

Flipturn



Did you know? Why D2?

Did you see the results for D2 college swimming, and how incredibly fast they were? This is not a myth, nor a dream. You CAN swim fast at the D2 level.

D2 schools carry 10 sports with 5 of each gender or 4 men's and 6 women's sports. They do not carry as many scholarships as D1, but there are many other ways to get aid. D2 sports are treated just as seriously regarding NCAA rules, academics, and athletics.

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Academia Eligibility Center...What is it?

We've talked about classes and grades needed by the Eligibility Center to be able to play sports in college, but do you know what the Eligibility Center is and why it exists?

Formerly known as the "Clearing House", the NCAA Eligibility Center puts in place a standard for ALL D1 and D2 prospective student-athletes to meet in order to play sports in college. When a coach wants to recruit you they will go to the Center to make sure you are on track to become eligible.

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NCAA News Official and Unofficial Visits

The NCAA is meeting in April to discuss ending the "dead period" for visits. It currently extends through May. The "dead period" is not a new term in recruiting. We have always had "dead periods", but they are typically 48 hours prior to and 48 hours after the start of the signing period in November.

Coaches are not allowed to meet with recruits or their parents in person on campus during a "dead period." If the "dead period" gets extended the only visits that will be allowed are unofficial.

In the next Flipturn we will let you know what the NCAA decided.

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We would like to congratulate our American College Connection swimmers who earned All American honors this season:

Women's D-I

Olivia Carter- Michigan, NCAA Champ 200 fly
Kate Douglass- Virginia, NCAA Champ 50 free
Hannah Back- Ohio State
Izzy Gati- Kentucky
Mia Vallee- Miami, diver
Natalie Ungaretti- Tennessee
Anna Keating- Virginia, qualifier

Men's D-I qualifiers (meet is still going)

JT Larson- Texas
Jack Hoagland- Notre Dame
Blake Manoff- Virginia Tech
Shane Blinkman- Stanford
Batur Unlu- Georgia Tech
Michael Houlie- Tennessee
Erge Gezmis- NC State

Men's D-II

Xander Skinner- McKendree
Sam Brettman- NOVA
Yigit Saglam- Tampa
Women's NAIA
Kamy Alexander- Loyola
Anna Lowry- Midland
Men's NAIA
Trent Dungey- Life

Did You Know? Why D2? (cont....)

D2 schools may be smaller, which is better suited to many student-athletes. You are getting a wonderful balance of school athletic and social life, but your schoolwork is every bit as relevant as in any other division.

As far as competition, D2 schools must compete in their respective divisions, but many of them step outside to compete against D1 schools. Just like D1 schools, D2 has athletic aid.

Considering a D2 school may be the best decision of your life.

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Academia Eligibility Center...What is it? (cont...)

This means you have taken the required 16 core courses, have a GPA of 2.3 (2.2 for D2) have met the [sliding standard for SAT/ACT](#), and are certified an amateur athlete(have not been paid to compete nor received money for promotions). Becoming eligible is a process and once you create an account you will be adding to it throughout your high school years. It is a good idea to begin the process your 10th-grade year and speak with your guidance counselor about your plans. They can help!

There are two types of accounts with the Eligibility Center: A certification account and a profile page. The center does charge a fee for a certification account, so only create this account if you are confident you can swim/dive for D1 or D2 schools. If you are not sure, you should start a profile page as this is free and you can always change this to a certification account. Here is a link to some educational resources that will help you fully understand the process...[Guide to NCAA Eligibility](#).

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NCAANews Official and Unofficial Visits (cont...)

Here is what we are advising our swimmers regarding visiting schools:

- Get to know the coaches on zoom, phone calls and email.
- Visit the campus, but let the coach know you are coming and ask if a current swimmer would be able to show you around. The NCAA has relaxed its rule regarding current swimmers being involved in recruiting. Some coaches are not aware of this though.
- Try to meet with academic counselors.
- Many coaches are setting up virtual tours. Take advantage of this.

Instead of walking-on at one of the top 20 programs and probably sitting on the bench for the first year or two, swimmers are signing and getting scholarship money at schools outside of the top 20....and they are contributors right away.

Eddie at Texas will always have more NCAA qualifiers than he can take to the meet, but how much fun is it to have 3 NCAA cuts and have to sit at home?

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