

COLLEGE ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

The Eligibility Center certifies that students interested in participating in college athletics at the NCAA Division I or II level have met the minimum academic requirements and have maintained their amateur athlete status. This process enables prospective student-athletes to practice, compete, and receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of enrollment. Registration has no bearing on admission to a particular Division I or II institution.

How Do I Prepare?

Grade 9

- Start planning now by taking your core courses and working hard to earn the best grades possible.
- Ask your counselor for a list of NCAA-approved core courses to make sure you are taking the right classes.

Grade 10

- Register for a Certification Account (required for competition at Division I or II schools) or a Profile Page (for those undecided or interested in Division III schools) with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Repeat classes in summer school if needed to maintain eligibility.

Grade 11

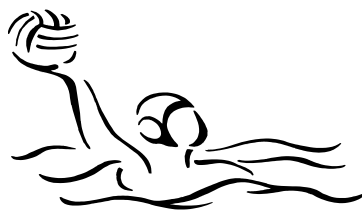
- Check with your counselor to make sure you will graduate with the required number of NCAA-approved core courses.
- Take the ACT or SAT and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- At the end of the year, order an official transcript online at www.parchment.com and have it sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center. If you took classes at more than one high school or program, you will need to submit an official transcript for each school.

Grade 12

- Complete your final NCAA-approved core courses as you prepare for graduation and graduate on time.
- Take the ACT or SAT again if a higher score is needed for eligibility purposes.
- Request your final amateurism certification beginning April 1 in your NCAA Eligibility Center account.
- After you graduate, order your final official transcript from www.parchment.com with proof of graduation and have it sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

How Do I Register?

- Register with the Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- Decide whether you want to create a Certification Account or Profile Page. You must have a fully registered Certification Account before you can make official visits to NCAA Division I or II schools. Create a Profile Page if you plan to compete at a Division III school or you are not sure. If at any time you wish to pursue a Division I or II path, you will be able to transition to a Certification Account.
- Follow payment instructions on the website. The registration fee is \$80 for a Certification Account but fee waivers are available for those who qualify.
- Order an official transcript online at www.parchment.com. Transcripts should be sent to the Eligibility Center at the end of your junior year.



NCAA ELIGIBILITY REFERENCE SHEET

Initial NCAA eligibility is determined from three high school factors: core course completion, test scores, and grade-point average. Student-athletes interested in pursuing athletic opportunities in college should discuss their interest with counselors, coaches, and parents.

Core Courses

- Sixteen core courses are required for NCAA Division I and II eligibility.
- Ten of the sixteen required core courses must be completed before the beginning of senior year.
- See the breakdown of core course requirements below.

Grade-Point Average and Test Scores

- A full qualifier for Division I competition must have a minimum core grade-point average of 2.3. A sliding scale is used to match test scores and core course grade-point averages. The sliding scale for those requirements can be found in the NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete which is available for download at <http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CBSA18.pdf>
- A full qualifier for Division II competition must have a minimum core grade-point average of 2.2. A sliding scale is used to match test scores and core course grade-point averages. The sliding scale for those requirements can also be found in the NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
- A combined SAT score is calculated by adding reading and math subscores. An ACT sum score is calculated by adding English, math, reading and science subscores. If you take the ACT or SAT more than once, the best subscore from different tests are used to give you the best possible score.
- The NCAA core GPA is calculated using NCAA core courses only. Only your best grades from the required number of NCAA core courses will be used. Grades from additional core courses will be used only if they improve your grade-point average. You can access and print our list of approved NCAA courses at <https://web3.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction>.

DIVISION I 16 Core Courses

4 years of English
3 years of mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher)
2 years of natural/physical science
(1 year of lab if offered by high school)
1 year of additional English,
mathematics or natural/physical science
2 years of social science
4 years of additional courses
(from any area above, foreign language
or comparative religion/philosophy)

DIVISION II 16 Core Courses

3 years of English
2 years of mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher)
2 years of natural/physical science
(1 year of lab if offered by high school)
3 years of additional English,
mathematics, or natural/physical science
2 years of social science
4 years of additional courses
(from any area above, foreign language
or comparative religion/philosophy).

Detailed information regarding freshman eligibility criteria is available on the NCAA Eligibility Center website at www.eligibilitycenter.org or at www.ncaa.org. If you have questions about NCAA eligibility, please call the NCAA Eligibility Center toll free at 877-262-1492.