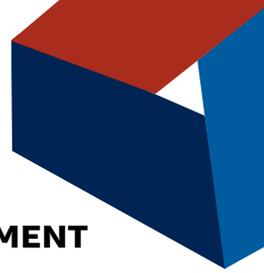


# Division III 2025-26 Facts and Figures



## MEMBERSHIP

Division III is the NCAA's largest division (approximately 39% of total membership).



Source: 2025 Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Forms

## STUDENT-ATHLETE COMPOSITION

On average, student-athletes comprise **31%** of the student body at Division III institutions. (This percentage ranges from 1.0% to more than 94%.)



Source: 2025 Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Forms

## DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETES

- Former Division III student-athletes report thriving at greater rates on measures of purpose, social, community, and physical well-being than their nonathlete peers.
- Former Division III student-athletes earned a postgraduate degree (41%) at a higher rate than their nonathlete peers (37%).
- 87% of former Division III student-athletes agreed or strongly agreed that they were challenged academically in college, as compared to 83% of nonathletes.
- 63% of former Division III student-athletes held a leadership position in a club or organization, as compared to 38% of nonathletes.
- 87% of Division III student-athletes agree or strongly agree that being an athlete has helped them fit in socially at their college, and 82% 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 (78%).
- Over 90% 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, and goal setting.

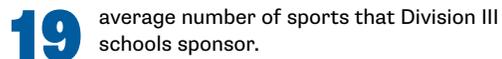
Source: Division III Gallup Study (2020) and Division III Growth, Opportunities, Aspirations and Learning of Students in college (GOALS) Study (2019)

## UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT



Source: 2025 Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Form

## SPORTS SPONSORED PER INSTITUTION



Source: 2025 Sports Sponsorship and Demographic Form

## ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION

(Including emerging sports)

Approximately **37.7%** of NCAA student-athletes compete at Division III institutions.

	Division III	NCAA Overall
Men	124,691 (59%)	317,794 (57%)
Women	85,761 (41%)	240,439 (43%)
Total	210,452	558,233

\*Numbers include student-athletes that may participate in more than one sport.

Source: 2025 Sports Sponsorship and Demographic Forms

## 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, Water Polo, Wrestling; Men and Women - Fencing, Rifle, Skiing

# Division III 2025-26 Budget Overview



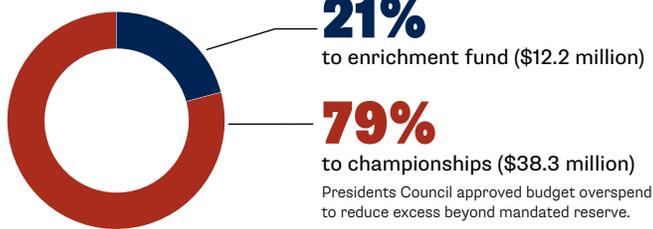
## REVENUE



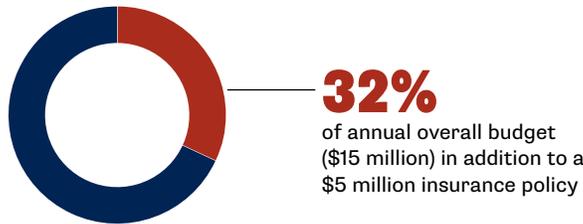
Source: 3.18% of NCAA operating revenue allocation

## BUDGET ALLOCATION

### 2025-26 Allocation



### Mandated Annual Reserve



## VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

With an annual budget of **\$46 million** and annual membership dues of **\$2,000 or less**, the estimated annual per institution value of Division III membership is **\$107,847**.

## ASSOCIATION-WIDE BENEFITS

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

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

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

(28 DIVISION III SPECIFIC)

	Men's Budget	Women's Budget
Baseball	\$3,715,541	NA
Basketball	\$1,792,755	\$1,800,503
Cross Country	\$847,583	\$868,151
Field Hockey	NA	\$845,062
Football	\$3,475,453	NA
Golf	\$897,101	\$716,544
Ice Hockey	\$771,476	\$708,554
Lacrosse	\$1,463,151	\$1,540,586
Rowing	NA	\$574,301
Soccer	\$1,879,163	\$1,875,412
Softball	NA	\$2,495,057
Swimming and Diving	\$895,839	\$954,489
Tennis	\$1,026,951	\$1,087,093
Indoor Track and Field	\$1,104,624	\$1,030,630
Outdoor Track and Field	\$1,388,110	\$1,305,821
Volleyball	\$673,031	\$1,696,353
Wrestling	\$884,878	NA
<b>Overall Totals</b>	<b>\$20,815,656</b>	<b>\$17,498,556</b>

Source: NCAA Financial Statements

## ENRICHMENT FUND

### 2025-26 Budget

#### Conference Office Support

Strategic Initiative Conference Grants	\$4,376,703
Conference Commissioners Meeting	\$40,000

#### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Pathway to Excellence Program	\$1,600,000
Strategic Alliance Matching Grant	\$708,600
DIII Diversity Initiatives	\$275,000
Coaching Enhancement Grant	\$100,000
LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Program	\$35,000

#### Student-Athlete Support

Championships Media	\$1,756,000
Mental Health	\$930,000
Health and Safety	\$860,000
Student-Athlete Leadership Forum	\$400,000
Annual Convention	\$105,000
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	\$283,000
Special Olympics Partnership	\$35,000

#### Professional Development

Emerging Elite Program	\$85,000
Athletic Trainers Initiatives	\$85,000
New AD and Commissioner Orientations	\$85,000
ADR Professional Development	\$75,000
FAR Program	\$75,000
NADIII A Partnership	\$75,000
Regional Rules Seminar Live Streaming	\$30,000
SWA Enhancement Grant Program	\$30,000
Membership Learning Management System	\$20,000
College Sports Communicators DIII Day	\$12,000
Administrator and Commissioner Meeting	
NADIII A and DIIICA	\$10,000

#### Division III National Office Support

Division III Event Cancellation Insurance	\$61,000
Additional Working Groups	\$10,000
NCAA Staff Professional Development	\$7,000

**Overall Total** **\$12,243,303**

Source: NCAA Financial Statements