$25,000
Conference Commissioners Meeting	\$20,000
Other Working Groups	\$16,000
Additional Spring In-Person SAAC Meeting	\$15,000
Administrator and Commissioner Meeting	\$10,000
Miscellaneous Division III Initiatives	\$4,000
Overall Total	\$6,255,600

Source: NCAA Financial Statements

DIVISION III STAFF SUPPORT

Overall, of **514** NCAA staff members, **38** support Division III directly.

14 provide full-time, **100%** Division III support. (Does not include administrative assistants.)