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The Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) - which includes Ursuline College in Pepper Pike - has been approved by the NCAA as a Division II conference effective Sept. 1.

The G-MAC will enter an assessment school year in September with the goal of beginning competition as the 24th active NCAA Division II conference on Sept. 1, 2013.

Charter members of the G-MAC are Ohio schools Cedarville, Central State, Urbana and Ursuline, as well as Kentucky Wesleyan (Owensboro, Ky.) and Trevecca Nazarene (Nashville, Tenn.).

The G-MAC, based in Indianapolis, will sponsor 12 championships in the 2012-13 academic year as it works through the requirements of the assessment program.