

LIFE IN THE BALANCE. Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. For this reason, the emphasis on the student-athlete experience in Division II is a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. The balance and integration of these different areas of learning opportunity provide Division II student-athletes a path to graduation, while cultivating a variety of skills and knowledge for life ahead.

Average Total Expenses by Quartile (Source: 2006-07 EADA Data)		
	With Football	Without Football
1st Quartile of Schools	\$9,031,000	\$6,045,000
2nd Quartile of Schools	\$4,798,000	\$3,621,000
3rd Quartile of Schools	\$3,564,000	\$2,495,000
4th Quartile of Schools	\$2,179,000	\$1,290,000
Total Average of Quartiles	\$4,893,000	\$3,362,750

Annual Totals for the Division II Make-A-Wish Campaign	
2003-04	\$45,757
2004-05	\$80,658
2005-06	\$116,950
2006-07	\$208,022
2007-08	\$316,958
2008-09	\$359,187
Total	\$1,127,532

Membership Facts	
Total Members—293	
Candidacy Yr. One—8; Candidacy Yr. Two—4; Provisional—5; Active—276	
Composition—Active Institutions	
Public Institutions—(52%)	
Private Institutions—(48%)	
Undergraduate Enrollment	
Men—558,796 (43%); Women—743,678 (57%)	
Student-Athletes	
Men—52,441 (59%); Women—36,086 (41%)	
Participation in Division II Championships	
Men—52%; Women—48%	

Scholarship Equivalencies per Division II Institution (Source: 2005-06 Gender Equity Report)		
	Men	Women
Highest Institutional Total	98.1	84.5
Average	36.9	27.4

NCAA DII Sponsored Championships (Source: 2008-09 Division II Championships Program)		
	Sports	Participants
Men	12	5,870
Women	13	6,312

Number of Sports Sponsored Per Institution (Source: 2007-08 Participation Report)		
	Men	Women
Low	4	5
High	12	14
Average	6.9	7.6

Undergraduate Enrollment (Source: 2009 NCAA Membership Database)		
Enrollment	Division II Schools	Percent
15,000 & Above	7	2.4
7,500-14,999	37	12.8
2,500-7,499	124	43.1
2,499 & Below	120	41.7
Average Enrollment: 4,522		

Average Number of Student-Athletes Per Division II Institution (Source: 2007-08 Participation Report)		
	With Football	Without Football
Avg. Men	234	114
Avg. Women	136	105
Avg. Total	370	217
Smallest	150	57
Largest	760	526

DIVISION II ATTRIBUTES

- Learning.** multiple opportunities to broaden knowledge and skills
- Service.** positive societal attitude through contributions to community
- Passion.** enthusiastic dedication and desire in effort
- Sportsmanship.** respect for fairness, courtesy; ethical conduct toward others
- Resourcefulness.** versatile skill set drawn from broad range of experiences
- Balance.** emphasis on collective knowledge; integration of skills

DIVISION II FACTS & FIGURES

TALKING POINTS

- Traditional rivalries with regional institutions dominate schedules of many Division II athletics programs.
- Division II teams usually feature a number of local or in-state student-athletes.
- Many Division II coaches perform other jobs or functions at their institutions, including teaching.
- Many Division II student-athletes pay for school through a combination of scholarship money, grants, student loans and employment earnings.
- Division II athletics programs are fully integrated into the institution's operations and budget, like other academic departments on campus.
- The Division II membership is focused on an "academics first" philosophy and the division's commitment to academic excellence supports the primary mission for NCAA schools: *We are preparing student-athletes to go pro in something other than sports.*
- Division II student-athletes consistently graduate at a higher rate than the overall student body at Division II schools. This past year, Division II student-athletes on average graduated at a 9 percent higher rate than the total student population at Division II schools.
- Division II has a diverse membership, with two active member institutions in Alaska and four in Hawaii; it is the only division that has member institutions in Puerto Rico. In addition, the Division II Membership Committee has just welcomed the first Canadian institution, Simon Fraser University, into the membership process
- A regionalization philosophy is used to select teams for Division II national championships brackets from four, six or eight geographic regions of the country. This emphasis on being the best team in your geographic area helps schools prioritize scheduling of regional opponents, limit missed class time and manage travel expenses.
- Division II athletics events are affordable, fans are in close proximity to the action and the environment is "fan friendly."

REASONS TO BELIEVE IN DIVISION II

1. Graduation Rates.
2. Athletics Scholarships.
3. Championships Opportunities.
4. Community Partnerships.
5. Proud Alumni and Fans.

"FIRSTS"

- Division II initiated the sports festival concept in the NCAA with a spring festival in May 2004, conducted its second sports festival in the fall of 2006 in Pensacola, Florida, and its third and fourth festivals in the spring of 2008 and winter of 2009 in Houston, Texas. Division II is currently the only division conducting these Olympic-type events where multiple sports gather in the same city to determine national champions.
- The Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee initiated a fundraising campaign with the Make-A-Wish® Foundation and is currently finishing its sixth year in partnership with the program. In 2008-09 Division II student-athletes raised \$359,187 for the Make-A-Wish® project.
- Division II donated \$1,000,000 for hurricane relief to Habitat for Humanity® to support the NCAA's and Habitat for Humanity's® "Home Team" project."
- Division II distributed more than \$1,000,000 in diversity grants to institutions and conferences in 2008-09 to help hire full-time athletics administrators and coaches.
- Division II has partnered with the CBS College Sports Network to create a unique relationship to bring Division II regular season football, basketball, and volleyball games to national television and broadband audiences.

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Come find out why communities and colleges across the nation are proud to say why they "chase" Division II.

