With the recent elimination of its HS(-3) legislation, the NJCAA has recommitted itself to providing student-athletes opportunities to compete in NJCAA sponsored sports. Student-athletes must be high school graduates or equivalent, but the NJCAA does not consider where a student attended or graduated high school when determining eligibility.

As the national governing body of two-year college athletics, the philosophy of the NJCAA is to promote participation in intercollegiate athletics among the students of its member institutions in concert with each institution’s educational mission. The NJCAA firmly believes that intercollegiate athletics fosters and promotes character development, sportsmanship, leadership and academic excellence.