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- High school timeline.
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- Initial-eligibility requirements.
  - Division I.
  - Division II.
- Sports participation.
- How can you help?
- Resources.
NCAA FAST FACTS

- 1,123 colleges and universities.
- 98 voting athletics conferences.
- 39 affiliated organizations.
- Almost half a million student-athletes.
- 19,500 teams.
- 90 championships.
- 24 sports.
- Three divisions.
WHAT IS THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER?

The NCAA Eligibility Center evaluates and certifies prospective student-athletes for collegiate competition at Divisions I and II schools.

We focus on:
- Academic preparedness.
- Sports participation.
- High school courses.
- Customer service.

Students who want to compete at NCAA Division I or Division II schools are required to meet NCAA Eligibility Center:
- Academic initial-eligibility requirements.
- Amateurism requirements.
HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

Follow these suggestions to prepare for Division I and Division II initial-eligibility requirements.
GRADE 9: PLAN

• Students should register for a Profile Page or Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.

• If they fall behind academically, they should ask a counselor for help finding approved courses they can take.

• The core-course GPA starts in ninth grade.
GRADE 10: REGISTER

Register for a Profile Page or Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.

If they fall behind academically, they should ask a counselor for help finding approved courses they can take.
GRADE 11: REGISTER

- Students should check with their counselor to make sure they are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses.

- Take the ACT or SAT and submit scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.

- At the end of the year, ask a counselor to upload an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center. If they took classes at more than one high school or program, ask each high school to submit an official transcript.

- Students should make sure they are on track to graduate on time with their class.
GRADE 12: GRADUATE

• Complete your final NCAA core courses.

• Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.

• Request your final amateurism certification in your Certification Account at eligibilitycenter.org:
  • April 1 (fall enrollees).
  • Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees).
GRADE 12: GRADUATE

- After you graduate on time, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

- Reminder: Only students on an NCAA Division I or Division II school’s institutional request list will receive a certification.
REGISTER

Register for a Certification Account or Profile Page at eligibilitycenter.org to begin the journey to becoming an NCAA student-athlete.
TWO ACCOUNT TYPES

- Certification Account
  - Division I or Division II students.
  - Domestic fee $90.
  - International fee $150.
  - Account information, school and sports history.
  - Required for signing a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with a Division I or Division II NCAA school.
  - Required to go on an official visit to a Division I or Division II NCAA school.

- Profile Page
  - Undecided students.
  - Division III students.
  - No fee.
  - Account information and school history.
  - Can transition to a Certification Account at any time.
  - Will not receive an academic or amateurism certification.
Students can:

- Review the Dashboard for open tasks.
- Update graduation or enrollment dates if needed.
- Review combined SAT or ACT sum test scores.
- View transcripts on file.
- Edit account, schools or sports information.
INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

The NCAA’s commitment to academics ensures students are better equipped to succeed in college and prepare for lifelong success. Students need to meet the following academic requirements to be eligible to compete in college sports.
WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

- NCAA core courses include courses that:
  - Qualify for high school graduation in English, mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher), natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or comparative religion or philosophy.
  - Are considered four-year college preparatory.
  - Are taught at or above the high school’s regular academic level.
  - Are taught by a qualified instructor.

**Tip:** Students can find their school’s list of NCAA-approved core courses by going to eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.
WHAT ARE NONTRADITIONAL COURSES?

NCAA core courses include courses that:

- Qualify for high school graduation in English, mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher), natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or comparative religion or philosophy.
- Are considered four-year college preparatory.
- Are taught at or above the high school’s regular academic level.
- Are taught by a qualified instructor.

Tip: Taking online or virtual nontraditional courses does not necessarily mean a student is home-schooled. Review our Home School Toolkit for questions about home schooling.
BEFORE STUDENTS TAKE NONTRADITIONAL COURSES

Consider these requirements. A nontraditional course:

- Must meet NCAA core-course requirements.
- Must include regular ongoing access between the instructor and student.
- Must have a defined time period for completion (for example, eight weeks).
DIVISION I INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play Division I sports your students need to meet the following academic requirements:

- Graduate high school on time.
- Complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses in the correct subjects.
- Earn a minimum core-course GPA of 2.300.
- Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale.
DIVISION I CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION

When they enter ninth grade, they have four years (eight semesters) to complete your core-course requirement.

If they do not complete high school on time, core courses taken after high school will not count toward NCAA requirements.

On time: If your high school graduation takes place June 1, students must graduate June 1. If they do not graduate June 1, they have not completed their requirements on time.

The Eligibility Center will use the best combination of courses to meet the 10/7 requirement. Courses can be repeated or replaced so long as they are not needed to meet the 10/7 requirement.
DIVISION I CORE-COURSES

- Complete 10 NCAA core courses before your seventh semester.

- Core-course requirements must be met in the time limitation.

- The following must be completed by the start of the student’s seventh semester in high school:
  - Ten NCAA-approved core courses from your school’s list in the appropriate subjects.
  - Seven of the 10 courses must be in English, math or science.
DIVISION I TEST SCORES

Take the SAT or ACT as many times as needed.

Use code 9999 when registering to send scores directly to us.

We will use the best scores to certify your students:

- SAT combined score.
- ACT sum score.

The test score and GPA will be matched on our Division I sliding scale.

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ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS: DIVISION I

- Early Academic Qualifier
- Qualifier
- Redshirt
- Non-Qualifier
DIVISION I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

- If students meet specific criteria after six semesters of high school, they may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division I and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of enrollment.

- To be an early academic qualifier, students will need:
  - Minimum SAT combined score (math and critical reading) of 900 on SAT tests taken before March 2016 or
  - 980 if SAT taken March 2016 or later or minimum ACT sum score of 75
  - A core-course GPA of 3.000 or higher in a minimum of 14 core courses:
    - Three years of English.
    - Two years of math.
    - Two years of science.
    - Two additional years of English, math or natural/physical science.
    - Five additional core courses in any area.
DIVISION I QUALIFIER

- Students are eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics aid their first year of college enrollment.

- Qualifiers meet the standards of:
  - 16 core courses in the correct subjects.
  - 10/7 core-course progression.
  - Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300.
  - Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the sliding scale.
DIVISION I REDSHIRT

▸ Students may receive athletics aid and practice their first academic term but not compete.

▸ They must pass nine semester hours (eight quarter hours) in their first academic term to continue practicing the rest of the year.

▸ Redshirts meet the standards of:
  ▸ 16 core courses.
  ▸ Minimum core-course GPA of 2.000 to 2.299.
  ▸ Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the sliding scale.

▪ They may retake core courses if you fail to meet the required 10 courses before your senior year.
DIVISION I NONQUALIFIER

- Students are not eligible to practice, compete or receive athletics aid their first year.
DIVISION II INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play Division II sports students need to meet the following academic requirements:

- Graduate high school on time.
- Complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses in the correct subjects.
- Earn a minimum core-course GPA of 2.200.
- Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale.
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Core-course time limitation

- Students may use all core courses completed starting their ninth-grade year until they enroll full time at a Division II college or university.
DIVISION II TEST SCORES

- Take the SAT or ACT as many times as needed.
- Use code 9999 when registering to send scores directly to us.
- We will use your best scores to certify you:
  - SAT combined score.
  - ACT sum score.
- Their test score and GPA will be matched on our Division II sliding scale.
ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS: DIVISION II

- Early Academic Qualifier
- Qualifier
- Partial Qualifier
- Non-Qualifier
DIVISION II
EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

If they meet specific criteria listed below after six semesters, they may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division II and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship.

To be an early academic qualifier, students will need:

- Minimum sum score of 68 on the ACT or a minimum SAT combined score (math and critical reading) of 820 on SAT tests taken before March 2016 or
- 900 if SAT taken March 2016 or
- A core-course GPA of 2.5 or higher in a minimum of 14 core courses in the following areas:
  - 3 years of English.
  - 3 years of math.
  - 2 years of natural or physical science.
  - 6 additional core courses in any area.
Students are eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics aid their first year of college enrollment.

Qualifiers meet the standards of:

- 16 core courses in the correct subjects.
- Minimum core-course GPA of 2.200.
- Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the full-qualifier sliding scale.
DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER

Students are eligible to practice and receive athletics aid their first year of college enrollment but cannot compete.

Partial qualifiers meet the standards of:

1. 16 core courses in the correct subjects.
2. Minimum core-course GPA of 2.000.
3. Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the full-qualifier sliding scale.

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DIVISION II NONQUALIFIER

Students are not eligible to practice, compete or receive athletics aid their first year.
DIVISION III INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Each Division III college or university determines its own eligibility for:
- Admission.
- Financial aid.
- Practice and competition.

The NCAA Eligibility Center does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes.

Division III student-athletes may register for a free Profile Page, but it is not required.
SPORTS PARTICIPATION

The NCAA Eligibility Center also evaluates amateurism. Follow these tips to stay eligible to compete in college sports before full-time enrollment.
AMATEURISM

In general, amateurism requirements do not allow:

- Contracts with professional teams.
- Salary for participating in athletics.
- Prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
- Play with professionals.
- Tryouts, practice or competition with a professional team.
- Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
- Agreement to be represented by an agent.
- Delayed initial full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized sports competition.

**Tip**: If you have questions about actions that could impact your amateurism, contact the NCAA Eligibility Center to ensure your decision will not impact your future eligibility.
SPORTS PARTICIPATION

When students register with the NCAA Eligibility Center for a Certification Account, select the sport(s) they would like to play in college.

Complete questions about sports participation.

Update their information frequently if they play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
SPORTS PARTICIPATION

▶ Request final amateurism certification before they enroll full time at a Division I or Division II school.

▶ Over 94 percent of students don’t require additional amateurism questions from the NCAA Eligibility Center after they request final amateurism.
PROACTIVE REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

- Share the NCAA ID number with schools recruiting them.
- Don’t forget to apply to the school of their choosing and confirm they’ve been accepted.
- Learn about the NLI.
- Request final amateurism certification before they enroll full time in college.
- Students should ask their counselor to send final transcript(s) with proof of graduation.
HOW CAN YOU HELP IN THIS PROCESS?
HOW CAN YOU HELP? YEAR-ROUND

- Maintain your school’s list of NCAA-approved core courses to ensure it is accurate and up-to-date. Be mindful of approved and non-approved courses when helping students develop their schedules.

- Validate student registration fee waivers via the NCAA High School Portal when applicable.

- Respond to requests for more information from the NCAA Eligibility Center as needed.
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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

High school newsletters

The high school newsletter includes important reminders, helpful tips and links to resources for the high school community.

Subscribe to the high school newsletter

September 2018

The September high school newsletter is now available. This month’s topics include:

* Updated High School Counselor Guide
* Educational Resources
* Certification Accounts
* Profile Pages

Summer 2018

The Summer high school newsletter is now available. This month’s topics include:

* Updated Eligibility Center Resources
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Annually—Fall

Ensure any nontraditional programs (credit recovery, virtual or online courses, etc.) offered at your school have been reviewed. Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center to discuss your programs and initiate a review.

Annually—Spring

Upload official transcripts at the end of the students’ sixth semester (junior year) and when they graduate from high school.
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Resources

➤ Know that special considerations are given to students with documented education-impacting disabilities.

➤ Emphasize the importance of academic performance at every step of the student’s high school career – grade nine counts!!!

➤ Call the Eligibility Center with any questions!

877-622-2321
RESOURCES

For more information about initial eligibility, amateurism requirements and other valuable insight, visit the following resources.
RESOURCES

▶ Visit our websites:
  ▶ ncaa.org/playcollegesports.
  ▶ eligibilitycenter.org.

▶ Get updates—follow us
  ▶ Twitter @NCAAECC
  ▶ Instagram @playcollegesports.

▶ Visit nationalletter.org to learn about the NLI.

▶ Download our resources:
  ▶ Initial-Eligibility Brochure.
  ▶ Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
  ▶ DI Initial-Eligibility Quick Reference Sheet.
  ▶ DII Initial-Eligibility Quick Reference Sheet.
Thank you!

Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center

- 317-917-6222
- 877-262-1492 (toll free)
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday