



NCAA ELIGIBILITY & COLLEGE ADMISSION

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- COMMITMENTS & SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS
- COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS

# RECRUITING PROCESS

CONTACT, EVALUATION, & VISIT

# PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE

An individual becomes a Prospective Student-Athlete (PSA) when they:

- Start classes in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade; or
- A college/university provides the individual (or their family/friends) with financial assistance or other benefits not provided to regular prospective students.

The student becomes a 'recruit' when a college institution:

- Provides the PSA with an official visit;
- Has arranged, in-person, off-campus contact with the PSA/family; or
- Issues a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or athletically-related financial aid agreement (FAA) to the PSA

# CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS

## Contact

- Face-to-face encounter between PSA/family and institutional staff member or athletics rep with dialogue in excess of greetings
- If the encounter is
  - Prearranged or happens at the PSA's school/practice site/competition site, it counts, regardless of whether there was conversation
- Permissible starting July 1 following 11<sup>th</sup> Grade (Exceptions apply)

## Evaluation

- Off-campus activity designed to assess a PSA's academic qualifications or athletics ability, including visits to PSA's school (w/o contact) or observation of PSA participating in practice/competition

# RECRUITING VISITS

## **Unofficial Visit**

- PSA pays for their own trip (travel, lodging, food, etc)
- Permissible starting September 1 of 11<sup>th</sup> Grade (FB, BB exceptions)

## **Official Visit**

- Institution finances the entire visit (travel, lodging, food, etc.)
- Permissible starting September 1 of 11<sup>th</sup> Grade (FB, BB exceptions)
- Limit of 5 official visits, max of 1/school
- 48-hour time limit

**NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER**  
**REGISTRATION & DOCUMENTS**

# NCAA EC REGISTRATION

Register at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

Required for

- Official visit approval
- Signing NLI
- Academic and Amateurism Certification

Fees

- Domestic: \$90 (US territories and Canada)
- International: \$150
- Waiver option for registration fee (see fee chart)



# NCAA DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

## ALL STUDENTS

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- Submit official transcripts from all schools attended
  - Electronically or via standard mail
  - HS Counselors upload transcripts via the high school portal (search NCAA High School Portal)
- Submit all ACT and SAT test scores
  - Code: 9999
  - Sum-Scoring system vs. Super-Scoring system

# NCAA DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### Required Documents

- Academic records for years nine and up, in native language and translated to English
- Proof of graduation, including certificates, diplomas or exit exams
- SAT or ACT scores

### Recommendation

- Send academic records directly to Compliance
- UCF can evaluate then send to NCAA EC

# NCAA ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY INITIAL

# NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

## REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate from high school
- Complete 16 core courses
  - 10 units 'locked in' after junior year
  - 7 of 10 must be English/Math/Science
- Earn a minimum core course GPA of **2.300**
- Earn SAT or ACT sum score that corresponds
- with core GPA on sliding scale

# INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

## **16 CORE COURSES** (approved core course list)

- 4 units of English
- 3 units of Math
- 2 units of Natural/Physical Science
- 2 units of Social Science
- 1 additional unit of English, Math or Science
- 4 units of additional core from any category above or foreign language

# INITIAL ELIGIBILITY EVALS (IEE)

## Incoming Freshmen Only

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# QUALIFIER & ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

	QUALIFIER	ACADEMIC REDSHIRT
Need to Graduate HS	Yes	Yes
Core Units Required	16	16
GPA Required	2.300 or higher	2.000 or higher **
Must Meet Sliding Scale	Yes	Yes
Must Meet 10/7 Rule	Yes	No **



# NCAA ELIGIBILITY AMATEURISM

# AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION

## Mid-year Enrollees

- ▶ Complete initial questionnaire during registration – sport participation history, etc.
- ▶ Able to request final amateurism certification starting October 1 prior to enrollment in January

## Fall Enrollees

- ▶ Complete initial questionnaire during registration – sport participation history, etc.
- ▶ Able to request final amateurism certification starting April 1 prior to enrollment in August

**COMMITMENTS &**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
TYPES & DIFFERENCES

# COMMITMENTS

## Verbal Commitments

- Anyone can verbally commit at any time. NON-BINDING
- Either side can back out at any time with no penalties
- Recruiting restrictions still apply

## Real Commitments

- Signing a NLI to attend an institution (FAA exception)
- A NLI is a legal, binding contract with penalties

# WHY VERBALLY COMMIT?

## Common Reasons

- “Lock in” a spot in the recruiting class (deadlines)
- Inform other schools you’re no longer interested
- Focus less on recruiting, more on finishing school
- Social media = attention

# NLI AND FAA

## NLI

- Binding agreement between PSA and institution
  - PSA commits to attending that school for at least 1 AY
  - School commits to funding all/part of the PSA's costs
  - Other schools must stop contacting PSA, and PSA may not contact other schools

## FAA

- Only binds institution to PSA
- PSA is free to continue recruiting process

# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

# TIPS TO CONSIDER

## **Location**

- Visiting Campus

## **Fit**

- Not Just About "Getting In"



# DEADLINES

## Types

- Early Decision
- Early Action
- Rolling Admission

# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

## Decisions

- Qualifier  $\neq$  guaranteed admission—especially to semester of one's choice
- Consider type of deadline along with athletic recruitment process
- Consider institution averages and midranges

# ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

## Points to Consider

- Requirements vary based on institutions
- Requirements may change from year to year
- Be mindful of different application rules and guidelines

# ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- PSAs will need to adhere to all university requirements including, but not limited to:
  - Submitting an official final transcript showing proof of graduation
  - Submitting official AICE/AP/CLEP/IB score reports directly from College Board/IB/Cambridge

# APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply and pay application fee/submit fee waiver
- Submit the following documents:
  - Official high school transcripts or SSAR if applicable
  - Official SAT and ACT scores
- Upon graduation, submit official transcript with proof of graduation and final AICE/AP/IB/CLEP scores
  - Potential holds on account will delay financial aid disbursement and future course registrations

# FRESHMEN/FTIC (INTERNATIONAL)

## Process

- Transcripts
  - English and native language (sealed, stamped)
  - Submit final transcript/certificate/diploma showing proof of graduation
- SAT and/or ACT
- TOEFL/IELTS... unless one of the following
  - ACT English is  $\geq 20$
  - rSAT EBRW is  $\geq 520$
  - Complete 4 years of English in USA in American HS

# **ADMISSIONS DECISIONS**

**Term of Admission is dependent upon Sport needs as well as strength of student's academic credentials.**

**University Admissions Office is responsible for rendering admissions decisions.**

# INTERNATIONAL VISAS (F-1)

## Additional Required Immigration Docs

### From Abroad

- I-20 Request Form
- Copy of Passport with expiration page
- Certification of Finances Form
- Supporting Financial Documents (including Athletics Award and –if applicable–bank statement/bank letter to show proof of required funding for F-1 students)

### Transfer from US Institution *(already studying in the US as F-1)*

- All forms listed above, AND
- Transfer Clearance Form (must be completed by an International Advisor at current institution)
- Copies of current F-1 visa, I-94 arrival record, and copies of all previous I-20s



# NEXT STEPS

- **Submission of Immunization Records**
- **Orientation**
- **Schedule Planning**

# HELPFUL HINTS

- **Be mindful of important deadlines**
  - FAFSA priority
  - Tuition Payment
  - Add/Drop/Withdraw
- **Check email frequently**

# QUESTIONS?

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