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

NCAA Division II

Other Conferences and Sports

NCAA Division I

*Drexel University
Fordham University
*Georgetown University
*U.S. Naval Academy
Stanford University
*University of Virginia

Ivy League (8)

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

Liberty League (5)
NESCAC (11)

Other Conferences and Sports

NCAA Division III

Chatham University
Denison University
*Dickinson College
*Franklin & Marshall College
Haverford College
*MIT
Mount Holyoke College

*Mid-Atlantic Squash Conference
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