



NCAA Initial Eligibility, NCAA Eligibility Center, Disability Services, Recruiting and NJCAA



Overview

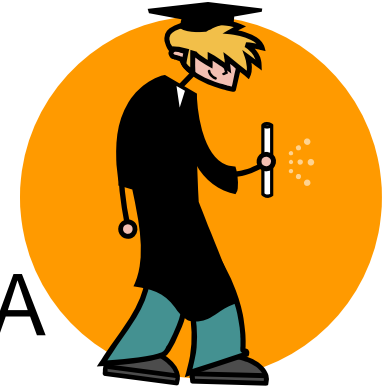
- Initial eligibility requirements
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Initial Eligibility – NCAA

- The NCAA Eligibility Center will certify the academic and amateur credentials of all college-bound student-athletes who wish to compete in NCAA **Division I or II** athletics.
- The student-athlete is responsible for achieving and protecting his or her eligibility status.

4 Parts of Initial Eligibility

- Graduation from High School
- Minimum core (weighted) GPA
- Minimum ACT or SAT
- Completion of 16 core courses
(Division II = 14 for now, as of 2013,
= 16)



Important to note for core courses

- Review your high schools approved core courses so you know how close you are to being eligible.
- Credit-by-exam and vocational courses MAY NOT be used to satisfy a core course.
- Check www.eligibilitycenter.org under Prospective Student Athlete – List of Approved Core Courses (on left margin)

Division I Core Course Requirements

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (level of Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year lab)
- 1 additional year of English, mathematics or natural/physical science
- 2 years social science
- 4 years additional course (e.g., courses above, foreign language, nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)

= 16 CORE courses

Division I Initial Eligibility Index

This is an abbreviated version of the full scale showing the high end, the low end and some points in between.

<u>Core GPA</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u> (Sum Score)
3.550	400	37
3.000	620	52
2.750	720	59
2.500	820	68
2.250	920	77
2.000	1010	86

Division I cont.

- If you do not meet the academic requirements (16 core courses with a minimum required GPA and combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course GPA on the sliding scale) you **cannot** practice, compete or receive athletics aid during your first year.
- If you graduate from high school on time (in 8 semesters) with your incoming 9th grade class, you may complete **one** core course in the year after graduation (at any high school - summer or academic year) to become eligible.

Division II Core Course Requirements

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of mathematics (level of Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year lab)
- 2 additional years of English, mathematics or natural/physical science
- 2 years social science
- 3 years additional course (e.g., courses above, foreign language, nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)

= 14 CORE courses

Division II Initial Eligibility Index

- Present a 2.000 grade-point average in 14 core courses
- Achieve a combination SAT score of 820 or a sum score of 68 on the ACT
 - There is no sliding scale in Division II.

Division II Continued

- If you do not meet all of the academic requirements (14 core courses with 2.000 GPA and 820 or 68 sum) but you have graduated from high school and meet one of the following:

- SAT score of 820 or ACT sum score of 68; OR
- Completion of 14 core courses with 2.000 GPA

you may practice with your team at their home facility and receive athletics aid, however you **MAY NOT** compete during your first year.

Division III

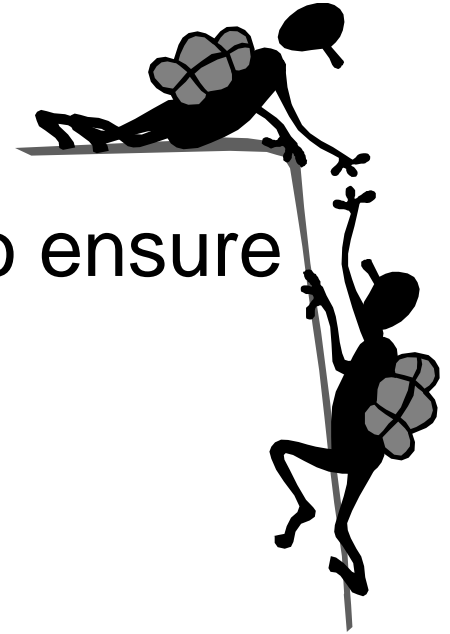
- Division III does not use the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Contact your Division III college regarding its policies on admission, financial aid, practice and competition.

How to prepare for eligibility:

Grades 9-12

Be careful in your course selection to ensure you are:

- Meeting high-school graduation requirements.
- Fully preparing for a four-year college.
- Meeting NCAA core-course requirements.



How to prepare for eligibility:

Junior year

- Take ACT or SAT test.
- Register online at www.eligibilitycenter.org (if you wish to participate in athletics at any Division I or II institution). This will cost \$60 when you register.
- Report test scores to the Eligibility Center.
 - **Use code 9999 to send scores directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.**



After Junior Year

- Request your transcript with six semesters worth of courses and grades (after junior year is complete) to send to the Eligibility Center.

How to prepare for eligibility:

During senior year

- Continue to monitor course selection.
- Confirm accuracy of preliminary report (sent from eligibility center after registering) and review it with your high school counselor.

After graduation

- Request your high school counselor send your final transcript (with proof of graduation) to the Eligibility Center.



LOGIN NEW ACCOUNT

Username (e-mail)

Password

Forgot password GO

RESOURCES

U.S. Students

Start Here!

Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete

NCAA Initial Eligibility Brochure

Freshman Eligibility Standards Quick Reference Sheet

Registration Checklist

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List of Approved Core Courses

Divisions I and II Worksheets

Divisions

About the NCAA

Checklist:

- Create account
- Complete registration

Create an account so you can register



The Guide for College Bound Student-Athlete is very useful



Amateurism

- The Eligibility Center also must certify you as an amateur student-athlete.
- You will be asked questions about your athletics participation.
- It will be reviewed and a decision will be made as to whether you have amateur status or not. If not, other steps will be taken.
- For more info on specifics, please consult the Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete



Transcript Accuracy is Vital!!

- Once the NCAA Eligibility Center receives a final transcript, a revised transcript may not be used.
- All transcript changes after graduation must be handled through the initial-eligibility waiver process.
- NCAA Eligibility Center **MUST** receive a transcript from **EACH** high school you attended.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Two frequently asked questions:

1. What initial eligibility standards must a student diagnosed with a disability meet?
 - Same as all other students, however they are permitted to use the accommodations.
2. Who is eligible to use the accommodations?
 - Those who have obtained the ability to use non-standardized test scores from a testing agency (SAT or ACT) and
 - Those with a diagnosed disability and who are receiving accommodations from their high school.

Registering with NCAA Disability Services

- No need to register unless:
 - the student needs to use courses taken after the 8th semester of high school and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment (Div I only)
 - Send the following documents to NCAA:
 - Copy of your professional diagnosis; and
 - Copy of the Individual Education Plan (IEP), Individual Transition Plan (ITP), 504 Plan or other statement of accommodations.
- *One of the above documents should be dated within the last three years



Some Points to Remember . . .

- The requirements for eligibility to participate at Division I differ from those required at Division II.
- Courses taken in 8th grade **MAY NOT** be used to satisfy the core-curriculum requirements.
- SAT/ACT test scores **MUST** be provided directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the testing agency (use code 9999).
- Only core-course grades are used to calculate the core-course GPA. Additional courses taken beyond the 16 may be used to assist the overall average if needed.
- Students who attend multiple high schools **MUST** submit transcripts from all high schools.
- Both your initial academic eligibility **AND** your amateurism **MUST** be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Division I Recruiting - Terms

- Contact
 - A contact occurs any time a coach has any face-to-face contact with you or your parents off the college's campus and says more than hello. A contact also occurs if a coach has any contact with you or your parents at your high school or any location where you are competing or practicing.
- Evaluation
 - An evaluation is an activity by a coach to evaluate your academic or athletics ability. This would include visiting your high school or watching you practice or compete.

Division I Recruiting - Terms

- Contact Period
 - During this time, a college coach may have in-person contact with you and/or your parents on or off the college's campus. The coach may also watch you play or visit your high school. You and your parents may visit a college campus and the coach may write and phone you during this period.
- Evaluation Period
 - The college coach may watch you play or visit your high school, but cannot have any in-person conversations with you or your parents off the college's campus. You and your parents can visit a college campus during this period. A coach may write and phone you or your parents during this time.

Division I Recruiting - Terms

- **Dead Period**
 - The college coach may not have any in-person contact with you or your parents at any time in this period. The coach may write and phone you or your parents during this time. [Note dead periods surround the National Letter of Intent signing period]
- **Quiet Period**
 - The college coach may not have any in-person contact with you or your parents off the college's campus. The coach may not watch you play or visit your high school during this period. You and your parents may visit a college campus during this time. A coach may write or phone you or your parents during this time.
- **Please see the College Bound Student-Athlete Guide for more detailed info - available at**
<http://www.ncaapublications.com/ProductsDetailView.aspx?sku=CB10>

Visits to Campus



- Unofficial Visit
 - You pay all expenses.
 - Institution may provide three complimentary admissions to an on-campus athletics event.
 - You may take an unofficial visit at any time (except during a dead period or July for men's and women's basketball prospects!).
 - You may take as many unofficial visits as you wish.

Visits to Campus



- Official visits

- Institution finances all or part of the visit which may include:
 - Your transportation to and from the college;
 - Room and meals (3/day) while you are visiting the college; and
 - Reasonable entertainment expenses, including 3 complimentary admissions to a home athletics event.
- Maximum of 5 visits per prospect and 1 visit per school.
- Maximum 48 hours in length.
- Academic requirements prior to your visit:
 - Must provide school with a copy of your high school transcript and test scores; AND
 - Must register with NCAA Eligibility Center

National Letter of Intent (NLI)

- Binding one-year agreement.
- Prospect must attend that institution for one year.
- Institution must provide prospect with athletics financial aid in conjunction with the NLI.
- Athletic aid is for one-year only, renewed on a year-to-year basis.



NJCAA – National Junior College Athletic Association

- Must be a HS Grad or have a GED
 - Can be home schooled, but need a copy of completion certificate/diploma, etc.
 - Can enroll from military but must have a copy of DD214
- Can participate in 2 seasons of competition/sport
- Must have a yearly physical on file to participate
- Must maintain full time student status (12 credits/semester)
 - If participating in track, lacrosse or softball in the spring, student can take part time in the fall but must be full time (12+) in the spring during the traditional part of the season. If the sport competes in any fall tournament then the student must be full time during that fall.

NJCAA, cont.

- NJCAA also has Div I, II and III
 - I – can provide full scholarships
 - II – can provide tuition, fees and books
 - III – cannot provide athletic scholarships
- Students with a learning disability must have documentation within 3 years of entering a Community College.
 - Make an appointment with the support services dept at the college and report it to your coach to have it approved by the NJCAA. If approved you can take less than a full load, obtain less than a GPA of 2.0 in your first year. However in the second year you must accumulate 24 credits with a 2.0 GPA. This is only if the student attends a NJCAA school.