

NCAA Student–Athlete Eligibility

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(National Collegiate Athletic Association)

■ Three Divisions

- **Division I** – Largest, most competitive, most athletic scholarships available
- **Division II** – Some athletic scholarships, less competitive than Division I
- **Division III** – No athletic scholarships available, higher academic admissions standards. NCAA does not enforce regulations. Money still possible.



Freshmen and Sophomores Must:

- Start planning now!
- Work hard to get the best grades possible.
- Access and print their high school's List of NCAA Courses at www.eligibilitycenter.org by clicking "Resources" at the top of the screen.
- **Have Fun!** Remember playing sports is supposed to be fun!



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AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS:

<u>SPORT</u>	<u># OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	
Men's Tennis	4.5	
Women's Tennis	8	
Men's VB	4.5	
Women's VB	12	Full
Men's Track/CC	12.6	
Women's Track/CC	18	
Men's Swim/Dive	9.9	
Women's Swim/Dive	14	
Football	85	Full

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS:

<u>SPORT</u>	<u># OF SCHOLARSHIPS</u>	
Baseball	11.7	25%
Softball	12	
Men's BB	13	Full
Women's BB	15	Full
Men's Golf	4.5	
Women's Golf	6	
Men's Soccer	9.9	
Women's Soccer	12	



Juni ors Must:

Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org

- Plan to take the SAT or ACT. When registering, enter code 9999 for NCAA to receive scores.
- Double check high school's list of NCAA courses
- High school counselor send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

WEBSITE REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Take your first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete at eligibilitycenter.org.
Choose from our two account types to get started:

- 1. Certification Account:** You need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. You also need to be registered with a Certification Account before you can make official visits or sign a National Letter of Intent in Division I or II.
- 2. Profile Page:** If you plan to compete at a Division III school or are currently unsure in which division you want to compete, create a Profile Page. If at any time you wish to pursue a Division I or II path, you will be able to transition to a Certification Account.

For Certification Accounts, please allow between 30 to 45 minutes to register completely. If you need to exit and come back at a later time, you can save and exit once your account or profile is created.

Reference the Help section located in the top task bar at any time to answer your questions as you work through registration.

Below is a list of items we recommend you have before beginning your registration with the NCAA Eligibility Center:

Valid Student Email

You need a valid email address that you check regularly to register. This is important for updating prospective student-athletes about their account. For more information about accepted emails, please reference our [FAQ](#).

Basic Student Personal Information

This includes information such as your name, gender, date of birth, primary and secondary contact information, and address.

Basic Student Education History

Please include details about all high schools or secondary schools you have attended in the United States or internationally, and additional programs you have attended.

[Check](#) if your school has a list of NCAA-approved courses.

Student Sports Participation History

For Certification Accounts, this includes details for any expenses or awards you received, any teams you have practiced or played with or certain events in which you participated outside of the

traditional high school season. It also includes information about any individuals who have advised you or [marketed](#) your skills in a particular sport. This information helps the Eligibility Center certify your amateur status when it is requested by an NCAA school.

Payment

For Certification Accounts, nonrefundable registration fee for U.S., U.S. Territories* and Canadian students: \$80

*U.S. Territories include American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.

Nonrefundable registration fee for international students: \$135

The NCAA Eligibility Center accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. For payment questions, look [here](#). Some individuals may qualify to apply for a [fee waiver](#).

Next Steps

Stay on track in high school and understand these [quick tips](#) to help in your eligibility process.

For more information, please visit: www.NCAA.org/playcollegesports.

School Selection

Search for a high school's list of NCAA courses

Use the following form to search for a high school's list of NCAA courses. You can search by the high school's six-digit NCAA High School Code or, if you don't know the school's NCAA High School Code or six-digit CEEB/ACT Code, you may search by city/state and zip code.

High School Code: OR CEEB/ACT Code:

School Name:



NCAA Division I Full Qualifier:

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

- 16 core courses in the following areas:

- 4 years English;

- 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher;

- 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered at any high school attended);

- 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;

- 2 years social science; and

- 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.

- **Minimum required GPA:**

Minimum GPA of **2.300** in those 16 core courses.

GPA is on a 4.0 Scale

Letter grades only---no pluses or minuses (a grade of B- would calculate as a B)

- Graduate from high school on time!

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Core-course progression

Must complete **10** core courses before seventh semester of high school (start of senior year).

Of the **10** core courses completed, **seven** must be in the area of **English, math, or science**.

- These 10 core courses become “locked in” for the purpose of GPA calculation.

A repeat of one of the “locked in” courses will not be used if taken after the seventh semester begins.

Definition of a Core Course

- A course that qualifies for high school graduation in one or more of the following: English, mathematics, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion or philosophy;
- Is considered four-year college preparatory;
- Is taught at or above the high school's regular academic level;
- For mathematics courses, is at the level of Algebra I or a higher level mathematics course; and
- Is taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority.

Non-Core Courses

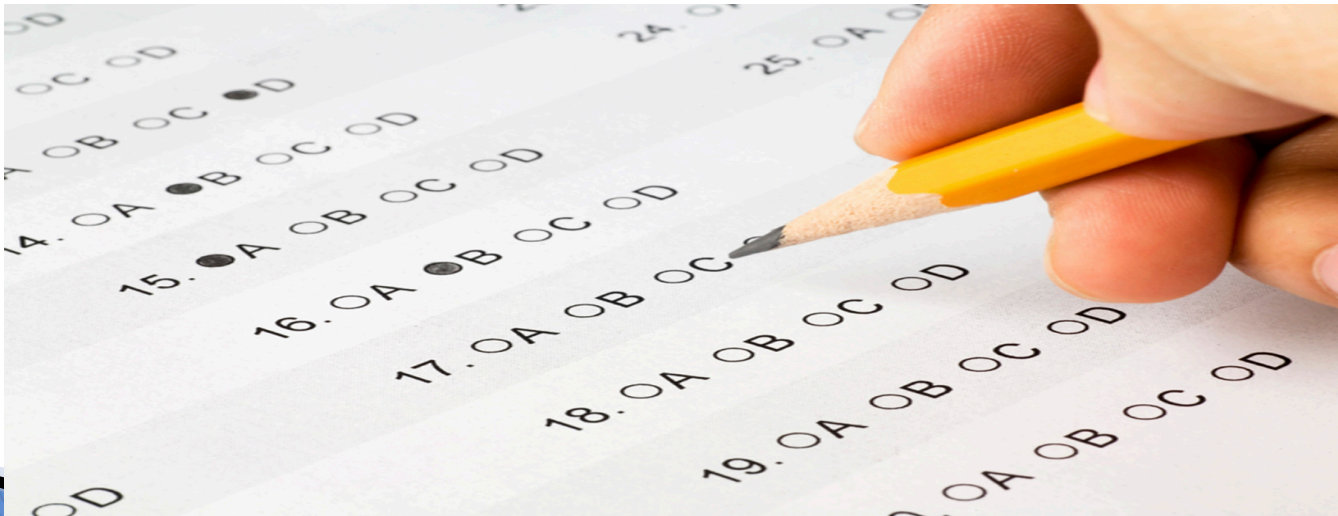
Some example of non-core/not NCAA approved

- BOCES-any technical school or vocational classes
- Courses taught below grade level-modified, foundational, basic
- Courses non academic in nature: computers, video, film, personal finance



Taking the ACT and/or SAT

- Students should enter the “**9999**” code when registering for the ACT or SAT. This requests for the student’s official test scores to be sent directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Test scores on high school transcripts will not be used.



Division I Initial-Eligibility Index Full Qualifier Sliding Scale

This is an abbreviated version of the index. For the full index, see the NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

<u>Core Grade- Point Average</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u> (Sum of Scores)
3.550	400	37
3.000	620	52
2.750	720	59
2.500	820	68
2.250	920	77
2.000	1010	86

Seniors!

- ▶ Take ACT/SAT again
- ▶ Check your list of core courses!
- ▶ Graduate on time (June, 2017)
- ▶ Visit My Planner to check status of eligibility
- ▶ Request a final transcript after graduation



New Legislation



Nontraditional coursework.

How courses taken outside the traditional classroom are being evaluated for Divisions I and II certification.

Early academic certification for Divisions I and II.

Final certification to academically qualified students following six semesters of coursework.

Core-course time limitation for Division I. Students must complete required coursework in eight semesters from the beginning of grade nine.

What are Nontraditional Courses?

Courses taught through:

- The Internet (online or virtual)
- Distance learning
- Independent study
- Individualized instruction
- Correspondence
- Computer software programs
- Other similar means



Early Academic Certification

- ▶ DI: minimum of SAT (math & reading only) score of 900 OR ACT sum score of 75 AND core course GPA of 3.0 in a minimum of 14 core courses.

3 English

2 Math (Algebra 1 or higher)

2 Natural/Physical Sciences

2 Additional core courses in English, Math, or Science

5 Additional core courses in any area

Early Academic Certification

- ▶ DII: minimum of SAT (math & reading only) score of 1000 OR ACT sum score of 85 AND core course GPA of 3.0 in a minimum of 12 core courses.

3 English

2 Math (Algebra 1 or higher)

2 Natural/Physical Sciences

5 Additional core courses in any area

Core-Course Time Limitation



Division I

From the time a student enters the ninth grade, he/she has four (4) years or eight (8) semesters to complete his/her core-course requirement. If the student fails to complete high school "on time" in eight semesters, core courses taken after the eighth semester will not be counted toward his/her NCAA academic eligibility requirements. "**On time**" also means that if the student's high school graduation takes place June 1, he/she must graduate June 1. If the student does not graduate June 1 with the rest of his/her high school class, the student's academic requirements have not been completed "on time."

Division II

A student is permitted to use all core courses completed from his/her ninth grade year until the time he/she enrolls full time at a college or university

Academic Redshirt:

Requirements for **Scholarship** and **Practice**.

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 - 2 years natural or physical science
(one lab if offered by any school attended)
 - 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science
 - 2 years social science
 - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.
- Minimum required GPA.
Minimum GPA of **2.000** in 16 core courses.
- Academic redshirt sliding scale.
Minimum sum ACT or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA.
- Example: GPA of 2.50 requires SAT of 820 or ACT sum of 68.

Academic Redshirt:

Requirements for **Scholarship** and **Practice**

- If a college-bound student-athlete meets these requirements, he/she can receive an **athletics scholarship** during his/her first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.
- If he/she meets these requirements, he/she can **practice** during his/her first term (e.g., semester, quarter) at a Division I college or university.
 - After the first semester or quarter is complete, in order to continue to **practice** for the rest of the year, the student must be academically successful at the collegiate level.

What If A Student Does Not Meet Either Set of Requirements?



- If a college-bound student-athlete does not meet either set of requirements, he/she is a **nonqualifier**.
- A **nonqualifier**:
 - Cannot receive athletics aid during the first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.
 - Cannot practice or compete during the first year at a Division I college or university.

HELPFUL STEPS FOR STUDENTS



Best Test Scores Will Be Used to Certify Students – Take them more than once!

	TEST SCORE		
	<u>Math</u>	<u>Verbal</u>	<u>Total</u>
October 10 th	350	470	820
December 10 th	420	440	860
Scores Used	420	470	890

ACT Sum Score

- ▶ English – 18
- ▶ Math – 18
- ▶ Reading – 17
- ▶ Science – 19

- ▶ SUM SCORE = 72

- ▶ On the NEW sliding scale, this student would have to have a core GPA of at least 2.375 to be a full qualifier.









Complete the Amateurism Questionnaire

- When you register, be sure to complete the amateurism questionnaire.
- Log in and click on “Enter/Update Amateur Questionnaire.”
- Answer the questions honestly. Don’t let anyone else complete this for you.
- Review your amateurism questionnaire responses and request final amateurism certification during your senior year (beginning April 1 for fall enrollees and beginning October 1 for spring enrollees).

ALWAYS ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!

Amateurism Red Flags

Ask questions before:

-  Signing a contract with a professional team.
-  Receiving money for participating in athletics.
-  Receiving prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
-  Playing with professional athletes.
-  Trying out, practicing or competing with a professional team.
-  Receiving benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
-  Agreeing to be represented by an agent.
-  Participating in organized competition after your first opportunity to enroll in college.

CONSIDER THIS:

- Only Div. I & Div. II colleges offer athletic scholarships but...Division III programs can offer additional Financial Aid packages and academic grants for top students.
- \$3000 athletic scholarship to Div. I
– OR - \$20,000 in academic money for a Div. III ?

RECRUITING

- You are considered a “recruited prospective student-athlete” if you have been approached by a college coach or representative about participating in that college’s athletic program.
- NCAA guidelines specify how and when you can be contacted. Letters, telephone calls and in-person conversations are limited to certain frequency and dates during and after your Junior year.

RECRUITMENT

- During recruitment, a college coach may ask you to sign a National Letter of Intent. This says that you will attend a certain college for at least one year and it includes a financial aid package.
- After “signing” you are bound to that college with penalties if you do not follow through.
- Only your signature is binding. A coach’s verbal promise to offer a National Letter of Intent or your verbal promise to sign one is not. (Ex: Coach takes a new job)

Resources For more information or questions:

- NCAA Eligibility Center website at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- NCAA Eligibility Center Customer Service:
877/262-1492 (public).

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