

ROADMAP TO INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

NCAA Eligibility Center
Expires September 1, 2009



Eligibility Center

Steps You Must Take to Participate in NCAA Division I or II Athletics

Freshmen and Sophomores:

- Start planning now!
- Work hard to get the best grades possible.
- Take classes that match your school's NCAA List of Approved Core Courses. The NCAA Eligibility Center will only use approved core courses to certify your initial eligibility.
- You can access and print your high school's NCAA List of Approved Core Courses at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

Steps You Must Take to Participate in NCAA Divisions I or II Athletics

Juniors:

- At the beginning of your junior year, register at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net and complete the amateurism questionnaire.
- Register to take the ACT, SAT or both, and use the Eligibility Center code “**9999**” as a score recipient.
- Double check to make sure that you are taking courses that match your high school’s NCAA List of Approved Core Courses.
- Request that your high school guidance counselor send an official transcript to the Eligibility Center after completing your junior year. *(The Eligibility Center does NOT accept faxed transcripts.)*

Steps You Must Take to Participate in NCAA Divisions I or II Athletics

Seniors:

- At the beginning of your senior year, check with your guidance counselor and the Eligibility Center to determine the amount of core courses that need to be completed your senior year.
- Take the SAT and/or ACT again. The Eligibility Center will use the best scores from each section of the ACT or SAT to determine your best cumulative score.
- Continue to take core courses.
- Check to make sure that you are taking courses that match your high school's NCAA List of Approved Core Courses.

Steps You Must Take to Participate in NCAA Divisions I or II Athletics

Seniors:

- Review your amateurism questionnaire responses and request final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring enrollees).
- Don't slack off and let senioritis set in. Continue to earn the best grades possible.
- After graduation, ask your high school guidance counselor to send your final transcript with proof of graduation.
- Graduate on time (in eight academic semesters). If you fall behind, use summer school sessions prior to graduation to catch up.

Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center

Starting at the beginning of your junior year:

- Log on to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.
- Select “Prospective Student-Athletes.”
- Register as a U.S. or international student-athlete.
- Then, click on “Transcript Release Form.”
- Print the Transcript Release Form, sign it and give to your high school guidance counselor (allows him or her 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 honestly. Don’t let anyone else complete this for you.
- Review your amateurism questionnaire responses and request final amateurism certification during your senior year (beginning April 1 for fall enrollees and beginning October 1 for spring enrollees).









Amateurism

- 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 guidance counselor often.
- Stay college eligible – always ask before you act!
- NCAA Amateurism Certification Web site:
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.

Web Status Checklist

<u>Status</u>	<u>Task</u>									
Completed	Register / Pay. If incomplete, click here to download payment form. Fax completed form to 317/968-5104.									
Completed	Preliminary Transcript(s) (any high school work through junior year). If incomplete, please click here for step-by-step instructions on how to submit your transcript(s) to the Eligibility Center and additional information about what transcripts are needed. <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="3">Current High School Attending</th></tr><tr><th>Code</th><th>Name</th><th>Transcript</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>364931</td><td>SYLVANIA SOUTHVIEW HIGH</td><td>Received</td></tr></tbody></table>	Current High School Attending			Code	Name	Transcript	364931	SYLVANIA SOUTHVIEW HIGH	Received
Current High School Attending										
Code	Name	Transcript								
364931	SYLVANIA SOUTHVIEW HIGH	Received								
Completed	Official Test Score. If incomplete, please go to the appropriate testing agency's Web site (links below) and request scores to be sent by entering code 9999. <u>ACT</u> <u>SAT</u> Please click here for step-by-step instructions on how to request testing agencies to send your test score to the Eligibility Center.									
Incomplete	Final Transcript. If incomplete, please ask your high school guidance counselor to submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.									
Incomplete	Final Amateurism Certification. (Note: time sensitive) If incomplete, please click here to view step-by-step instructions on how to finalize your amateurism certification.									
All of the above steps must be complete prior to certification.										
For details of your certification status, download this instruction sheet and use it to guide you through your Web status report.										

Definition of a Core Course

- A course that 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 NCAA List of Approved Core Courses.
- To obtain your school's list:
 - Log on to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.
 - Select "Prospective Student-Athlete."
 - Select "List of Approved Core Courses" on the left-hand side of the screen.
 - Follow prompts to select school by name.

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)

*Beginning August 1, 2013, students planning to attend an NCAA Division II institution will be required to complete 16 core courses.

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 Division 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

- Ncaastudent.org for the 2008-09 Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
- NCAA.org – Under “Legislation & Governance” section, click on “Eligibility and Recruiting” and then click on “Information for College-Bound Student-Athletes and Parents.”
- Ncaaclearinghouse.net.
- Act.org.
- Collegeboard.com.

Questions?

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





Eligibility Center