

NCAA Membership Requirements

Division	Sports Sponsorship	Football Attendance Requirements	Scheduling Requirements: Football	Scheduling Requirements: Men's Basketball	Scheduling Requirements: Women's Basketball	Men's Swimming and Diving; Men's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field	Scheduling Requirements: Other Sports	Financial Aid Minimums	Annual Dues
Bowl Subdivision (formerly I-A)	16 varsity including football; minimum of six male/mixed, minimum eight all female (emerging sport max: two).	15,000 average actual or paid attendance for all home football games. Institution must perform annual certified audit.	At least 60 percent against Football Bowl Subdivision members, including a minimum of four home contests against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents. One contest against a NCAA Football Championship Subdivision opponent may be counted provided the opponent has average 90 percent of the maximum grant in aid over a rolling two-year period.	All but four games against Division I teams, 1/3 of all contests in home arena.	All but four games against Division I teams.	At least 50 percent of contests against Division I opponents.	Contest used to meet minimum number of contests must be against Division I teams. Fifty percent of all additional competition must be against Division I teams.	Provide an average of at least 90 percent of football maximum grants over a rolling two-year period, and annually offer a minimum of 200 athletics grants in aid or \$4 million total.	\$1,800
Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA)	Seven male/mixed and seven female, including two team sports per gender and not more than two emerging sports. (Or six male/mixed and eight female).	N/A	At least 50 percent of games schedules and played against Football Bowl Subdivision or NCAA Football Championship Subdivision.	All but four games against Division I teams, 1/3 of all contests in home arena.	All but four games against Division I teams.	At least 50 percent of contests against Division I opponents.	Contest used to meet minimum number of contests must be against Division I teams. Fifty percent of all additional competition must be against Division I teams.	Fifty percent of max grants in 14 sports; or aggregate expenditure of \$964,700 (\$482,350 for women) on 38 full grants (19 for women) exclusive of football and basketball; or 50 of full grants (25 for women) excluding football and basketball; or exception for institutions with exceptional reliance on federal assistance for student's needs.	\$1,800

Division I	Seven male/mixed and seven female, including two team sports per gender and not more than two emerging sports. (Or six male/mixed and eight female.)	N/A	N/A	All but four games against Division I teams, 1/3 of all contests in home arena.	All but four games against Division I teams.	At least 50 percent of contests against Division I opponents.	Contest used to meet minimum number of contests must be against Division I teams. Fifty percent of all additional competition must be against Division I teams.	See NCAA Football Championship Subdivision.	\$1,800
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II	Five male/mixed and five female, including at least two team sports per gender or; four male/mixed and six female, with at least two teams sports for each gender.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	Fifty percent of maximum equivalencies in four sports (at least two women's) or; a minimum a total expenditure of \$250,000 (with \$125,000 for women's sports) or; 20 full equivalency grants with at least 10 for women's sports.	\$900
III	Five male/ five female, including at least three team sports for each gender. One sport per gender per season. Effective 8/1/10: Institutions with full time undergraduate enrollment greater than 1,000 shall sponsor six teams for males/mixed and six teams for females. Institutions with full time undergraduate enrollment of 1,000 or less remain at five and five.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	\$900

NCAA Provisional Membership Requirements

Division	One Year Exploratory Period	Annual Limit	Rules Compliance Progression	Representative Schedule	Required Attendance	Termination	Coaches Certification	Application Fee	Financial Aid
I	Attend orientation session at NCAA Convention, submit formal confirmation of intent to become a Division I member, and present basic strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement no later than June 30. Application fee of \$25,000 due by September 1 of exploratory year.	None	Requirements for each year detailed in Bylaw 3.6.4.2	Four Sport/ Three Season	Orientation, Convention, Regional Seminars	Noncompliance by provisional member results in immediate reclassification to corresponding member or termination.	Years four through seven of provisional membership	\$25,000	Satisfy Division I requirements in year one of provisional membership period.
II	Nonrefundable exploratory fee of \$1,000.	Established by Management Council on an annual basis.	Sport-sponsorship and minimum financial aid requirements in years one and two. compliance with all bylaws in years three and four.	At least one male/mixed and one female sport shall be conducted in each sport season to apply for provisional membership.	Educational Assessment (Bylaw 3.6.4.3).	Non-complying members may be required to repeat a year of provisional membership or be placed in corresponding or terminated membership by a 2/3 vote of the Management Council Membership Committee.	Required in years three and four of provisional membership period.	\$14,000 (determined by Management Council)	For provisional membership to be considered, the institution shall provide at least the required minimum financial aid for active members.
III	Nonrefundable exploratory fee of \$500. Attend Exploratory meeting. Convention attendance optional.	Six	Institution shall apply the legislation to the greatest extent possible in years one and two, and comply fully for years three and four.	Institutions must have five male/ five female, including at least three team sports for each gender. One sport per gender per season. Effective 8/1/10: Institutions with full time undergraduate enrollment greater than 1,000 shall sponsor six teams for males/mixed and six teams for females. Institutions with full time undergraduate enrollment of 1,000 or less remain at five and five. In year two, the institution must fulfill contest and participant minimums.	Convention and provisional member education program	Non-complying members may be required to repeat a year of provisional membership and may be placed in corresponding or terminated membership by a 2/3 vote of the Management Council Membership Committee.	Rules test required in year two, recommended in years three and four.	\$12,000	Provisional members shall not award new athletically related financial aid to incoming students beginning with the first year of provisional membership and thereafter. After year two, athletically related financial aid may not be provided to any student.

NCAA Reclassification Requirements

Division	Eligibility for Reclassification into Division	Reclassification out of Division
I	<p>Must complete an exploratory year; Intent form due June 1 (includes multidivisional reclassification) of exploratory year; \$15,000 application fee (\$5,000 for multidivisional reclassification); Must meet all applicable membership requirements for the four years preceding reclassification; Must meet certain criteria during each of four years (Bylaw 20.5.2.2.).</p>	<p>May petition to join Divisions II or III.</p>
II	<p>Demonstrate compliance with Division II sports sponsorship requirements at the time intent letter submitted; Submit intent four years prior to reclassification; Meet all applicable membership requirements for two years prior to application; Transfer division on September 1 of year selected by institution.</p>	<p>May petition to join Divisions I or III; Division II institutions that submit intent to reclassify to Division I shall be ineligible for all future Division II championships and for Division II enhancement fund proceeds.</p>
III	<p>Intent to reclassify submitted four years prior; Meet all applicable membership requirements for four years prior to application; Transfer division on September 1 of year selected by institution; Participate in reclassifying member education program and complete ISSG in year one (of four year compliance program).</p>	<p>May petition to join Division II. Institutions that forward intent to reclassify shall be ineligible for all future Division III championships; Institutions cannot reclassify to Division I without first spending three years in Division II.</p>

Division	Multi-Divisional Requirements
II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutions may sponsor one male and/or one female sport in Division I (excluding football and basketball) and in any sport in which the only NCAA championship is the national collegiate championship; and • Member may be classified in Division I in a sport with Division I and III championships but no Division II championship.
III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutions may sponsor one male and/or one female sport in Division I (excluding football and basketball); and • Institution may belong to Division I in any sport in which the only NCAA championship is the national collegiate championship.