



Student Athletes

Nease High School



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“Make sure your worst enemy
doesn't live between your own
two ears.”

–**Laird Hamilton**



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Quick Information



THERE'S MORE THAN ONE OPTION...

Over 3,000 options to be exact !

Colleges are divided into a number of sectors and division of college sports, all representing different types of higher education

1. NCAA - Division I, II, III
2. NAIA
3. NJCAA- Division I, II, III

NCAA DIVISIONS

1. NCAA DIVISION I
 - a. Home to the largest universities and colleges.
 - b. Running a D(Division)I athletic program comes with the highest price tag (for schools). They require to sponsor at a minimum::
 - i. 7 men's sports & 7 women's sports or
 - ii. 6 men's sports & 8 women's sports
 - c. The largest football, basketball and hockey programs are D-I teams
2. NCAA Division II
 - a. Smaller universities
3. NCAA Division III
 - a. Largest of all NCAA divisions (member schools predominantly private schools (80%)
 - b. D III programs may not award any athletic scholarships.

NAIA

1. 23 sports, 21 conferences, 255 Universities
 2. Small college athletics
 - a. Compared to NCAA which is primarily large Universities
 3. Most comparable with NCAA II and NCAA III schools in terms of size, enrollment numbers, and level of competition.
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1. NAIA teams have majority foreign players
 - a. Restrictions from other leagues
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NJCAA

***Often called JUCO**

1. Athletics for community colleges and junior colleges
 - a. 2 year colleges offer associate degrees before a student transfers to a 4-year university and completes an undergraduate degree
2. Competition is set-up in 3 different divisions with different implications for the schools as regard to financial aid
 - a. NJCAA DI
 - i. May award full tuition, fees, room and board, and course-related books/supplies
 - b. NJCAA DII
 - i. May award full tuition, fees, and course-related supplies
 - c. NJCAA DIII
 - i. May not offer any athletically-related financial aid
3. Great way of getting in the door and being seen. Coaches from other levels would rather take a player in this league than not. Can see how you play in college sport setting. *last chance U- specifically designed for you to move onto bigger and better schools*



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NCAA

500,000+

NCAA Student-Athletes

*all sports. Number from School Counselor Guide 23-24

NCAA



NCAA High
School Timeline

Initial eligibility faq
here

Registration

registration checklist
here

Guide for
College-Bound
Student-Athlete

National letter of intent
here

International
Students

DI & DII
Worksheet

NCAA Approved
Courses

Directory



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NAIA



NAIA

NAIA College
Bound Guide

The NAIA
Experience

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NJCAA



NJCAA

***Mission statement**

Compete NJCAA

**NJCAA Member
Directory**

**NJCAA
Eligibility
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NJCAA FAQ

Comprehensive rules
pamphlet [here](#)

Register NJCAA

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