

THE STUDENT-ATHLETE & THE NCAA

2016-2017

WHAT WE'LL COVER

- Vocab
- Eligibility Basics
 - NCAA academic requirements
 - Division I
 - Division II
- Amateurism
- Recruiting
- Year-by-Year reminders
- Resources

TERMS TO KNOW

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- **Final Qualifier**: Meet the NCAA Eligibility Center academic requirements based on your high school academic record and test scores.
- **Academic Redshirt**: Don't meet all of the Final Qualifier standards; eligible for practice and athletic aid as a freshman. No competition.
- **Recruited**: A coach calls you more than 3 times, you take an official visit to a school, you sign a NLI or an Aid Agreement, OR you, your parents or guardians have contact with a coach that is pre-arranged and off of the college campus.
- **Commit / Verbal Commit**: Verbal agreement to attend school or receive a NLI or Aid agreement. Not binding.
- **Signee**: Sign a National Letter of Intent or Aid Agreement.
- **Official Visit**: A school pays for you to visit them.
- **Unofficial Visit**: You and your family pay all expenses to visit a college.

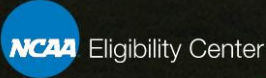
ELIGIBILITY BASICS

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

- What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?
 - The area of the NCAA that reviews the academics & amateurism of prospective student-athletes.
- Who needs to register?
 - Students that are interested in attending a Division I or Division II school.
- When do I register?
 - Register by the end of your junior year of high school.
- Where do I register?
 - www.eligibilitycenter.org
- What do I do after I register?
 - Send official SAT or ACT scores sent from the testing agency
 - Eligibility Center Code: 9999
 - Send official transcript at end of junior year.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER WEBSITE

www.eligibilitycenter.org



Student Email _____ Password _____ [Login](#)

[Forgot your password?](#) [Help](#) [High School Administrators](#)

SCHOOL IS IN? [Learn more or search NCAA schools](#)

DIVISION I OR II

You need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. Create a Certification Account and we'll guide you through the process.

You need to create a Certification Account to make official visits to Division I and II schools or sign a National Letter of Intent.

[Create an Account](#)

DIVISION III OR UNDECIDED

Create a Profile Page if you plan to compete at a Division III school or are not yet sure where you want to compete.

You'll get an NCAA ID and we will send you important reminders as you complete high school.

[Create a Profile Page](#)

GENERAL ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate from high school on time with your class.
 - 4 years from when you start 9th grade.
- Complete 16 Core Academic courses.
 - Every high school has their own approved core course list with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
 - <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/core-courses>
- A minimum SAT or ACT score based on your Core GPA.
 - ACT Sum Score or SAT combined Evidence-Based Reading/Writing & Math
 - The NCAA “Super Scores”- they mix & match the highest subsections from different test dates.
- A minimum 2.0 core-course GPA.

16 ACADEMIC CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- English: 4 years/units
- Math: 3 years/units (Algebra 1 or higher)
- Physical Science: 2 years/units (1 must be a lab)
- Social Studies: 2 years/units
- Additional Math, English, or Science: 1 year/unit
- Additional Academic Core Classes: 4 years/units
 - World Language, Philosophy, Comparative Religion, etc.
- What does not count:
 - Fine Arts
 - Vocational Classes
 - PE Classes
 - Tech classes
- .5 units = 1 semester

NCAA APPROVED LIST

Social Science					
Course Weight	Title	Notes	Max Credits	OK Through	Disability Course
	AMER GOVT & POLITICS AP				No
	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & CONTEMPORARY ISSUE				No
	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT				No
	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AP				No
	AMERICAN GOVT H				No
	AMERICAN POPULAR CULTURE				No
	ANCIENT WORLDS				No
	AP PSYCHOLOGY				No
	AP WORLD HISTORY				No
	BACK TO THE FUTURE				No
	CIVICS				No
	CONTEMPORARY WORLD PROBLEMS				No
	CURRENT WORLD ISSUES				No
	ECONOMICS				No
	INTEGRATED AM STUDIES (SOC)				No
	INTEGRATED WORLD STUDIES (SOC)				No
	LAW & JUSTICE				No
	MODERN WLD HISTORY 1				No

<https://web3.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction?hsActionSubmit=searchHighSchool>

SLIDING SCALE INDEX

SAT score noted uses pre-March 2016 exam. Convert your score to use this scale.

Core GPA	SAT	ACT
3.550 & above	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49

Division I and Division II have different sliding scales.

SAT CONCORDANCE TABLE

http://www.ncaa.org/sites/default/files/2016EC_SAT_Score_Procedures_20160623.pdf

**New SAT to Old SAT Concordance Table
(1600 Scale)**

New SAT Total Score (400-1600)	Old SAT Total Score (400-1600)
400	400
410	410
420	410
430	420
440	430
450	430
460	440
470	450
480	450
490	460
500	470
510	470
520	480
530	490
540	490
550	500
560	510
570	510
580	520
590	530
600	540
610	540
620	550
630	560
640	560
650	570
660	580

New SAT Total Score (400-1600)	Old SAT Total Score (400-1600)
1010	930
1020	940
1030	950
1040	960
1050	970
1060	980
1070	990
1080	1000
1090	1010
1100	1020
1110	1030
1120	1040
1130	1060
1140	1070
1150	1080
1160	1090
1170	1100
1180	1110
1190	1120
1200	1130
1210	1140
1220	1150
1230	1160
1240	1170
1250	1180
1260	1190
1270	1200
1280	1210
1290	1220

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS – DIVISION I

FULL QUALIFIER	ACADEMIC RED SHIRT
Complete 16 core courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 of 16 must be completed before the start of senior year.• 7 of 10 must be Math, English, & Science	Complete 16 core courses
Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.300	Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000
Meet the GPA/Test Score match on the Sliding Scale	Meet the GPA/Test Score match on the Sliding Scale
Graduate from high school	Graduate from high school

Can't repeat a class during senior year to improve your Core GPA.

Full Qualifier: Can practice, receive athletic aid, and compete their first year of college.

Academic Redshirt: Can practice and receive athletic aid their first year of college. No Competition.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS: DIVISION II (CURRENT SENIORS)

FULL QUALIFIER	PARTIAL QUALIFIER
Complete 16 Core Courses	Complete 16 Core Courses
Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000 AND	Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000 OR
Earn a SAT combined score of 820 or ACT sum score of 68	Earn a SAT combined score of 820 or ACT sum score of 68
Graduate from high school	Graduate from high school

Full Qualifier: Can practice, receive athletic aid, and compete their first year of college.

Partial Qualifier: Can practice and receive athletic aid their first year of college. No Competition.

ACADEMICS REQUIREMENTS: D-II (ENROLLING AUGUST 2018 & AFTER)

FULL QUALIFIER	PARTIAL QUALIFIER
Complete 16 Core Courses	Complete 16 Core Courses
Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.200	Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000
Meet the GPA/Test Score match on the Sliding Scale	Meet the GPA/Test Score match on the Sliding Scale
Graduate from high school	Graduate from high school

Full Qualifier: Can practice, receive athletic aid, and compete their first year of college.

Partial Qualifier: Can practice and receive athletic aid their first year of college. No Competition.

KEEP IN MIND

- Requirements for your NCAA eligibility are different from admissions requirements at any college you are looking at.
- Review test score requirements and policies.
 - Super Scoring
 - Writing required?
- Send documents to both places.

NEED A LITTLE EXTRA TO BE A QUALIFIER?

- **One core course unit after high school graduation**
 - Can use 1 unit of core courses completed after graduation and before enrolling in a college.
 - You have 1 year from your graduation date to take it and you must graduate on time with your high school class.
- **Education Impacting Disability**
 - Can take up to 3 units of core courses after graduation
 - Have 1 year from your graduation date to take it
 - You must graduate on time with your high school class; and
 - NCAA must approve your 3 units of additional core.

(.5 units of core = 1 semester)

**WHAT IF YOU
DON'T MEET THE
REQUIREMENTS?**

NON-QUALIFIER – JUNIOR COLLEGE OPTION

- A non-qualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or doesn't meet either the 16 core or GPA/Test Score Sliding Scale Index.

Junior College Transfer-

- Earn an AA Degree
- A certain number of credits must transfer to the 4-year school.
- Certain subjects must transfer to the 4-year school.
- Transfer GPA of a **2.5 = Eligible for athletic aid, practice and competition.**
- Transfer GPA of **2.0 – 2.49 = Eligible for athletic aid and practice only.**

AMATEURISM

NCAA AMATEURISM

- Don't make any verbal commitments to an agent.
- Be aware of runners or representatives of agents.
- Your family can impact your college athletic career.
- Grace/Gap Year
 - You have one calendar year* from when the NCAA says you graduated to participate in organized athletic activity without penalty
 - Tennis athletes have a 6 month grace period.
- Prize Money
 - Keep receipts and only accept up to necessary expenses.

BASEBALL AMATEURISM

- Representation during MLB contract negotiations-
 - ONLY available if you are drafted while you are in high school;
 - Must end relationship with agent/lawyer if a contract isn't signed prior to starting college; and
 - Must pay the going rate.
- You and/or your family cannot receive any benefits from agents while in high school or college – meals, transportation, advice, etc.
- You are not allowed to make a verbal or written agreement with an Agent for future representation.

GETTING RECRUITED

GENERAL RECRUITING RULES

Different rules for phone calls, texting, direct messaging, visiting, etc. depending on age and sport

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/recruiting>

- Division I and Division II information
- Sport specific recruiting calendars

KEYS TO GETTING RECRUITED

Academics

- **Good Student = Good Player**
- Can't play catch up your senior year

Character

- **Failure:** How do you handle it?
- **Respect:** family, school, coaches, community
- **Social Networking:** positive and accurate representation of yourself

Athletics

- **Team Leader**
- **Coachable**
- **Passion for your sport**
- **Desire to win**

THINGS YOU SHOULD DO:

- Think about who your club or high school coaches know.
 - College coaches trust their colleagues and will use them as a reference.
- Attend camps, participate in development or summer teams.
- Ask someone you trust for an honest assessment of your talent level.
- Don't be afraid to tryout or walk on to a team.
- Email or call a coach – don't be offended if they don't respond.
- Find the right fit for you – Visit schools.

VISITING CAMPUS

Opportunity to see campus, learn about team dynamics, coaching philosophy, & meet with academic departments.

■ Official Visits

- The college will pay for all expenses for your 48 hour visit.
- Allowed 5 visits total when you begin 12th grade.
- Can only have 1 official visit to a particular school.
- Boy's Basketball ONLY: Visits can begin in Grade 11.

■ Unofficial Visits

- You and your family fund the visit to campus.
- Unlimited number to any school.
- College cannot provide any expenses – meals, entertainment, etc.

YEAR-BY-YEAR REMINDERS

FRESHMAN YEAR NOTES

- Check your High School's list of Approved Courses:

<https://web3.ncaa.org/hportal/exec/hsAction?hsActionSubmit=searchHighSchool>

- Study and get good grades.
- Ask for help if you're struggling in a subject.

SOPHOMORE YEAR NOTES

- Confirm you are taking classes from your High School's Approved List.
- Make sure you are taking Math, English, and Science classes.
- Take practice SAT or ACT exams

REMEMBER:

- To play for a Division I school, you must have **10** units of academic classes before you start your senior year. **7** units of the **10** must be in English, Math, or Science.

1 unit of core = 1 year / .5 units of core = 1 semester

JUNIOR YEAR NOTES

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center
 - <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- Check with your counselor to confirm you are on track to graduate.
- Take practice SAT or ACT exams
- Take the SAT or ACT and have the scores sent to the Eligibility Center (use code 9999).
- Ask your Registrar to upload your official transcript to the EC at the end of the year.

Remember:

- The academic requirements for NCAA Eligibility
- The requirements for the NCAA and colleges are different

SENIOR YEAR NOTES

- Apply to college.
- Continue to study and get good grades.
 - Don't let there be a downward trend in your grades.
- Take the SATs or ACTs and have the scores sent to your college *and* the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Request 2 official transcripts when you graduate:
 - 1 for the NCAA Eligibility Center and 1 for your college.
- If you attended multiple high schools, you must send a transcript from each school to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- After you graduate, request final certification of your amateurism on your EC account.

- Remember: Send transcripts and test scores to your college and the NCAA. They are separate organizations.

RESOURCES

- Future Student-Athlete: <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future>
- Eligibility Center: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- National Letter of Intent: www.national-letter.org
- NCAA: www.ncaa.org

Thank you!

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