



College Squash Information

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US Squash District Leaders

What is the CSA?

Formal Name: Intercollegiate Squash Association

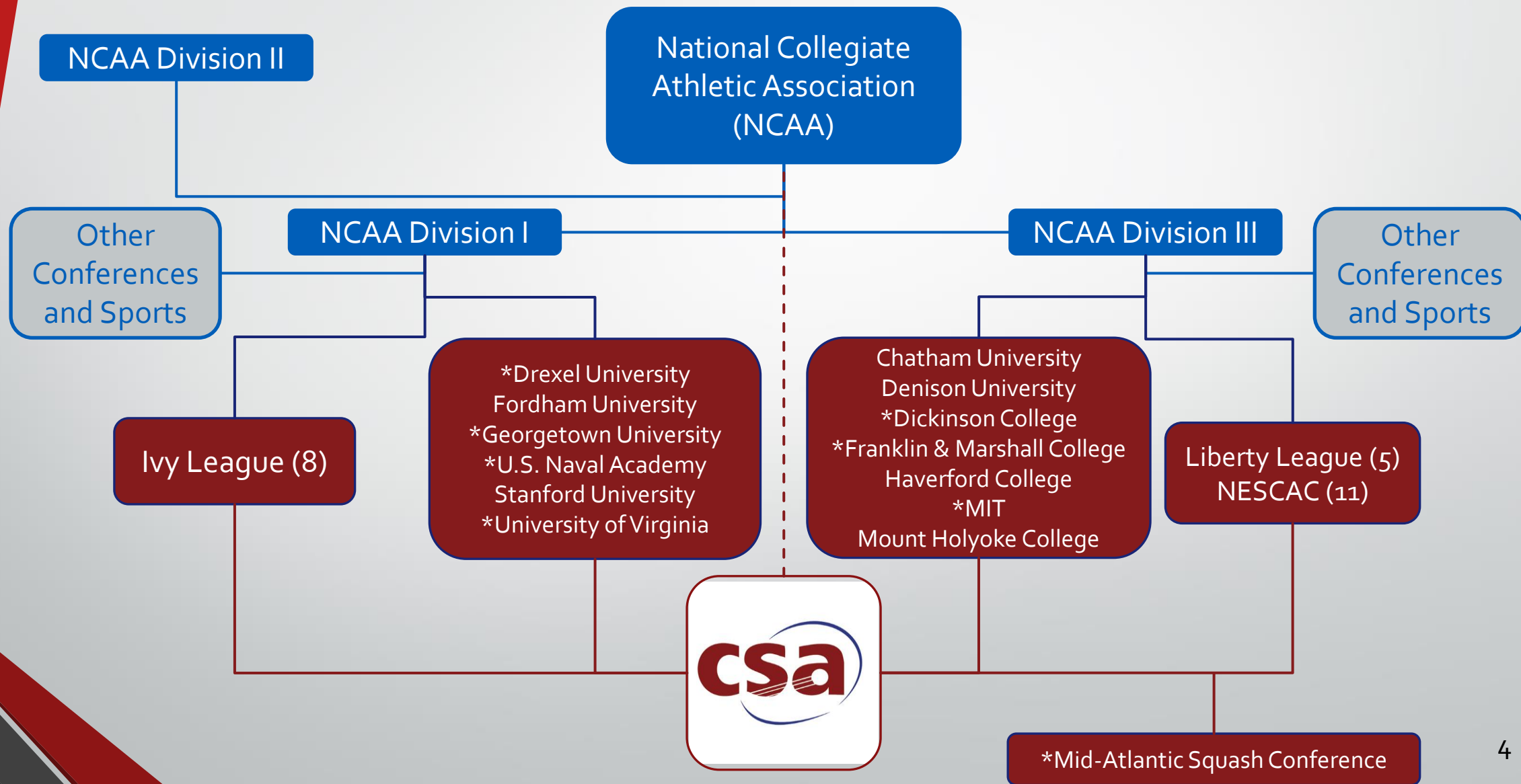
Common Name: College Squash Association

- Official governing body for intercollegiate squash – both varsity and club teams – in the United States
- Mission:
 - Sportsmanship, integrity, and fair play
 - Encourage academic excellence
 - Expanding opportunities to play organized squash in college
- 34 Varsity Men's Teams, 32 Varsity Women's Teams, 45 additional club teams

CSA Structure

- Prior to 2017: separate organizations for men (MCSA) and women (WCSA)
- 2017: MCSA and WCSA dissolve, reform into 1 organization
- New CSA overseen by independent board of directors
 - Separate independent governance structure from US Squash
 - 6 independent directors
 - 4 college coaches
 - 1 ex-officio member from US Squash
- Rely heavily on NCAA and conference rules
- Codified CSA-specific rules in summer 2019

Varsity College Squash Landscape





The College Squash Recruitment & Experience

Important!

- Offices of Admissions make the formal college offers
 - Each college and university is different
 - They approach the admissions process differently
 - Coaches have different approaches too
- Research your top schools to understand their policies
- List of schools with squash programs is impressive!

What Coaches Look For

- Basic academic credentials (class rigor, grades, test scores)
- Evidence of when and where you play
- Appropriate behavior – on and off the court
- Experience during visit to campus
- Fit! – on campus, on the team, with the coach
- Communication skills
- Enthusiasm about squash
- Examples of grit, determination, resilience, learning ability
- Well-rounded experiences

What College Players Should Know

- Communicate actively with coach and professors
- Ask for help early and often
- Attempt to find balance between academics, squash, and social life
- If you are committed, all players are treated the same
- Coaches are aware that inclusion and mental health are more of a priority than ever before
- CSA's team format is unique, and different from junior squash
- Coaches have different philosophies and approaches to training & competition – players must understand expectations



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- 2022-2023 Season – October through March
- CSA@100: College Squash Centennial – March 4, 2023



- NCAA Emerging Sports for Women Program
- Adding varsity and club squash teams