NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY
For Prospective Student Athletes

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AGENDA

» NCAA Eligibility Center.

» Registration.

» Academic Standards.
  - Division I.
  - Division II.

» Recruiting.

» Resources.
Who are we? A unit within the NCAA.

What do we provide? Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.

What do we review?
  - Academic requirements.
  - Amateurism requirements.
### OUR THREE DIVISIONS

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<td>Number of Schools*</td>
<td>350</td>
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<tr>
<td>Percentage of NCAA Student-Athletes in Each Division</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Athlete Scholarships</td>
<td>Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available. 57% of athletes receive athletics aid.</td>
<td>Partial athletics scholarship model. 60% of athletes receive athletics aid.</td>
<td>No athletics scholarships. 80% of athletes receive nonathletics aid.</td>
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*Numbers are from 2020-21. This does not include reclassifying, provisional or exploratory schools.
REGISTRATION
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Three Account Types

1. Free Profile Page Account
2. Amateurism-Only Certification Account
3. Academic and Amateurism Certification Account
FREE PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

Account Type #1

The right place to start for most students!

» Not sure in which division you plan to compete.
» Domestic students planning to compete at a Division III school.
» Registering in an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event (BBCS, ECAG, AAU).

No registration fee.

Transition to the right Certification account at any time.
Required for all international student-athletes planning to compete at a Division III school.

Registration fee:
» $70.

Student-athletes transferring from a two-year school to an NCAA Division I or II school who have not previously been certified as an amateur.
ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #3

Required for students to compete at a Division I or II school.

Registration fee:
- Domestic students: $100.
- International students: $160.

Required to:
- Go on an official visit.
- Sign an NLI with a Division I or II school.
ACADEMIC STANDARDS
2023-24 Enrollment
DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

Meet core-course progression before the seventh semester. **Note:** Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.

Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.

Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.3 in the required subject areas.

Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.
DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown

- **ENGLISH**: 4 Years
- **MATH** (Algebra I or higher): 3 Years
- **SCIENCE** (Including one year of lab, if offered): 2 Years
- **ADDITIONAL** (English, math or science): 1 Year
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE**: 2 Years
- **ADDITIONAL COURSES** (Any area listed world language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy): 4 Years
DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE PROGRESSION

This approach will allow students impacted by school closures to complete additional core courses toward their initial eligibility.
DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

- Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.
- Earn a core-course GPA $\geq 2.2$ in the required subject areas.
- Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

» Athletics Aid.
» Practice.
» Compete.
DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown

- ENGLISH
  - 3 Years

- MATH (Algebra I or higher)
  - 2 Years

- SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)
  - 2 Years

- ADDITIONAL (English, math or science)
  - 3 Years

- SOCIAL SCIENCE
  - 2 Years

- ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed world language or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy)
  - 4 Years
STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES
2023-24 Full-Time Enrollees

» Standardized test scores are excluded from NCAA initial-eligibility criteria for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2023-24 academic year.

» However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.
INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES

Scan the QR Codes Below

Division I Academic Requirements
Division II Academic Requirements
DIVISION III

» Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
  o Academic requirements.
  o Admissions.
  o Financial aid.

» International student-athletes who plan to compete at a Division III school must complete an Amateurism-Only Certification account.

» Domestic student-athletes who plan to compete at a Division III school may register for a free Profile Page account, but it is not required.
The Eligibility Center will not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs used during the spring 2020, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic calendars in response to closures due to COVID-19.
DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING

» This policy applies to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance or e-learning courses during the spring 2020, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic calendars.
RECRUITING
## RECRUITING CALENDARS

### FOOTBALL, DIVISION I

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<td>Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence (e.g., recruiting letters, social media messages, text messages)</td>
<td>You may receive brochures for camps, questionnaires, NCAA materials and nonathletics recruiting publications at any time. A coach may begin sending you recruiting materials and electronic correspondence Sept. 1 of your junior/11th year of high school.</td>
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<td>Phone Calls to a Coach</td>
<td>You or your family may call a coach at any time.</td>
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<td>Phone Calls From a Coach</td>
<td>A coach may call you one time between April 15 and May 31 during your junior/11th year of high school. Beginning Sept. 1 of your senior/12th year, a coach may call you one time per week outside a contact period and make unlimited calls during a contact period.</td>
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<td>Off-Campus Contact</td>
<td>A college coach may have contact with you or your family off the college’s campus beginning July 1 following the end of your junior/11th year of high school or opening day of classes of your senior/12th year (whichever comes first).</td>
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<td>Unofficial Visit</td>
<td>You and your family may visit a college at your own expense at any time.</td>
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<td>Official Visit</td>
<td>A college may pay for you and two family members to visit campus beginning April 1 of your junior/11th year of high school through the Sunday before the last Wednesday in June. After this date, a college may provide you the expense-paid visit after Sept. 1 of your senior/12th year.</td>
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» To learn more about recruiting calendars, visit [on.ncaac.com/RecruitCal](http://on.ncaac.com/RecruitCal).
RECRUITING CALENDARS

NCAA member schools limit recruiting to certain periods during the year.

» Recruiting calendars promote the well-being of college-bound student-athletes and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

  - Contact period.
  - Quiet period.
  - Dead period.
UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

Unofficial Visits

Any visit to a college campus paid by your student or their family members.

» May take as many unofficial visits as they like after the first permissible date in each sport.

» Be mindful of recruiting shutdowns and dead periods when scheduling unofficial visits.

They may receive:

» Complimentary admission.

  o May include three tickets for a home Division I athletics contest, or five tickets for a home Division II athletics contest.
UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

Official Visits

Before a Division I or II official visit students must:
» Send the NCAA school a high school transcript.
» Register for a Certification account with the Eligibility Center.

During an official visit, NCAA schools can:
» Pay for transportation to and from the college.
  o May include up to two family members in Division I basketball and FBS football.
» Provide lodging and meals.
  o May include reasonable entertainment expenses.
NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

» By signing a NLI, students are agreeing to attend a Division I or II school for one academic year.

» NLIs are voluntary and ends the recruiting process.

» NCAA schools agree to provide athletics financial aid to them for a minimum of one academic year.
  o Must be admitted to the school.
  o Must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.

» For more information, visit nationalletter.org.
QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS TO ASK

» What is the cost of attendance?
  o Financial aid.
    > Will I receive a full or partial scholarship?
    > If I'm injured and can no longer compete, will my scholarship remain?
  o On-campus housing.

» What degree programs are offered?

» What is the NCAA school's graduation rate?

» Where do you stand from a recruiting standpoint?
  o #1 vs #5 vs standby.
  o NLI.
  o Redshirt expectations.

» What is the coaching philosophy and style?
PROACTIVE STUDENT ACTIONS

If a student wants to play sports in college, they must:

» Share their NCAA ID with NCAA schools recruiting them.

» Apply to schools of their choosing to be accepted.

» Request their final amateurism certification before enrolling full time in college.
  
  o Starting April 1 (fall).
  
  o Starting Oct. 1 (winter/spring).

» Ask their high school counselor to submit their final transcript with proof of graduation.

» Understand considerations for documented education impacting disabilities.
RESOURCES

» Review the COVID-19 FAQ.
» Visit eligibilitycenter.org.
» Download our resources:
  o Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
  o Initial-Eligibility flyer.
  o DI Academic Requirements.
  o DII Academic Requirements.
  o DIII Requirements.
SOCIAL MEDIA
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QUESTIONS
Are There Any Questions?
THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

Contact the Eligibility Center

» College-bound student-athlete support line.
  » 877-262-1492.
    > Monday-Friday.
    > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.

Register for a FREE Profile Page Account