
NCAA Eligibility Information Night

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Upper St. Clair High School

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NCAA

National Collegiate Athletic Association

A member-led organization dedicated to the well-being and lifelong success of college athletes.

- 1098 colleges and universities
 - 350 Division I
 - 310 Division II
 - 438 Division III

NCAA Eligibility Center Account



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NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?

[Learn more or search NCAA schools.](#) [Help](#) [High School Administrators](#)

Want to Compete at an NCAA School?

Create the Eligibility Center account that's right for you!

If you want to compete in NCAA sports, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Plan to register before starting your freshman year of high school (or year nine of secondary school). The information below will help guide you through the registration process.

To get started, review the three account options and choose the one that's right for you! You'll only need to create one account with the Eligibility Center. Starting with the free Profile Page is best practice, as you can transition it later to the Certification account needed for your circumstances.

Option 1:
Free Profile Page Account

[Who should create this account?](#)

Option 2:
Amateurism-Only Certification Account

[Who should create this account?](#)

Option 3:
Academic and Amateurism Certification Account

[Who should create this account?](#)

NCAA Eligibility Center Account

Option 1: Free Profile Page Account

- In HS and staying connected to receive most current info from eligibility center
- In middle school and wanted to learn more about college athletics
- Still deciding which NCAA division is right for you
- Planning to compete at an NCAA **DIII** school and have only attended a US HS
- Registering to play at an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event (BBCS, ECAG, AAU)

Option 2: Amateurism-Only Certification Account

- International college-bound student-athletes planning to compete at an NCAA DIII school.

Option 3 Academic and Amateurism Certification Account

- Most common account for future NCAA student-athletes
- Competing at a DI or DII school
- Taking/plan to take an official visit
- Sign/plan to sign a National Letter of Intent

High School Athletes and Eligibility

Division I Academic Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in NCAA sports during your first year at a Division I school, you must meet **ALL** the following requirements:

- Earn 16 NCAA-approved [core-course credits](#):
 - Four years of English.
 - Three years of math (Algebra 1 or higher).
 - Two years of science (including one year of lab, if offered).
 - One additional year of English, math or science.
 - Two years of social science.
 - Four additional years of English, math, science, social science, world language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy.
- Complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of the seventh semester.
- Complete your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight academic semesters or four consecutive academic years from the start of ninth grade.
- Earn a minimum 2.3 core-course GPA.
- Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

High School Athletes and Eligibility

Division II Academic Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in NCAA sports during your first year at a Division II school, you must meet **ALL** the following requirements:

- Earn 16 NCAA-approved [core-course credits](#):
 - Three years of English.
 - Two years of math (Algebra 1 or higher).
 - Two years of science (including one year of lab, if offered).
 - Three additional years of English, math or science.
 - Two years of social science.
 - Four additional years of English, math, science, social science, world language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy.
- Earn a minimum 2.2 core-course GPA.
- Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

High School Athletes and Eligibility

In Division III, athletes must meet the admissions standards set by the school as opposed to divisional standards as in Divisions I and II.

Test Scores

In January 2023, NCAA Divisions I and II adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements for all student-athletes who initially enroll full time on or after August 1, 2023. Check with the NCAA school you plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements.

High School Athletes and Eligibility

What if I don't meet the requirements?

If you have not met all of the Division I academic standards, you may not compete in your first year at a Division I school. However, if you qualify as an academic redshirt, you may practice during your first term in college and receive an athletics scholarship for the entire year.

To qualify as an academic redshirt, you must:

- Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits.
 - Four years of English.
 - Three years of math (Algebra 1 or higher).
 - Two years of science (including one year of lab, if offered).
 - One additional year of English, math or science.
 - Two years of social science.
 - Four additional years of English, math, science, social science, world language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy.
- Earn a minimum 2.0 core-course GPA.
- Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

Next Steps

1. Visit NCAA Eligibility Center at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
2. Create appropriate account (slide 3)
3. Review eligibility requirements for courses and GPA (GPA is based only on eligible courses and calculated by NCAA)
 - a. Visit Student Portal/Focus for course history
4. If necessary, meet with your school counselor or Mrs. Lash to verify eligibility- [Click here to find out how NCAA calculates GPA](#)
 - a. Keep your school counselor informed when it comes to recruitment and colleges
 - b. Be sure you have a transcript release on file in the Counseling Office

Athletic Department Q&A

1. How will the high school coach help my student-athlete when it comes to college recruiting?
2. What is the best way to reach out to a college coach? How can I ensure my child is seen?
3. How many scholarships are available for each sport?
4. When would I hear from college coaches if my child is a prospective recruit?

Contacts

- **USC HS Athletic Office, Ext. 2260**
- **Mr. Danny Holzer, Athletic Director, Ext. 2260**
- **Mrs. Bethany Lash, School Counselor, Ext. 2402**

This presentation and more information will be posted on the USCHS Athletics and Counseling websites.

THANK YOU!