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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
- Recruiting Regulations
- Questions ?



NCAA DIVISION I

- There currently are 364 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 304 active Division II members (colleges and institutions) in the NCAA. e.g., Ashland University, Central State University
- Athletic scholarships awarded.
- Scholarships may be for lesser amounts due to award limits



NCAA Division III

- There currently are 431 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 and sport participation record to determine if you are eligible to participate at a Division I or II college as a freshman student-athlete.
 - Division III student-athletes do not need to be certified by the Eligibility Center, but students should still register if there is any chance they'll participate at the DI or DII level

What is the Eligibility Center?

- High school works with the Eligibility Center to assure that appropriate high school core courses are approved for NCAA initial eligibility certification.
- We encourage students to register for the Eligibility Center during the fall of their junior year of HS.
- Registration Fee: \$100 for domestic and \$160 for international. Fee waivers available if student is eligible for fee waiver on ACT/SAT.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

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Division I

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 **2.3 core course** GPA
- Meet the 10/7 rule by start of 7th semester

- *Test scores no longer required by the NCAA
- However, they may be required by your NCAA school



ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Division 2

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 at least a **2.2 core course** GPA

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, non-doctrinal religion or philosophy)

16 Core Courses for Division 2 Enrollment

- 3 years of English.
- 2 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).
- 3 additional years of English, math or natural/physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of additional core courses [in any of the above areas or foreign language, philosophy or nondoctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses]

10/7 Requirement – Division 1 Only

- Student-athletes 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

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) seasons 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
 - Many institutions are unlikely to take a non-qualifier and will encourage junior college.
- Select conferences
 - Must obtain AA degree if you attend junior college as a nonqualifier then transfer to a 4-year school

Academic Redshirt

- High school graduate who has presented the same academic qualifications applicable to qualifiers *except for*:
 - GPA is less than 2.3 but student meets other requirements (16 core courses, 10/7 rule) or;
 - Student has GPA above a 2.3 but does not meet required 10/7 prior to senior year.
- 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 in fall term to be eligible for practice the following term.

Advice for High Schoolers

- Utilize your counselors! They are here to help you with this process.
- Start planning early! The earlier you do this, the more time you have in case your plans change.
- Register with the Eligibility Center and check your core course progression.
- Ask questions!

AMATEURISM ELIGIBILITY

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- The NCAA Eligibility Center is responsible for certifying the amateurism status of all prospective student-athletes 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 Eligibility Center.

Pre-college enrollment activities that will be reviewed:

- Contract with professional teams.
- Salary for participating in athletics.
- Prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
- Education expenses from an individual or entity other than the prospect's parents or legal guardians.
- Preferential treatment based on athletics participation or reputation.
- Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
- Agreement to be represented because of athletic ability.

Need More Information???

- The NCAA ["Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete"](#) is a great resource!



FINANCIAL AID

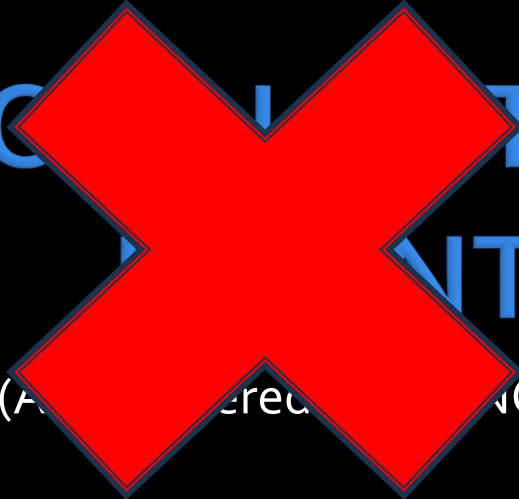
FINANCIAL AID - TERMS

- **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, required course-related books, and money up to cost of attendance
- **Partial Scholarship**
- **Length of a Scholarship** – Athletic financial aid is available on a one-year, automatically 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



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Also known as the NLI (Associated Athletic Administrators of the NCAA)

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

Athletic Scholarship Agreement

- This Agreement serves as an official document that establishes the commitment of a prospective student-athlete to attend the institution and receive an athletic scholarship.
- An scholarship agreement can be null and void if the prospect does not meet admissions or NCAA requirements for initial eligibility
- Institutions are restricted from communicating with a prospect once they have signed a scholarship agreement

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 Men’s Basketball and Softball, and Women’s Volleyball, 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
 - General Rule: Can occur on/after August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school
 - Some sports have different starting dates for off-campus contact

Recruiting Terms – Cont.

- **Official Visit** – Any visit to a college campus by you that is paid for by the college.
 - New rule allows you to take unlimited official visits, but 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
 - May start taking official visits on/after August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school
 - Some sports have different starting dates for official visits
 - 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 five 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 a Scholarship Agreement
 - Cannot occur until on/after August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school
 - Some sports have different starting dates for unofficial visits

E-Mails & Text Messages

- For many sports, an institution may not provide recruiting correspondence related to athletics until June 15 after the prospect's sophomore year
 - Some sports have different starting dates for recruiting correspondence
- Recruiting correspondence must be sent directly to the prospect (e.g. e-mail or instant message) and may not be made in a publically accessible area (e.g. Facebook or Twitter walls)

Telephone Calls

- There are varying start dates across all sports when a coach may initiate a call to a prospect.
 - Generally, June 15th following Sophomore year
- A relatively new rule is that some sports have restrictions on when coaches can receive calls from prospects.
 - January 1 of Sophomore year = Men's Ice Hockey
 - September 1 of Junior year = Lacrosse and Softball
 - No restrictions = Baseball, Basketball and Football
 - June 15 after Sophomore year = All other sports not listed above.

Thank You

- QUESTIONS?