Division: III

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Title: Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship.

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20.11.4.8 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against the varsity programs of four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable: *(Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 1/8/05, 1/10/05, 4/8/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/27/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 1/17/15, 8/1/15, 8/19/15, 1/16/16)*

Team Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants	Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
Acrobatics and Tumbling	6	18	Bowling	8	5
Beach Volleyball	8		Cross Country	5	5
Baseball	25		Fencing	8	5
Basketball	18		Golf	6	4
Field Hockey	12		Men's Gymnastics	6	6
Football	7		Women's Gymnastics	6	5
Ice Hockey	18		Rifle	6	4
Lacrosse	10		Skiing	5	5
Women's Rowing	8		Swimming and Diving	8	8
Women's Rugby	8		Tennis	10	4
Soccer	13		Track and Field, Indoor	5	10
Softball	24		Track and Field, Outdoor	6	12
Stunt	6	16	Women's Triathlon	4	3
Volleyball	17		Wrestling, Men's	7	6
Water Polo	13		Wrestling, Women's	7	6

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaw 20.11.4.8 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaw 14 and Bylaw 17.) *(Revised: 1/27/20 effective 8/1/20, 1/16/24 effective 8/1/24)*

Proposals

Proposal Number	Title
NC-2027-15	DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- REMOVE PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENT FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP FOR ACROBATICS AND TUMBLING
2026-15	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL
2024-4	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- ESTABLISHING STUNT AS AN EMERGING SPORT FOR WOMEN
2024-3	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- REDUCE MINIMUM PARTICIPANTS IN TENNIS FROM SIX TO FOUR
2023-13	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- ESTABLISHING STUNT AS AN EMERGING SPORT FOR WOMEN
2022-e	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- ESTABLISHING STUNT AS AN EMERGING SPORT FOR WOMEN
2022-8	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- ESTABLISHING EQUESTRIAN AS AN EMERGING SPORT FOR WOMEN
2020-9	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- WOMEN'S WRESTLING
2020-8	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- ACROBATICS AND TUMBLING
2020-7	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- WOMEN'S EQUESTRIAN
NC-2016-15	MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP -- AUTHORITY OF DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
ER-2015-10	RENAMING SAND VOLLEYBALL TO BEACH VOLLEYBALL
2015-3	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, AMATEURISM, AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- ESTABLISHING WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL AS A DIVISION III SPORT
2014-9	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, AMATEURISM, AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- WOMEN'S TRIATHLON
2014-8	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MINIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- MAXIMUM DATES OF COMPETITION -- WOMEN'S RUGBY
NC-2011-20	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- REMOVAL OF SQUASH
2010-	DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MINIMUM CONTESTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP AND MAXIMUM CONTEST LIMITATIONS -- BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

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2010-	DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL
2009-7	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- REMOVAL OF ARCHERY, BADMINTON, SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING, TEAM HANDBALL FROM LIST OF EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN AND ADDITION OF EQUESTRIAN TO LIST OF EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN
NC-2006-74	DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENT FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP
NC-2006-73	MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- TENNIS
NC-2006-65	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND MINIMUM CONTEST REQUIREMENTS -- WOMEN'S RUGBY
2006-6	DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MINIMUM CONTEST REQUIREMENTS
NC-2005-33	MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP
1999-41	DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP -- MINIMUM-CONTEST REQUIREMENTS