

Division I,II,III and The Ivy League Comparison Chart

	Division I	Division II	Division III	Ivy League
Membership	335 Member Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66% Public • 34% Private 	302 Member Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52% Public • 48% Private 	442 Member Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% Public • 80% Private 	8 Member Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Private
Sports Sponsorship	<u>Minimum:</u> 7 Sports for Men (8 in FBS) 7 Sports for Women (8 in FBS) <u>Average:</u> 8.7 Sports for Men 10.3 Sports for Women	<u>Minimum:</u> 5 Sports for Men 5 Sports for Women <u>Average:</u> 6.8 Sports for Men 7.8 Sports for Women	<u>Minimum:</u> 5 Sports for Men 5 Sports for Women <u>Average:</u> 8.2 Sports for Men 8.9 Sports for Women	<u>Minimum:</u> 7 Sports for Men 7 Sports for Women <u>Average:</u> 17.75 Sports for Men 17.75 Sports for Women
Undergraduate Enrollment	An Average of 13,225 Students	An Average of 4,236 Students	An Average of 2,625 Students	An Average of 7,379 Students
In-Season Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20hrs/Week • 4hrs/Day • 1 day off/Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20hrs/Week • 4hrs/Day • 1 day off/week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No established hourly guidelines. • 1 day off/week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20hrs/Week • 4hrs/Day • 1 day off/week • 49 day Rest Period
Out-of-Season Activities	Required CARA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8hrs/Week • 2 of 8hrs for skill instruction • 2 days off/Week 	Required CARA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8hrs/Week • 2 of 8hrs for skill instruction • 2 days off/Week 	-Cannot engage in CARA outside the declared playing season.	Voluntary CARA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6hrs/Week • 2 of 6hrs for skill instruction • 2 days off/Week
Length of Season	-Sports seasons range from 132, 144 or 156 days long. -Seasons can be broken into 2 segments (Championship & Non-Championship), except in Football and Basketball.	-Most Spring and Fall Seasons can be broken into 2 segments (Championship & Non-Championship), except in Football and Basketball. Start and end dates vary among the sports.	Fall Championship Sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 Weeks Winter Championship Sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 Weeks Spring Championship Sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 Weeks 	Same as Division I (Number of competitions for each sport is less.)
Competition	-Primarily nation-wide, but also includes regional and conference rivalries as well.	-Schools compete against opponents located within their region.	-Primary emphasis on regional in-season and conference competition.	-Traditional rivalries within conference, as well as, regional institutions. -Limited national competition, usually funded by Friends Group.
Recruiting	-Individual Recruiting Calendar for 8 sports. The rest have a Dead Period Guide. -Subscribes to the NLI. With an early signing period in Nov. & a regular signing period in Feb. for some sports & April for others. -One call per week to PSA outside contact period. -Eval. days limited in Football, Softball & Women's Volleyball. -Recruiting days limited in Basketball.	-Individual Recruiting Calendar for 3 sports. The rest have a Dead Period Guide. -Subscribes to the NLI. With an early signing period in Nov. & a regular signing period in Feb. for some sports & April for others. -One call per week to PSA outside contact period. -Eval. period limited in Basketball & Football	-No recruiting calendars. -Does not subscribe to NLI. -No limit on calls, contacts, or evaluations to PSA.	-Follows the Division I recruiting guidelines. -Does not subscribe to the NLI.

Admission	-Recruit Slots are allocated for each team for specific Recruited Athletes. -Athletes are likely to be accepted through non-competitive or special admission programs.	- Recruit Slots are allocated for each team for specific Recruited Athletes.	- Recruit Slots are allocated for each team for specific Recruited Athletes. -Student-athletes are subject to the same admission standards and academic standards as the general student body.	-Academic Index helps assess, but does not determine, recruit's admissibility. -Recruited student-athletes must be representative of study body. -Recruited student-athletes are admitted with the same process as non-student-athletes.
Financial Aid	- May offer full or partial athletic scholarships, which are partially funded by the NCAA. -Scholarships may be renewed or not renewed subject to coach discretion and NCAA rules.	-May offer partial athletic scholarships for students.	-Does not offer athletic scholarships.	-No Athletic Scholarships. -Student-athletes are awarded aid through a need-based financial aid program, consistent with all members of the student-body.
Department Funding	-Programs funded by athletically generated income, institutional support, athletic contributions and student fees.	-Athletic departments are staffed and funded like any other department in the university.	-Athletic departments are staffed and funded like any other department in the university.	-Athletic departments are staffed and funded like any other department in the university.
Average Graduation Rates	-Average Rate: 64%	-Average Rate: 55%	-Average Rate: 65% (115 schools reported data)	-Average Rate: 97%
Academic Support	-Athletic departments are staffed with an academic support team which provides athletes with tutoring, class scheduling, study periods, career development and progress towards degree requirements.	-Athletic departments are staffed with an academic support team which provides athletes with tutoring, class scheduling, study periods, career development and progress towards degree requirements.	-Student-athletes receive the same support services as the general student body.	-Student-athletes receive the same support services as the general student body.
Graduate School	-Graduate Students may participate in athletics with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have eligibility remaining & within 5yr clock; • Previously enrolled in the institution; • If not previously enrolled, must fulfill the conditions of the onetime transfer exception. 	-Graduate Students who were previously enrolled in the institution or who have transferred may participate in athletics with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have eligibility remaining and within 10-semester/15-quarter period. 	-Graduate Students who were previously enrolled in the institution may participate in athletics with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have eligibility remaining and within 10-semester/15-quarter period. 	-Ivy League rules do not permit for a Graduate Student to participate in athletics. * (Students who receive their degree in under 8 semesters & still have eligibility remaining may compete as a graduate student at the same institution.)
Redshirt Year	-Athletes can choose to sit out a year of competition, and only practice and dress with a team, to extend their eligibility for any reason. -May also be granted an extra season of eligibility through a medical hardship waiver.	-Athletes can choose to sit out a year of competition, and only practice and dress with a team, to extend their eligibility for any reason. -May also be granted an extra season of eligibility through a medical hardship waiver.	-Athletes can choose to sit out a year of competition, and only practice and dress with a team, to extend their eligibility for any reason. -May also be granted an extra season of eligibility through a medical hardship waiver.	-Athletes are expected to use their 4yrs or eligibility during the first 4 seasons, provided they are enrolled full-time during the season. -Athletes may have a season of eligibility restored on the basis of approval of a medical hardship or non-participation waiver.