

“What Students Need to Know to Play Sports at NCAA Institutions”

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TODAY'S TOPICS

- NCAA Division I/II/III
- Registering for the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Academics and Eligibility
- Amateurism and Eligibility
- Financial Aid and National Letter of Intent
- Recruiting Regulations
- Questions ?



NCAA DIVISION I

- There currently are 340 active Division I members (colleges and institutions) in the NCAA.
- Athletic scholarships awarded.
- There are three (3) sub-sections in Division I.
 - Division I – Bowl Subdivision (large football schools)
 - e.g., The Ohio State University
 - Division I – Championship Subdivision (smaller football schools)
 - e.g., Youngstown State University
 - Division I – Championship Subdivision (no football)
 - e.g., Xavier University



NCAA DIVISION II

- There currently are 282 active Division II members (colleges and institutions) in the NCAA. e.g., Ashland University, Central State University
- Athletic scholarships awarded.



NCAA Division III

- There currently are 449 active Division III members (colleges and institutions) in the NCAA. e.g., Capital University, Baldwin-Wallace College
- Athletic scholarships NOT awarded.



THE ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Formerly known as the NCAA Clearinghouse

What is the Eligibility Center?

The NCAA Eligibility Center web site:

www.eligibilitycenter.org

- The NCAA Eligibility Center is responsible for determining a student's eligibility for athletic participation in his or her first year of college enrollment.
- The Eligibility Center evaluates your academic record to determine if you are eligible to participate at a Division I or II college as a freshman student-athlete.
- The high school administration (principal and/or guidance counselor) works with the Eligibility Center to assure that appropriate high school core courses are approved for NCAA initial eligibility certification.

How do I register with the Eligibility Center?

The NCAA Eligibility Center web site:

www.eligibilitycenter.org

- Step One: At the beginning of the student's **junior year**:
 - Log on to the Eligibility Center's website. Select the "New Account" button at the top right of the screen or the cell phone on the left side of the screen
 - Complete the registration and amateurism questionnaire
 - Remember to eSign/request final amateurism decision on or after April 1 of senior year

Eligibility Center Registration – Cont.

- Step Two: Send registration fee (\$75 for domestic and \$130 for international).
 - You may register online and pay with your credit or debit card information.
- Step Four: Print copies one (1) and two (2) of the transcript release form – sign and give copies to your high school counselor.
(Keep copies for your own records)

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

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Division I – *Enrollment 2016 and Later*

To be eligible to participate in athletics or receive an athletics scholarship during your first year YOU MUST:

- Graduate from high school.
- Earn a minimum required GPA in **16** core courses.
- Earn a minimum 2.30 core course GPA
- Meet sliding scale requirements for core course GPA and ACT or SAT scores.



16 Core Courses for Division I *Enrollment*

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher).
- 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered by your high school).
- 1 additional year of English, math or natural/physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of additional core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy)

New Core Course Requirement

- Beginning with the high school graduating class of 2016, a student-athlete must have completed 10 of the required 16 core courses before the start of his/her 7th semester (senior year) in high school.
 - The 10 core courses used to fulfill this requirement cannot be replaced by courses or grades achieved after the beginning of the 7th semester of high school.
 - 7 of the 10 must be in English, Math and Natural/Physical Science

Division I Core GPA and Test Score Sliding Scale - Examples

■ Core GPA	SAT (verbal and math ONLY)	ACT
3.550 & above	400	37
3.000	620	52
2.500	820	68
2.300	900	75
Academic Redshirt		
2.999	910	76
2.000	1020	86

Division I

What is a Qualifier and Nonqualifier?

- A qualifier is a student-athlete who meets all of the NCAA academic requirements for incoming freshmen.
- A nonqualifier is a student-athlete who does not meet the NCAA academic requirements for incoming freshmen.

As a Qualifier for Division I you:

- Can practice and compete for your college or university during your first year of college.
- Can receive an athletic scholarship during your first year of college.
- Have five years to play four seasons in your sport as long as you maintain your eligibility from year to year.

As Non-Qualifier in Division I you:

- Cannot practice or compete for your college or university during your first year of college.
- Cannot receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of college. (you can receive need-based financial aid)
- Can play all four (4) season in your sport (within a five-year period) in Division I as long as you maintain your eligibility from year to year.

Advice for students who are determined to be a non-qualifier?

- Most institutions
 - Serve a year in academic residency (sit out of athletics for a year) at institution
- Select conferences (Pac-10, MWC)
 - Must obtain AA degree

Academic Red Shirt

- High school graduate who has presented the same academic qualifications applicable to qualifiers *except for*:
 - The required cumulative GPA and minimum combined ACT/SAT score on the sliding scale
- May receive institutional athletically related financial aid
- May practice with the team only on campus at the institution's regular practice facility
- Must pass at least 9 credit hours to be eligible for practice the following term.

Modification of Sliding Scale

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
Use for Division I beginning August 1, 2016			
Core GPA	SAT		AC1 Sum
	Reading	Math	
3.550	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
3.100	580		49
3.075	590		50
3.050	600		50
3.025	610		51
3.000	620		52
2.975	630		52
2.950	640		53
2.925	650		53
2.900	660		54
2.875	670		55
2.850	680		56
2.825	690		56
2.800	700		57
2.775	710		58
2.750	720		59
2.725	730		60
2.700	740		61
2.675	750		61
2.650	760		62
2.625	770		63
2.600	780		64
2.575	790		65
2.550	800		66
2.525	810		67
2.500	820		68
2.475	830		69
2.450	840		70
2.425	850		70
2.400	860		71
2.375	870		72
2.350	880		73
2.325	890		74
2.300	900		75
2.299	910		76
2.275	910		76
2.250	920		77
2.225	930		78
2.200	940		79
2.175	950		80
2.150	960		81
2.125	970		82
2.100	980		83
2.075	990		84
2.050	1000		85
2.025	1010		86
2.000	1020		86

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

AMATEURISM ELIGIBILITY

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- The NCAA Eligibility Center is responsible for certifying the amateurism status of all freshmen and transfer prospective student-athletes (prospects) for initial participation at an NCAA Division I or II college or university
- Prospective student-athletes must complete the amateurism survey and verification process and be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to be eligible for participation.

Pre-college enrollment activities that will be reviewed:

- Contracts with professional teams.
- Salary for participating in athletics.
- Prize money above actual and necessary lodging and meal expenses.
- Play with professionals.
- Education expenses from an individual (or entity) other than the prospect's parents or legal guardians.

Pre-college enrollment activities that will be reviewed Cont.:

- Preferential treatment based on athletics participation or reputation.
- Tryouts, practice or competition with a professional team.
- Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
- Agreement to be represented because of athletic ability.

Need More Information???

- 2point3.org provides information for the college bound student-athlete

<http://www.ncaa.org/static/2point3/>



FINANCIAL AID

FINANCIAL AID - TERMS

- **Cost of Attendance-** An amount calculated annually by each institutions Financial Aid office, includes total cost of tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation and all other expenses related to attendance at the institution.
- **Full Grant in Aid -** A full grant-in-aid is financial aid that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books.
- **Length of a Scholarship** – Athletic financial aid is available on a one-year, renewable basis. Schools may at their discretion offer multi year scholarships.

FINANCIAL AID – TERMS

- **Walk-On** – A student who does not receive athletically-related institutional financial aid, but is a member of an intercollegiate athletic team.
- **“Outside” Scholarships** – Aid that is not awarded by the institution or Athletics Dept.
 - In Division I, SA’s cannot accept outside scholarships that require the SA attend a particular institution or are awarded from someone with a direct connection to the institution

NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

Also known as the NLI (Administered by the NCAA)

National Letter of Intent

- This Letter serves as an official document that establishes the commitment of a prospective student-athlete to attend the institution for one academic year.
 - Must receive athletic scholarship to sign an NLI
- An NLI can be null and void if the prospect does not meet admissions or NCAA requirements for initial eligibility (named non-qualifier)



National Letter of Intent – What does it mean to you?

- Reduces and limits recruiting pressure on student-athletes
- Guarantee full year of athletic scholarship (subject to academic eligibility)
- Removes recruiting limitations for the signing school

RECRUITING TERMS

Terms Parents will hear, and what they mean!

RECRUITING REGULATIONS

Recruiting Terms

- **Prospective student-athlete (prospect)**
 - You become a “prospect” when you begin ninth grade.
 - In basketball, you become a prospect in 7th grade.
 - Or prior to ninth grade, a college gives you, your relative or your friends any financial aid or other benefits that the college does not provide to students generally.

Recruiting Terms – Cont.

- **Evaluation** – An activity by a coach to assess your academic or athletic ability.
 - Example: Coach watches your high school game or practice
- **Contact** – A face-to-face exchange with you ,your parents or legal guardians with an institution's coach
 - Example: Coach talks to you about their institution after game or practice
 - Can occur after July 1 following the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school (except for men's basketball)

Recruiting Terms – Cont.

- **Official Visit** – Any visit to a college campus by you that is paid for by the college.
 - Limited to 5 official visits only 1 per institution
 - In order to go on an official visit you must:
 - Be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center
 - Send a copy of high school transcript to institution
 - Send a copy of SAT, ACT, PSAT, or PLAN scores
 - May start making official visits on the first day of classes of your senior year in high school (exception: Men's basketball)
 - The college may pay for the following expenses:
 - Your transportation to and from the college;
 - Room and meals (three per day) while you are visiting the college; and
 - Reasonable entertainment expenses, including three complimentary admissions to a home contest

Recruiting Terms – Cont.

- **Unofficial visit** – Any visit by you to a college campus paid for by you and your parents or legal guardians.
 - May receive three complimentary admissions to a home athletics contest.
 - No limit on number of unofficial visits you may take to any institution
 - Cannot take unofficial visit during dead period, unless you have already signed an NLI

Recruiting Correspondence

- In sports other than men's basketball and men's ice hockey, an institution may not provide general correspondence related to athletics before September 1 of the prospects junior year
- Electronic correspondence must be sent directly to the PSA (e.g. e-mail or instant message) and may not be made in a publically accessible area (e.g. Facebook or Twitter walls)

Recruiting Calls

- **What About Phone Calls?** – The NCAA has different regulations for different sports regarding when coaches may call prospects.
- Telephone calls may not be made prior to September 1 at the beginning of a prospects junior year in high school.
 - Swimming & Diving and Cross country/Track and Field cannot make phone calls prior to July 1 following completion of junior year
- Football, Basketball, and Ice Hockey have exceptions that allow limited calls prior to a prospect's senior year.

Thank You

- QUESTIONS?