

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



Overview

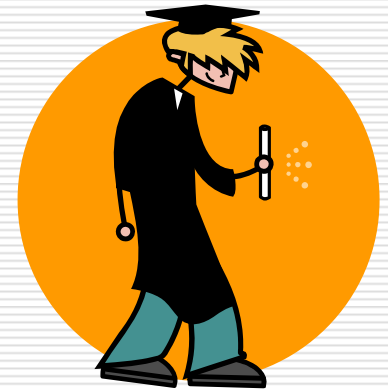
- ❑ Initial eligibility requirements
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 - ❑ Eligibility Center
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 - ❑ Recruiting
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Initial Eligibility

- ❑ In order to be eligible for practice, competition and athletics aid (scholarship) during your first year at a Division I or II university or college you MUST be considered a “qualifier” and an amateur.
 - ❑ The initial eligibility process and NCAA Eligibility Center will determine this.
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4 Parts of Initial Eligibility

- Graduation from High School
- Minimum core GPA
- Minimum ACT or SAT
- Completion of 16 core courses
(Division II is 14)



Important to note for core courses

- ❑ Review your high schools approved core courses to ensure all courses have been submitted and any changes (e.g., course title change) have been approved.
 - ❑ Credit-by-exam and vocational courses MAY NOT be used to satisfy a core course.
 - ❑ Grade values are based on a 4.0 scale (A = 4, B = 3, C = 2 and D = 1). Pluses and minuses may not receive greater or lesser quality points.
 - ❑ Weighting of honors and advanced courses is permitted.
 - ❑ Computer science courses can be used **ONLY** if your high school grants graduation credit in math or natural or physical science for them.
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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)
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Division I Initial Eligibility Index

This is an abbreviated version of the full scale showing the high end, the low end and 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 Continued

- ❑ 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.
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Division I Continued

- ❑ If you graduate from high school on schedule (in 8 semesters) with your incoming 9th grade class, you may use **one** core course complete in the year after graduation (summer or academic year).
 - ❑ You may complete this **one** core course at any high school.
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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)
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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.
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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.
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How to prepare for “qualifier” status

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.
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How to prepare for “qualifier” status

Junior year



- Take ACT or SAT test.
 - Report test scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
 - Use code 9999 when registering.
 - This code will automatically send scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
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How to prepare for “qualifier” status

After Junior Year

- Register online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
 - You must register if you wish to participate in athletics at any Division I or II institution.
 - Have your high school counselor send your transcript with six-semester's worth of courses and grades to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
 - Make sure you included the NCAA Eligibility Center (code 9999) as one of your SAT/ACT test receivers.
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How to prepare for “qualifier” status

During the senior year

- Continue to monitor course selection.
- Confirm accuracy of preliminary report and review it with your high school counselor.

After the senior year

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

1. Go online to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.
 2. Select "Prospective Student-Athletes."
 3. Click on the appropriate student release form (depending on where you graduated from high school).
 4. Complete the student release form online and include credit or debit card information to pay the fee (\$50 for domestic and \$75 for foreign).
 5. Contact your high school counselor to send your transcripts.
 - Remember that the best time to register is after your junior year – need 6 semesters worth of grades
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Amateurism Certification

- Who needs to be certified?
 - Any individual enrolling at an NCAA Division I or Division II institution for the first time. This includes:
 - ✓ Domestic prospects
 - ✓ International prospects
 - ✓ Transfer student-athletes
 - Two-year institution OR
 - Four-year institution
 - NAIA institution
 - Foreign institution
 - NCAA Division III institution
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Registration Process for Amateurism

1. Go online to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.
 2. Select "Prospective Student-Athletes."
 3. Click on the appropriate student release form (depending on where you graduated from high school).
 4. Complete the student release form online and include credit or debit card information to pay the fee (\$50 for domestic and \$75 for foreign).
 - Some institutions may require additional documentation so contact the head coach or compliance office.
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Scope of Amateurism Questionnaire

- QUESTION 1 – Agent issues.**
 - QUESTION 2 – Pre-enrollment issues.**
 - QUESTION 3 – Post-enrollment issues.**
 - QUESTION 4 – Organized-competition issues.**
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When are Amateurism Certifications Provided?

- ❑ Preliminary certification.
 - Issued after you register and complete amateurism questionnaire.

- ❑ Final certification.
 - Issued after you request a final certification [note an electronic signature is required].
 - ✓ April 7 for prospects enrolling in fall.
 - ✓ October 1 for prospects enrolling in spring.

* When a case is being reviewed by the NCAA staff, the status will be listed as "under review."

When Does a Student Receive a Preliminary Report?

The NCAA Eligibility Center prioritizes incoming information by the following categories:

- Students who are being actively recruited by an institution and are on an institutional request list; or
 - Students with disabilities who have taken a nonstandard test or who have registered with NCAA Disability Services; or
 - Students who request a report.
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→ DON'T
FORGET!

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.
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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.
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What types of accommodations may be used?

1. SAT or ACT scores

- Nonstandardized scores (e.g., untimed, test reading)
- Approval must be obtained through the testing agency

2. Core Curriculum

- Credit for course work specifically designed for students with disabilities
- Specific to each high school
- Course **MUST** appear on approved course listing

3. Time limitation for the completion of the 16 core courses (Division I only).

- Can complete all courses prior to initial full time enrollment in a collegiate institution (e.g., summer after 12th grade).
 - Division II already has this provision.
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Registering with NCAA Disability Services

- No need to register unless:
 - In Division I only, student needs to use courses taken after the 8th semester of high school and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment.
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How to Register

- Send to the following documents to the 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 initial academic eligibility to participate at Division I differ from those required at Division II.
 - Courses taken in the eighth grade **MAY NOT** be used to satisfy the core-curriculum requirements.
 - Both SAT and ACT test scores **MUST** be provided directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the testing agency (use code 9999).
 - Students enrolling in a Division I institution **MAY** use **one** core course taken after high-school graduation to meet core-curriculum requirements only if they graduate within 8 semesters. (Note: Students with NCAA-approved diagnosed disabilities may use courses taken after graduation but before full-time collegiate enrollment.)
 - Only core-course grade-point averages 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.
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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.
- Number of contacts:
 - Football: 6 during senior year
 - All other sports: 3 during senior year



Division I Recruiting - Terms

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.
 - Number of evaluations:
 - Football: 3 during academic year
 - Women's Basketball: 5 during academic year (contact and evaluations combined)
 - All other sports: 7 during academic year (contact and evaluations combined)
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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 telephone 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 telephone you or your parents during this time.
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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 the dead period. The coach may write and telephone 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 telephone you or your parents during this time.
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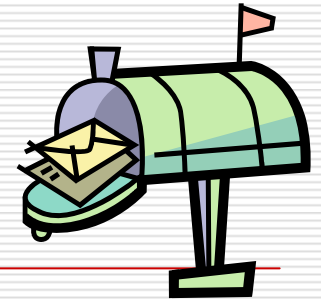
Division I Recruiting - Terms

Prospective Student-Athlete (Prospect)

You become a “prospect” when:

- You start ninth-grade classes; or
 - Before your ninth-grade year, a college gives you, your relatives or your friends any financial aid or other benefits that the college does not provide to students generally.
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Division I Recruiting – Printed Materials



- ❑ May receive on or after September 1 beginning of junior year. (June 15th at conclusion of sophomore year for men's basketball and ice hockey).
 - ❑ Includes general correspondence (letters), attachments to general correspondence which must be on black and white paper, and one media guide.
 - ❑ E-mails or faxes (**NO text messages** – coaches cannot respond to you either)
 - ❑ Institutional note card (can only have school's name and or logo, must be blank on inside and only handwritten)
 - ❑ MAY NOT receive Student-Athlete Handbooks or schedule cards even during a campus visit.
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Division I Recruiting – Telephone Calls



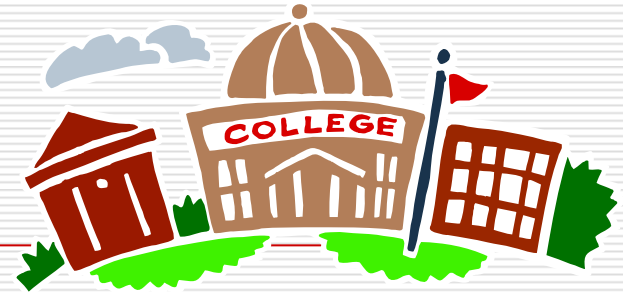
- ❑ Football: Once from April 15th to May 31st of junior year, then once weekly September 1st and after. Unlimited during contact periods.
 - ❑ Men's Basketball: Once per month beginning June 15th before your junior year through July 31st. Twice per week beginning August 1st of senior year.
 - ❑ Women's Basketball: Once per month in April, May and June 1st – 20th. Once between June 21st and June 30th after your junior year. Three times in July after your junior year. Once weekly thereafter.
 - ❑ Other sports: Once per week starting July 1st after your junior year.
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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.
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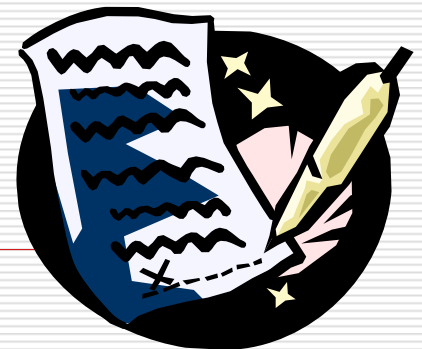


Visits to Campus

- Official visits
 - Institution finances all or part of the visit which may include:
 - Your transportation to and from the college;
 - Room and meals (three per 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
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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.



Post-NLI Signing

- No limit on contacts or evaluations
 - Still no contact on- or off-campus during dead period
 - Unlimited telephone calls
 - Practice/Competition site restrictions remain
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Questions?

