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Did you know? Division Differences

Many student-athletes feel that D1 is the only way to participate in college athletics. Let me dispel you of that notion. We are fortunate in the USA to offer an array of divisional swimming.. 5 different levels to be exact. But one thing is for sure! Anyone can swim in college who has a good academic record and a strong mindset. Division 1 seems to be the big schools that everyone knows and gravitates toward. It is true, that the majority of these have the highest level of competition, huge budgets and phenomenal facilities...
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Academia Academic Eligibility

Ready to dive into the academic side of recruiting? There are several steps you need to take to ensure academic eligibility to swim or dive in college. You will need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if you plan to swim for a D-1 or D-2 school. This should be done by the end of 10th grade. But make sure you have all of your core courses in place before then. This is something to think about when first starting high school...
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NCAA News Recruiting Trends

Due to rules changes and Covid: **Teams are being cut.** We have lost 10 teams on the women's side and 10 on the men's. That equates to approximately 300 roster spots for women and 280 for men in swimming and diving that are gone forever. It also means that we have lost approximately 70 swimming scholarships for the women and 70 for the men. Scholarships are being offered earlier than ever before. Coaches are throwing money at juniors in the fall of their junior year. Most schools no longer have money available for seniors...
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2021 Graduates

We are excited to announce that our 2021 graduates will be representing over 70 schools which include D-1, D-2, D-3, NAIA, and JUCO.

Did You Know? Division Differences (cont....)

There is more athletic aid available, but not every school has fully funded programs. D2 is a division that can be every bit as competitive as D1 as the athletes work just as hard. There's plenty of athletic aid, merit aid, and grants to go around. D3 leans towards a smaller campus, where academics may take priority. Again, the athletes work just as hard, but the requirements (in place by the coach) may not be quite as stringent. There is an enormous amount of merit aid to be had, but no athletic aid. Let's not forget NAIA. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics was in place prior to the NCAA. Close to \$500 million dollars is awarded every year at this level. They continue to recruit aggressively and are working their way to greatness. Junior College may be the best fit for many athletes. Those who have to work a little harder in school may find these schools to be a perfect fit. Some swimmers use Jr College as a jump off point to a four year college. There is a lot of athletic aid to be had at many of these schools, and academic goals are in place to help you move on to that four year college dream. Tune in next month when I give an in-depth break down of NCAA Division 1 colleges.

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Academia *Academic Eligibility (cont...)*

The NCAA Center requires completion of 16 core courses in order to certify that an athlete is able to handle rigorous course work while competing in college. HINT: Taking as many AP/Honors/Dual Credit courses as possible is very beneficial! These courses include classes such as English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language. Classes such as Art, Music, and PE are NOT considered core courses, though they are also important to show college admissions what a well-rounded student you are. The NCAA provides a [High School Portal](#) where students can go to see what courses at their school are approved by the NCAA. Get started on this when you register for freshman year! Next month we'll talk about all of these abbreviations... GPA's, ACT's, and SAT's!

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NCAA News *Recruiting Trends (cont...)*

Rosters are filling faster and earlier than ever before. We have quite a few D-I teams who have already completed their recruiting for 2022-23. We have several high school juniors who have been offered admission slots by Ivy League schools. **International Swimmers are wanting to come to the states more than ever before.** Here is our advice to swimmers/parents who intend to swim in college:

- Start the recruiting process early.
- Race video is a huge advantage since most swimmers are not able to compete with parents in the stands. College coaches are not able to attend meets to watch recruits so sending video to them gives the kids a jump on everyone else.
- College coaches are spread out between their office and home so they are slower than ever to respond. The swimmers need to stay after the coaches until they get a response.
- Since college coaches are recruiting 15 and 16 year olds it is imperative that the kids find a way to sell the coaches on their potential. They need to get the coaches to see how fast they can be for the team in their freshman year.

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