

**FIGURE 20-1**  
**General Requirements for Division I Membership**

	Sports Sponsorship: Number of Sports			Football Scheduling Requirement	Football Attendance Requirement	Men's Basketball Scheduling Requirement		Women's Basketball Scheduling Requirement		Scheduling Requirement—Sports Other Than Football and Basketball	Financial Aid Requirement <sup>2</sup>
	All-Male or Mixed-Team Sports	All-Female Sports	Minimum Number of Team Sports								
Division I	7  OR 6	7  8	2-All male/mixed 2-All female			Active or reclassifying member:	All but four games against Division I teams. At least 1/3 of regular-season contests must be played in home arena	Active or reclassifying member:	All but four games against Division I teams. At least 1/3 of regular-season contests must be played in home arena. At least 1/3 of regular-season contests must be played away from home or at a neutral site.	Sports used to meet sports sponsorship criteria: An institution shall schedule and play 100% of its contests against Division I opponents to meet minimum number of contests. <sup>1</sup>  50% of remaining contests against Division I opponents.	a) 50% of maximum allowable grants in each sport <sup>3</sup> or b) Minimum aggregate expenditure of \$1,781,327 (with at least \$890,644) in 2021-22 (excluding football and men's and women's basketball). Grant value may not be less than 38 full grants (with at least 19 for women) <sup>4</sup> or c) A minimum of the equivalent of 50 full grants (at least 25 full grants in women's sports), exclusive of grants in football and men's and women's basketball <sup>5</sup>
Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS)	8 Including football	8	2-All male/mixed 2-All female	At least 60% of all games must be played against FBS members and at least five home games against members of FBS	Average 15,000 in actual or paid attendance for home football games during a rolling two-year period.						In addition to Division I requirement, a) provide an average of at least 90% of permissible maximum number of football grants-in-aid during a rolling two-year period and b) Annually offer a minimum of 200 athletics grants-in-aid or spend \$4 million on athletics grants-in-aid annually.
	OR 7 Including football	9									
	OR 6 Including football	10									
Football Championship Subdivision (FCS)	7 Including football OR 6 Including football	7  8	2-All male/mixed 2-All female	More than 50% of all games must be played against FBS or FCS members	NONE						No additional requirements beyond Division I requirements.

<sup>1</sup> In men's swimming and diving, men's indoor and outdoor track and field, and wrestling, an institution shall schedule and play at least 50% of its contests against Division I opponents to satisfy the minimum number of contests.

<sup>2</sup> For institutions that depend on exceptional amounts of federal assistance to meet students' financial needs, the institution must provide a minimum of one-half of the required grants or aggregate expenditures cited in (a), (b) or (c) above. This provision shall be applicable to an institution in a given year if the average per-student allotment of Pell Grant dollars for undergraduates reported to the U.S. Department of Education the previous September is more than one standard deviation above the mean for all reporting Division I member institutions that year. If an institution does not qualify under this provision after having been able to do so the previous year, the institution may continue to use this alternative for one year and shall not be required to meet the provisions of (a), (b) or (c) until the following year. This provision shall be applicable only to institutions that were members of Division I on September 1, 1990.

<sup>3</sup> If an institution uses indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and cross country to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 80% of the full grants for men and 80% of the full grants for women in these sports. If the institution counts two of those three sports to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 70% of the full grants for men and 70% of the full grants for women. If the institution counts indoor and outdoor track and field as one sport, it must award the equivalent of at least 50% of the full grants for men and 50% of the full grants for women.

<sup>4</sup> If the institution does not sponsor men's or women's basketball, the minimum aggregate expenditure must be \$1,176,041 in 2021-22 for men or for women, but not fewer than the equivalent of 29 full grants for men or for women.

<sup>5</sup> If the institution does not sponsor men's or women's basketball, it must provide a minimum of 35 full grants in the sports program for the gender without the basketball program.