



A Thoughtful Transition for a Stronger Future

Why Our Move to the NEWMAC Sets Student-Athletes Up for Long-Term Success

Saint Anselm College's transition from NCAA Division II to NCAA Division III is rooted in one goal: creating the best possible experience for our students—academically, athletically, and personally.

Investing More Fully in the Student-Athlete

The Division III model reinforces our commitment to developing well-rounded graduates who are prepared for careers, leadership, and life beyond athletics.

The College is already investing more deeply in Athletics:

- The Van Hoof Athletic Complex
- Enhanced training facilities
- Partnership with New Balance

Benefits of transitioning to the NEWMAC:

- Stabilizes teams and campus life involvement
- Removes the commercial pressures dominating Divisions I and II, including transfer volatility, escalating scholarship expectations, and conference realignments
- Allows for better investments in facilities and staffing

Direct impact on the student experience:

- Better preparation for life after sports
 - Student-athletes will gain a balanced, connected, academically-anchored experience—one that reflects the values that drew them to Saint Anselm
- Improved mental well-being and balance
 - Lower travel demands reduce burnout and strengthen the sense of belonging on campus
- More integrated team and community culture
 - Athletes are here by choice, which allows for better integration in Saint Anselm's academic, social, and spiritual life

Understanding the Scholarship Shift

Division III institutions do not offer athletic scholarships, however, students and families benefit from:

- Merit-based scholarships
- Need-based financial aid
- Transparent, consistent aid packages

This approach ensures that financial support aligns with the student's academic achievements and family needs, not athletic status. **The Office of Financial Aid is committed to working with you to develop an alternative aid package.**

Reclassification Begins in Fall 2027

Our student-athletes are a vital part of campus life and will be integral to the next era of the Hawks. Transitioning to Division III optimizes Saint Anselm's efforts to educate and support the whole person while remaining competitive in a conference of highly stable, mission-focused peer institutions.

For more details, including FAQs and Impact Charts:
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