NCAA

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NCAA Overview

- 1,100 schools competing in Divisions I, II, and III
- 500,000 student-athletes across 24 sports (men's and women's)
- 100 athletic conferences
- 19,500 teams
- Student-athlete advisory committees at all levels

NCAA Governance

Association-wide and constitutional principles
Divisions I, II, and III
Student-athlete voice
Role of athletic conferences
Sport-specific rules

NCAA Board of Governors

- Highest governing board
- Representation from Divisions I, II, and III
- 20 members (16 voting)
- Responsible for policy-making over core principles of the Association
- Also have Association-wide committees reporting to it

Constitutional and Core Principles

AREAS OF SUBSTANTIVE REGULATION

- Student-athlete well-being
- Sportsmanship and ethical conduct
- Academic standards
- Amateurism
- Fairness
- Recruiting
- Eligibility
- Financial aid
- Championships
- Regular season and practice

Division I Legislative Process

- **Members adopt bylaws governing Division I through two systems:**
  - Autonomy
  - Council Governance with Approval by the Division I Board of Directors

Division I Legislative Process

- **Both systems include input from:**
  - Presidents and Chancellors
  - Directors of Athletics
  - Athletics Administrators
  - Coaches
  - Faculty Representatives
  - Conference Personnel
  - Student-Athletes

Division I Committees

- Strategic Vision and Planning Committee
- Competition Oversight Committee
- Men's Basketball Oversight Committee
- Women's Basketball Oversight Committee
- Football Oversight Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Student-Athlete Experience Committee

Board of Directors

- Top governing body for Division I
  - Made up of **20** presidents and chancellors (**1** from each FBS conference and **10** seats rotating among the remaining **22** conferences)
  - Monitors legislation
  - Reviews and approves policies and procedures governing infractions program
  - Focuses on strategic topics in college sports and their relationship to higher education

Division II Legislative Process

- **Democratic style of governance aided by its "One Institution, One Vote" approach**
- **Bylaws govern Division II are adopted through a membership-driven legislative process which culminates annually in a voting session during the NCAA Convention**
  - Proposals from the membership must be sponsored by at least 15 active member institutions, or at least two active member conferences
  - Membership proposals must be submitted by July 15
  - Governed by the NCAA Division II Manual

Division II Legislative Process

- **The system includes input from:**
  - Presidents
  - Athletics Administrators
  - Coaches
  - Faculty Representatives
  - Conference Personnel
  - Student-Athletes

Levels of Governance

- Legislation
  - Found within Bylaws
    - Independent medical care
- Policy
  - Policy on Campus Sexual Violence
- Playing Rules
  - Intersection of health and safety and fair play

National Office Administration

- Championships
  - 90 Championships in 24 sports
  - Hundreds of preliminary and final round sites annually
  - Approximately 50,000 student-athletes compete in championships
- Catastrophic Injury Insurance Program
- Revenue distribution to schools and conferences from NCAA media and other contracts
    - Student Assistance and Student-Athlete Opportunity Funds

Sport Science Institute

Since 2013, the SSI worked with NCAA membership, Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, medical and research experts and with sports medicine and other medical organizations to develop the nine strategic priorirtes of the SSI:

- Cardiac health
- Concussion
- Doping and substance abuse
- Mental health
- Nutrition, sleep and performance
- Overuse injuries and periodization
- Sexual assault and interpersonal violence
- Athletics healthcare administration
- Data-driven decisions

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