

# NCAA College-Bound Athlete Guide for High School

## Freshmen and Sophomores

- Start planning now!
- Work hard to get the best grades possible.
- Take classes that match your high school's list of NCAA courses. The NCAA Eligibility Center will use only approved core courses to certify your initial eligibility.
- You can access and print your high school's list of NCAA courses at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). Click the NCAA College-Bound Student-Athlete link to enter and then navigate to the "Resources" tab and select "U.S. Students" where you will find the link for the list of NCAA courses.
- If you fall behind, use summer school sessions before graduation to catch up.

## Juniors

- At the beginning of your junior year, complete your online registration at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) \$60.
- **Register to take the ACT, SAT or both and use the NCAA Eligibility Center code "9999" as a score recipient. Doing this sends your official score directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.**
- Double check to make sure the courses you have taken match your school's list of NCAA courses. • Ask your high school counselor to send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center **after** completing your junior year. If you have attended more than one high school, the NCAA Eligibility Center will need official transcripts from all high schools attended. **(The NCAA Eligibility Center does NOT accept faxed transcripts or test scores.)**
- Before registering for classes for your senior year, check with your high school counselor to determine the amount of core courses that you need to complete your senior year.

## Seniors

- Take the ACT and/or SAT again, if necessary. The NCAA Eligibility Center will use the best scores from each section of the ACT or SAT to determine your best cumulative score.
- Continue to take college-prep courses.
- Check the courses you have taken to match your school's list of NCAA courses.
- Review your amateurism responses and request final amateurism certification on or after April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring enrollees).
- Continue to work hard to get the best grades possible.
- Graduate on time (in eight academic semesters).

After graduation, ask your high school counselor to send your final transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center with proof of graduation.

## Approved Courses

### English

Honors/English 9  
Honors/English 10  
Honors/English 11  
AP/English 12  
English 101/102  
ENG 211W

### Science

ESPS (.5 credit)  
ESCS (.5 credit)  
Honors Int Science  
AP/Physics  
AP/Chemistry  
Anatomy/Physiology  
AP/Agri/Biology  
AP Environmental Sci  
PreAP/Sci Foundations

### Additional Courses

Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, AP  
French 1, 2, 3, 4, AP  
Latin 1, 2

### Math

Honors/Algebra I  
Honors/Algebra II  
Honors/Geometry  
Algebra 3  
Pre-Calculus  
AP Calculus  
AP Statistics  
MAT 107/109

### Social Sciences

Integ. Social Studies  
AP Human Geography  
AP/World Civilization  
AP/U.S. History  
AP European History  
Law & Justice (.5 credit)  
Sociology (.5 credit)

### Division I

#### 16-Core Courses Required:

4 years of English  
3 years of Math  
2 years of Science  
1 year of additional English, Math, or Science  
2 years of Social Science  
4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language, or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy)

### Division II

#### 16-Core Courses Required:

3 years of English  
2 years of Math  
2 years of Science  
3 years of additional English, Math, or Science  
2 years of Social Science  
4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language, or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy)

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Eligibility Criteria for NAIA athletes are different from NCAA and are listed below:

Must Meet 2 of 3 Below		
(1) Test Score Requirement	(2) High School GPA Requirement	(3) Class Rank Requirement
<b>Achieve a minimum of 18 on the ACT or 860 on the SAT</b>	<b>Achieve a minimum overall high school grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale</b>	<b>Graduate in the top half of your high school class.</b>
<p>Tests must be taken on a state, national, or international testing date; scores must be achieved on a single test. The SAT must be achieved on the Critical Reading and Math sections only. The Writing score cannot be used. You must pass the standardized test prior to the term in which you want to participate in athletics.</p> <p><b>When registering for tests, students should indicate the NAIA code "9876" to have their scores sent directly to the NAIA Eligibility Center.</b></p>	<p>The NAIA accepts the grade point average determined by the high school, provided it is recorded and awarded in the same manner as for every other student at the school.</p>	<p>If a student's class rank does not appear on the transcript, a letter from the principal or headmaster, written on the school's letterhead and with the school's official seal, stating that the student meets the class rank requirement may be submitted.</p>

- Create an account and your ready to go.

## What are the costs?

Registration for students from the U.S. is \$65. Registration for international students is US\$95. This is a one-time nonrefundable registration fee and includes all services of the NAIA Eligibility Center.

The registration fee will be waived for students with demonstrated need. If you receive a fee waiver for the ACT or SAT test or qualify for the federal free or reduced-cost lunch program, contact your high school counselor, who can provide confirmation of your eligibility for a **fee waiver** to the NAIA Eligibility Center. Transfer students can qualify for a fee waiver based on receipt of a minimum of \$4,500 in Federal Pell Grant funds.

## Do I need to register with the NAIA Eligibility Center if I'm registering with the NCAA?

Determining if you meet eligibility requirements for NAIA eligibility is separate from NCAA eligibility certification. The NAIA and NCAA are two separate associations, with two different sets of rules and certification processes.

### NCAA or NAIA

#### Questions for Parents to ask about Financial Aid

1. What types of financial-aid agreements does your school have?
2. Which campus representatives have to sign off on the agreement for it to be valid?
3. What will the financial-aid agreement cover? Housing? Food? Books? Tuition?
4. How long will the agreement last? A quarter/semester? A full academic year?
5. If my son or daughter signs a financial agreement with your institution, can she/he sign with another school within your conference without penalty?
6. If my son or daughter quits the team after the season, will he or she continue to receive the scholarship?
7. If my son or daughter suffers a season-ending injury, will the financial-aid agreement be honored?
8. If my son or daughter becomes academically ineligible, will the agreement be honored?
9. On your campus, who is responsible for checking the student-athlete's eligibility?
10. Is there an academic support program in place for student-athletes on your campus?
11. Do you offer my student's major?

## How do I register?

- Go to [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org) to register.
- Click on Students – How to register