

PREPARING TO BE A COLLEGE BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETE

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OPPORTUNITIES



APPROXIMATELY 450 INSTITUTIONS

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OPPORTUNITIES



APPROXIMATELY 250 INSTITUTIONS

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NAIA

Register with the NAIA Eligibility Center

If a student meets two of the criteria, then the student is eligible upon high school graduation:

- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Class rank in top 50% of graduating class
(If no class rank is on the transcript, nine college credits can be used in place of this requirement.)
- ACT of 18 or SAT of 970 Critical Reading and Math

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DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III
351	308	443
32%	28%	40%

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The student-athlete must be admitted as a regularly enrolled degree seeking student in accordance with the regular published entrance requirements of that institution.

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DIVISION I or II
You need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. Create a Certification Account and we'll guide you through the process.
You need to create a Certification Account to make official visits to Divisions I and II schools or to sign a National Letter of Intent.
[Create an Account](#)

DIVISION III or UNDECIDED
Create a free Profile Page if you plan to compete at a Division III school or are not yet sure where you want to compete.
You'll get an NCAA ID, and we will send you important reminders as you complete high school.
[Create a Profile Page](#)

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- Required for Division I and II institutions.
- Register in the Sophomore Year.
- Test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency.
- May use scores from multiple tests to achieve the required score.
- Must submit an official transcript from every high school you attend.

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NCAA
Eligibility Center

Amateurism
Certified per Sport
Must confirm info-May of senior year.

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DIVISION II

Core-Course Requirement
Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math, or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

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DIVISION II

<p>Full Qualifier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 16 core courses. Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.200. Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division II full qualifier sliding scale (see back page). Graduate high school. <p>Partial Qualifier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 16 core courses. Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000. Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division II partial qualifier sliding scale (see back page). Graduate high school. 	<p>Full Qualifier: College-bound student-athletes may practice, compete and receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division II school.</p> <p>Partial Qualifier: College-bound student-athletes may receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment and may practice during their first regular academic term, but may NOT compete during their first year of enrollment.</p> <p>Nonqualifier: College-bound student-athletes may not practice, compete or receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division II school.</p>
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DIVISION I

Core-Course Requirement

Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH <small>(Algebra I or higher)</small>	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE <small>(Including one year of lab, if offered)</small>	ADDITIONAL <small>(English, math, or natural/physical sciences)</small>	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES <small>(Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)</small>
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

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DIVISION I

Full Qualifier

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school.
- Seven of the 10 core courses must be in English, math or natural/physical science.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.300.
- Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale (see back page).
- Graduate high school.

Academic Redshirt

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000.
- Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale (see back page).
- Graduate high school.

Full Qualifier:

College-bound student-athletes may practice, compete and receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

Academic Redshirt:

College-bound student-athletes may receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment and may practice during their first regular academic term, but may NOT compete during their first year of enrollment.

Nonqualifier:

College-bound student-athletes cannot practice, receive athletics scholarships or compete during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

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DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*	Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.550	400	37	2.750	810	59
3.525	410	38	2.725	820	60
3.500	430	39	2.700	830	61
3.475	440	40	2.675	840	61
3.450	460	41	2.650	850	62
3.425	470	41	2.625	860	63
3.400	490	42	2.600	860	64
3.375	500	42	2.575	870	65
3.350	520	43	2.550	880	66
3.325	530	44	2.525	890	67
3.300	550	44	2.500	900	68
3.275	560	45	2.475	910	69
3.250	580	46	2.450	920	70
3.225	590	46	2.425	930	70
3.200	600	47	2.400	940	71
3.175	620	47	2.375	950	72
3.150	630	48	2.350	960	73
3.125	650	49	2.325	970	74
3.100	660	49	2.300	980	75
3.075	680	50	2.299	990	76
3.050	690	50	2.275	990	76
3.025	710	51	2.250	1000	77
3.000	720	52	2.225	1010	78
2.975	730	52	2.200	1020	79
2.950	740	53	2.175	1030	80
2.925	750	53	2.150	1040	81

* REDSHIRT

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How is the NCAA Core GPA Calculated?

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates GPAs using the 4.000 scale: A=4; B=3; C=2; D=1.
 To determine points earned for each course, multiply the numeric grade value (4, 3, 2 or 1) by the amount of credit earned. A semester is awarded 0.50 unit of credit and a trimester is awarded .34 unit of credit.

The NCAA Eligibility Center does not use plus or minus grades when calculating core-course GPA. For example, grades of B+, B and B- will all be worth 3 quality points each.

If your high school uses a numeric scale, the high school needs to provide a conversion to a letter grade and communicate that to the NCAA Eligibility Center.


If you attended more than one high school you must submit an official transcript from all schools.

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Amateurism Certification Basics


AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION

Prospective student-athletes must receive a final amateurism certification before being eligible to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. This includes transfer student-athletes from two-year colleges, NCAA schools, foreign institutions or Division III schools. The Eligibility Center will review your sports participation history to determine your amateurism status.




THE REVIEW PROCESS


REGISTER



Register with an Eligibility Center Certification Account before your sophomore/10th year at eligibilitycenter.org.



Select each sport you plan to play at an NCAA school.



Complete and update the sports participation section annually.

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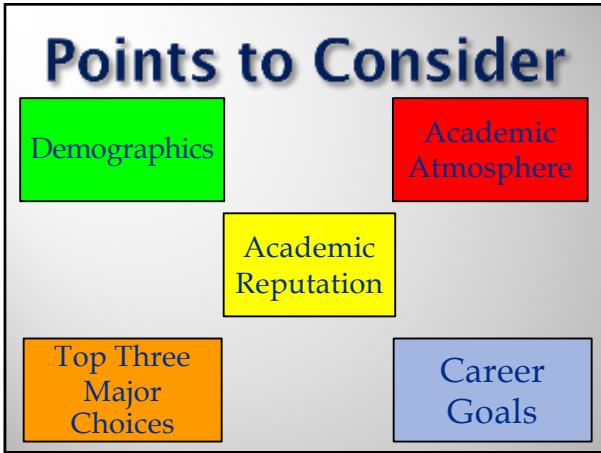
Only high school prospects receiving an athletic scholarship to a NCAA Division I or II school will sign an NLI.

Binding contract between the student and the institution.

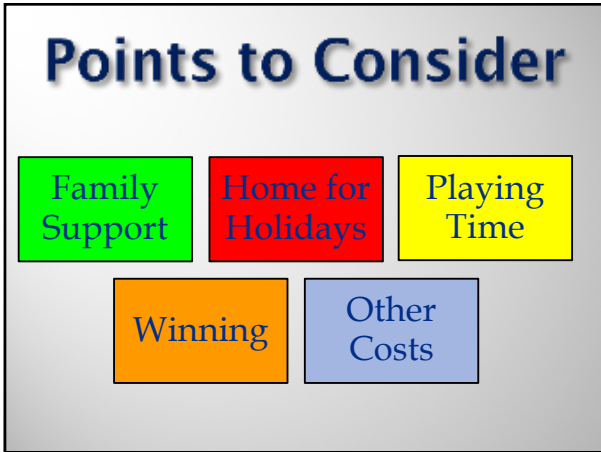
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Financial Aid

	Division I	Division III
Cost	\$30,000	\$30,000
Estimated Family Contribution	\$10,000	\$10,000
Athletic Scholarship	\$5,000	Not permissible
Need Based Financial Aid	Can't accept due to NCAA limits	\$20,000

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Financial Aid

	W/Athletic Scholarship	W/O Athletic Scholarship
Cost	\$30,000	\$30,000
Estimated Family Contribution	\$10,000	\$10,000
Athletic Scholarship	\$5,000	
Need Based Financial Aid	Can't accept due to NCAA limits	\$20,000

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Final Thoughts

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graph TD; A((Academics)) --> B((Athletics)); B --> C((Character)); C --> A;
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