



**NCAA** Eligibility Center

# ROADMAP TO INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

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# Your Check List

- Register
- Complete the Amateurism Questionnaire
- Send Transcripts at the End of Your Junior Year and After Graduation
- Update List of Approved Core Courses
- Review Core-Course Requirements
- 9999 Code on ACT and SAT
- Graduate on Time

# Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center

Starting at the beginning of your junior year:

- Log on to [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).
- Select Prospective Student-Athletes.
- Register as a U.S. or International Student.
- Click on the Transcript Release Form.
- Print the Transcript Release Form, sign it and give to your high school guidance counselor (allows them to send your transcripts).

# Complete the Amateurism Questionnaire

- When you register, be sure to complete the amateurism questionnaire.
- Log in and click on “Enter/Update Amateur Questionnaire.”
- Answer the questions and log out.
- Log back in and sign the 10.1 statement to complete the amateurism certification (after April 1 for fall enrollees and after October 1 for spring enrollees).

# Amateurism

- Register early!
- The Eligibility Center encourages you to update your athletics participation information often, especially if you participate in events outside your normal high school season.
- Meet with your high school counselor often.
- Stay college eligible – always ask before you act!
- NCAA Amateurism Certification Web site:  
[www1.ncaa.org/membership/ach/index.html](http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/ach/index.html).



# ALWAYS ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!

## Amateurism Red Flags

Ask questions before:

- 🚩 Signing a contract with a professional team.
- 🚩 Receiving money for participating in athletics.
- 🚩 Receiving prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
- 🚩 Playing with professional athletes.
- 🚩 Trying out, practicing or competing with a professional team.
- 🚩 Receiving benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
- 🚩 Agreeing to be represented by an agent.
- 🚩 Participating in organized competition after your first opportunity to enroll in college.

# Send Transcripts

- Take the Transcript Release Form to your high school guidance counselor.
- Have your counselor send official transcripts to the Eligibility Center.
  - Send your transcript at the end of your junior year and again immediately after high school graduation.
- Please note that a core course is different than a course required for graduation at your high school.



# Definition of a Core Course

- Qualifies for high school graduation in one or more of the following: English, mathematics, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion or philosophy;
- Is considered four-year college preparatory;
- Is taught at or above the high school's regular academic level;
- For mathematics courses, is at the level of Algebra I or a higher level mathematics course; and
- Is taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority.

# Make Sure List of Approved Core Courses Is Up to Date

- Help make sure your guidance counselor has updated your school's list of approved core courses.

# Core-Course Requirements

## Division I

### 16 Core Courses

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

## Division II

### 14 Core Courses

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

# Core-Course Requirements

## Division III

- Contact the respective college or university regarding its academic and amateurism policies.

# Take the ACT and/or SAT

- Be sure to enter “9999” code when registering for the ACT or SAT.
- This requests for your official test scores to be sent directly to the Eligibility Center.

# Graduate on Time

- Graduation "on time" means that if your high school graduation takes place June 1, you graduated June 1. If you don't graduate June 1 with the rest of your high school class, you have not graduated "on time."
- If you don't graduate "on time" in eight semesters, no core courses taken after the eighth semester will be counted toward your NCAA academic-eligibility requirements.



# Recruiting

- You become a “prospective student-athlete” 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.

# Recruiting

- Before a college may invite you on an official visit, you will have to provide the college with a copy of your high school transcript (Division I only) and SAT or ACT score(s) and register with the eligibility center.
- A prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits, with no more than one permitted to any single institution. This restriction applies regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved and only for expense-paid visits to Divisions I or II institutions. (NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.6.2.2 and NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.6.1.2)

# Financial Aid

- If you are academically eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics and are accepted as a full-time student at an NCAA Division I or II institution, you may receive athletics-based financial aid from the school. Division I or II financial aid may include tuition and fees, room and board and books.
- Division III institutions do not award financial aid based on athletics ability. A Division III institution may award need-based or academically related financial aid.

# Financial Aid

- All athletics scholarships awarded by NCAA institutions are limited to one year and are renewable annually.
- Athletics scholarships may be renewed annually for a maximum of five years within a six-year period of continuous college attendance.
- Athletics scholarships are awarded in a variety of amounts, ranging from full scholarships (including tuition, fees, room and board and books) to very small scholarships (e.g., books only).
- The total amount of financial aid a student-athlete may receive and the total amount of athletics aid a team may receive can be limited. These limits can affect whether a student-athlete may accept additional financial aid from other sources.

# Resources

- 2007-08 Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
- NCAA.org – In the “My Links” section, click on “Information for College-Bound Student-Athletes.”
- Ncaaclearinghouse.net.
- Act.org and collegeboard.com.

# Questions?



Please contact the Eligibility Center at 877/262-1492.





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