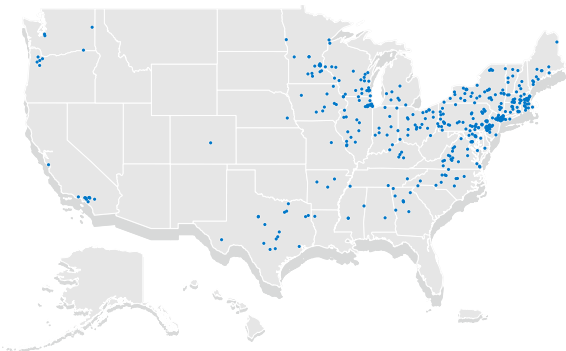


Division III 2026-27 Facts and Figures

MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW



416 Active Members **42** Division III Voting Conferences

422 Total
4 Provisional
2 Reclassifying to DIII

80% (331) private **20%** (85) public

Source: 2026-27 NCAA Membership Data.

PRIORITY INITIATIVES

- ✔ Provide quality Division III Championships.
- ✔ Provide Division III conference office support.
- ✔ Effectively advance opportunities and access.
- ✔ Ensure student-athlete support.
- ✔ Maintain the value of Division III athletics.
- ✔ Provide professional development for Division III constituents.
- ✔ Enhance formal accountability of the governance structure and national office support.
- ✔ Support Association-wide initiatives.

Source: 2025-26 NCAA Division III Strategic Plan

DIII-SPONSORED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's 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's 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 (10)

Men – Gymnastics, Water Polo
Women – Beach Volleyball, Bowling, Gymnastics, Stunt, Water Polo, Wrestling
Men and Women – Fencing, Rifle, Skiing

AVERAGE NUMBER OF NCAA TEAMS PER SCHOOL

20
Source: 2025-26 NCAA Sport Sponsorship and Participation Data.

STUDENT-ATHLETE TO UNDERGRADUATE RATIO

1 in 5



NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

	DIVISION III	NCAA (ALL DIVISIONS)
MEN'S SPORTS	124K (59%)	316K (57%)
WOMEN'S SPORTS	86K (41%)	239K (43%)
TOTAL	210K	555K

Source: 2025-26 NCAA Sport Sponsorship and Participation Data.

ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT-ATHLETE PARTICIPATION²

	UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	# SCHOOLS	MEDIAN NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETE PARTICIPATION
With Football	fewer than 2,500	176	584
	2,500-4,999	34	691
	5,000-7,499	18	706
	7,500-14,999	8	723
	15,000 or more	2	687
Without Football	fewer than 2,500	121	310
	2,500-4,999	38	426
	5,000-7,499	8	502
	7,500-14,999	9	286
	15,000 or more	2	550

Source: 2025-26 NCAA Sport Sponsorship and Participation Data.

DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETES

- Former Division III student-athlete alumni report thriving at greater rates on measures of purpose, social, community, and physical well-being than their nonathlete peers.
- Former Division III student-athlete alumni earned a postgraduate degree (41%) at a higher rate than their nonathlete peers (37%).
- 87% of former Division III student-athlete alumni agreed or strongly agreed that they were challenged academically in college, as compared to 83% of nonathletes.
- 63% of former Division III student-athlete alumni held a leadership position in a club or organization, as compared to 38% of nonathletes.
- 85% of Division III student-athletes agree or strongly agree that being an athlete has helped them fit in socially at their college, and 80% report a sense of belonging there.
- Most Division III student-athletes agree or strongly agree that their coaches and teammates create an inclusive environment for all team members (79%).
- Over 85% of Division III student-athletes report that their college athletics experience had a positive or very positive effect on personal competencies such as work ethic, responsibility, teamwork, goal setting, and leadership skills.

Source: Gallup Study (2020), NCAA GOALS Study (2025)

About the Data

The information in this publication comes from NCAA membership, sport sponsorship and participation, financial, graduation rate, and student-athlete experience data. Figures may reflect different reporting years based on the timing of data collection and publication.

DATA SOURCES

TOPIC	PRIMARY SOURCE
Membership, schools and conferences	2026-27 NCAA Membership Data
Teams, sport sponsorship, and student-athlete participation	2025-26 NCAA Sport Sponsorship and Participation Data
Revenues and expenses	2024-25 NCAA Membership Financial Reporting System (FRS) Data
Graduation rates	NCAA Graduation Rates Report (2025 release)
Student-athlete experiences and outcomes	Gallup Study (2020); NCAA GOALS Study (2025)

HOW TO USE THESE NOTES

Superscript numbers correspond to the numbered notes below. For example, the superscript ¹ following Active Schools on the “Our Three Divisions” page corresponds to End Note 1.

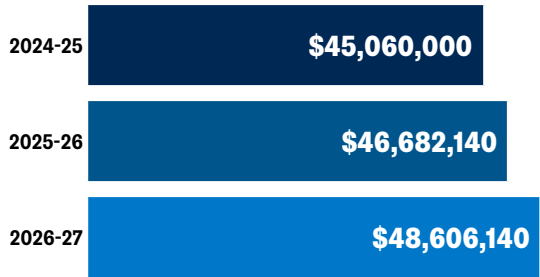
END NOTES

1	ACTIVE SCHOOLS AND MEMBERSHIP PERCENTAGES School counts for each division include active institutions only. Divisional percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.
2	STUDENT-ATHLETE PARTICIPATION Student-athletes who compete in more than one sport are counted once for each sport. Participation figures are based on each institution’s primary NCAA division and may differ from totals published in NCAA Sport Sponsorship and Participation Reports, which classify participation by sport division. Participation counts include active member institutions only. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.
3	ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS Athletics-aid percentages are based on unique student-athletes receiving athletics aid and are adjusted to avoid double counting student-athletes who participate in multiple sports.
4	DIVISION I SUBDIVISION BREAKDOWN Institutions transitioning from FCS to FBS are in the reclassification process and will be included in FCS totals until the reclassification process comes to an end.
5	DIVISION II EXPENSE GROUPS Division II schools are grouped by football sponsorship status and athletics expenses. Schools are divided into expense quartiles within both the football-sponsoring and non-football-sponsoring categories.

Technical Collection Notes. Membership figures reflect 2026-27 NCAA membership status reported annually by NCAA member schools through the NCAA Sport Sponsorship and Demographic (SSD) Form. Sport sponsorship and participation figures are based on data reported through the SSD Form for the 2025-26 academic year. Financial figures are based on 2024-25 NCAA Membership Financial Reporting System (FRS) submissions, completed by January 2026.

Division III 2026-27 Budget Overview

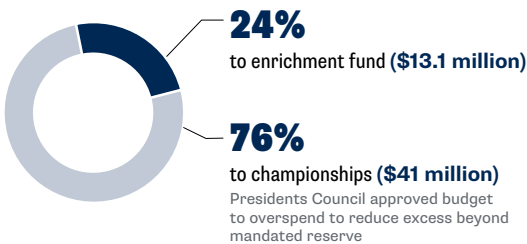
REVENUE



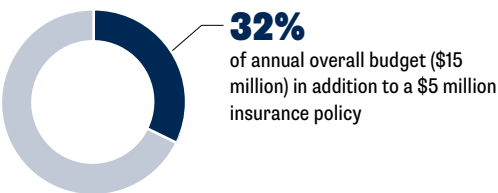
Source: 3.18% of NCAA operating revenue allocation

BUDGET ALLOCATION

2026-27 Allocation



Mandated Annual Reserve



VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

With an annual budget of **\$48 million** and annual membership dues of **\$2,000 or less**, the estimated annual per institution value of Division III membership is **\$103,307**.

ASSOCIATION-WIDE BENEFITS

Division III members also benefit from Association-wide services and support. The NCAA funds these services with more than \$200 million annually.

Legal Services, Communications	\$71.9M
Insurance Programs, Drug Testing, Student-Athlete Leadership	\$68M
Technology and National Office Support	\$49.5M
Membership Support (e.g., committees and interpretations)	\$27.6M
Post-eligibility Insurance	\$26M
Educational Programs	\$6M

CHAMPIONSHIPS

(29 DIVISION III SPECIFIC)

	MEN'S BUDGET	WOMEN'S BUDGET
Baseball	\$3,093,721	N/A
Basketball	\$2,083,792	\$2,107,300
Cross Country	\$846,056	\$869,164
Field Hockey	N/A	\$817,999
Football	\$3,720,707	N/A
Golf	\$1,061,520	\$804,240
Ice Hockey	\$801,729	\$566,423
Lacrosse	\$1,641,734	\$1,776,890
Rowing	N/A	\$435,241
Soccer	\$2,099,171	\$2,131,502
Softball	N/A	\$2,820,758
Swimming and Diving	\$969,913	\$982,738
Tennis	\$1,005,765	\$1,067,082
Indoor Track and Field	\$1,130,319	\$1,010,498
Outdoor Track and Field	\$1,521,379	\$1,433,906
Volleyball	\$585,705	\$1,869,010
Wrestling	\$930,982	\$10,000
Overall Totals	\$21,492,493	\$18,702,751

Source: NCAA Financial Statements

ENRICHMENT FUND

2026-27 Budget

CONFERENCE OFFICE SUPPORT

Strategic Initiative Conference Grants	\$4,586,703
Conference Commissioners Meeting	\$40,000
Conference Officiating Proposal	\$10,000

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Pathway to Excellence Grant	\$1,600,000
Strategic Alliance Matching Grant	\$708,600
DIII Diversity Initiatives	\$275,000
Coaching Enhancement Grant	\$100,000
LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Program	\$25,000

STUDENT-ATHLETE SUPPORT

Championships Media	\$1,545,450
Mental Health	\$930,000
Health and Safety	\$852,000
Athletics Communication	\$852,000
Student-Athlete Leadership Conference	\$400,000
Annual Convention	\$125,000
CSC Academic All-American Program	\$44,000
Campus-Based Student-Athlete Leadership Programs	\$20,000
CSC Student Program	\$15,000

VALUE OF DIVISION III

Branding and Promotion	\$300,000
Photography at Championships	\$54,000
Special Olympics Partnership	\$35,000

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NADIII/AA Partnership	\$112,500
Emerging Elite Program	\$85,000
New AD Orientation	\$85,000
ADR Professional Development	\$75,000
FAR Program	\$75,000
SWA Enhancement Grant Program	\$30,000
Regional Rules Seminar Live Streaming	\$30,000
Membership Learning Management System	\$20,000
NADIII/AA and DII/CA Leadership Meeting	\$20,000
College Sports Communicators DIII Day	\$12,000
New Commissioner Orientation	\$10,000

DIVISION III NATIONAL OFFICE SUPPORT

Division III Event Cancellation Insurance	\$51,500
Additional Working Groups	\$10,000
NCAA Staff Professional Development	\$7,000

Overall Totals	\$13,140,753
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Source: NCAA Financial Statements