

NCAA Eligibility

The information that all prospective student athletes and parents should know while starting the process of selecting a collegiate program/division.

The NCAA Eligibility Center is responsible for determining the eligibility of every college-bound student-athlete in NCAA Divisions I and II using the following two areas:

- Academic Certification. Does the college-bound student-athlete meet the legislated minimum academic requirements?
- Amateurism Certification. Has the college-bound student-athlete jeopardized his or her amateur status?

Initial-Eligibility Overview: Academics

- Academic: initial-eligibility requirements are different for each of the three divisions.
- It is possible for a college-bound student-athlete to be eligible in one division and not another.

NCAA Division I Academic Requirements

- In order to practice, compete and receive institutional financial aid as a freshman, a student-athlete must:
 - Graduate from high school;
 - Earn a minimum required grade-point average (GPA) in 16 approved core courses; and
 - Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches the core-course GPA (refer to the "sliding scale" in the NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements

- In order to practice, compete and receive institutional financial aid as a freshman, a student-athlete must:
 - Graduate from high school;
 - Earn at least a 2.0 GPA in 14 approved core courses; and
 - Earn a combined SAT score of at least 820 (critical reading and math) or an ACT sum score of at least 68.
- No sliding scale for Division II

* Beginning August 1, 2013, students planning to attend an NCAA Division II institution will be required to complete 16 core courses.

NCAA Division III Academic Requirements

- Unlike Divisions I and II, there is no uniform set of eligibility requirements for Division III schools.
- Eligibility for admission, financial aid, practice and competition is determined by the institution.

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