

NCAA Division 1 and 2 compared/what's better

Episode 64 Shownotes

The NCAA, a word or acronym that is thrown around probably even more than the word scholarship when it comes the US College pathway. The National Collegiate Athletic Association

Over 1 billion in revenue, 3 divisions, 1281 institutions and a number of different institutions, 480,000 college athletes participating within these institutions. The biggest and most well know institutions worldwide.

Why does the NCAA get brought up the most, why is it the most well know division or governing body of collegiate sport?

I will go even further and say its really only the NCAA Division 1 that is brought up more often than not. It's the most well known and spoken about division in the US. A lot of people, internationally don't even recognize or know about the other divisions within the NCAA.

- It's because you see these schools on television, in the news, in the media, in movies and tv shows etc.
- They are massive schools with enormous student populations, large campuses, ridiculous revenue streams etc.
- Just on the revenue, just to put it into a bit of perspective for you. The University of Texas football program has a revenue stream of over 80 million USD. The most profitable or one of the most profitable sports teams in Australia the West coast eagles brings in 64 million Australian. Crazy.
- So it makes sense that people know and bring up the NCAA division one more than anything else because a lot of the time it's all they know.

What separates these two divisions? Why are they labelled Div 1 and Div 2?

They are separated by Size, population, number of sports on offer, and the revenue brought in. It has nothing to do with the competitiveness of their sports programs.

People always say I want low D1 or High D2. Doesn't make sense. High D2 teams would beat any low ranked D1 team.

What is better? Everyone wants to go to the best schools, athletically, academically etc. So what is better?

- Well it depends on how you are looking at this opportunity. What do you consider to be the best?
- Do you want to go to the best school academically and the best school athletically?
- Or do you want to go to the best school for you, both academically and athletically?
- It's all based around you. You can only go where your abilities and your budget will allow you to go.
- If you want to go to the very best and are prepared to never compete, or struggle in classes then we can certainly make that happen, but it makes no sense.

So, when it comes to the question... What is the best. Well what is the best for you. That could certainly be D1 or D2. But the best is somewhere where you are going to flourish academically, somewhere where you are going to compete and play, somewhere that is affordable and based

around any preferences you may have. That could be in either division. Or it could be in another division completely.

Athletically, there are higher standards within D1 and D2 and lower standards athletically. However, on average, the disparity between the best and worst in D1 is less than in other divisions. So for example.

Jacobs NJCAA side played and beat a few D1 and D2 schools. They were ranked pretty low in their respective divisions. But we were a top ranked Junior College. If we played against a top D1 or a top D2 school. We more than likely would have been beat.

So, on average, the standard is higher in these divisions however there are low and high levels.

When you get to the higher ranked schools in those big NCAA division 1 and 2 schools you are looking at future pros and Olympians. People breaking world records at the Olympics. People spending one year in college then getting drafted.

In those higher ranked D1 and D2 schools, you need to be pretty special. If you aren't pretty special than that's fine. You can still potentially compete in those divisions, you just have to look lower within that division.