

NCAA

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NCAA Initial Eligibility & Admissions

Two step process in order to ***receive athletics aid, practice and compete*** for any NCAA Division I or II school:

1. University Admission, and
2. NCAA Eligibility Center Certification
 - Academic Certification
 - Amateurism Certification

University Admissions

Points to Remember:

- Admissions requirements vary from school to school (GPA, Test Scores, Core Courses).
- Be aware of application deadlines.

the NCAA Eligibility Center

- The role of the NCAA Eligibility Center is to certify an individual's high school academic credentials and amateurism status.
- Without certification, a student-athlete is not allowed to receive an athletics scholarship, practice and/or compete at the NCAA Division I or II level.

the NCAA Eligibility Center Terms

Final Qualifier:

- Meets all NCAA Academic Requirements
- Eligible for athletics aid, practice, and competition

Academic Redshirt:

- Meets a portion of the NCAA Academic Requirements
- Eligible for athletics aid and practice in the first year
- NOT eligible for competition in first year

the NCAA Eligibility Center Terms

Final Non-Qualifier:

- Does not meet the NCAA Academic Requirements
- Not eligible for athletics aid, practice and/or competition during first year

NCAA Academic Eligibility Requirements

- 16 Core Courses
 - 10 locked in completed before the start of the 7th semester.
 - 7 of the 10 must be in English, Math, or Natural/Physical Science
- Minimum GPA = 2.30
 - Corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) on Sliding Scale
- Graduate from high school

Academic Redshirt

- 16 Core Courses
 - Do not have 10 core prior to start of 7th semester
 - Do not have 7 English, Math, or Natural/Physical Science
- Minimum GPA = 2.00
 - Corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) on Sliding Scale
- Graduate from high school



Sliding Scale Final

Use for Division I beginning August 1, 2016

NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT	ACT Sum
Verbal and Math ONLY		
3.550	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59

2.725	730	60
2.700	740	61
2.675	750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840	70
2.425	850	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75



NCAA Sliding Scale

Academic
Redshirt

2.299	910	76
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	81
2.125	970	82
2.100	980	83
2.075	990	84
2.050	1000	85
2.025	1010	86
2.000	1020	86



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the NCAA Eligibility Center Timeline

Junior Year of High School:

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center (www.EligibilityCenter.org)
- Pay Registration Fee

After Completion of Junior Year:

- Request that high school send OFFICIAL copies of 6 semester transcripts to NCAA Eligibility Center



the NCAA Eligibility Center Timeline

Senior Year of High School:

- Send ACT or SAT test scores directly from testing agency to the NCAA Eligibility Center (Code 9999)

After Completion of Senior Year:

- Have high school send OFFICIAL copies of final high school transcripts with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center

Important Reminders

Attended Multiple High Schools?

- Request official transcripts from EACH high school attended be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- No “5 year clock” in HS (must complete with the class you entered high school with)

Standardized Test Scores:

- The Eligibility Center does NOT accept test scores from the high school transcript.
- All ACT and SAT scores must be ordered directly from the testing agency.



Important Reminders

New NCAA Eligibility Center Website

- For Division I and II Schools (Official Visits, NLI's, and Eligibility purposes), you must complete the paid Eligibility Center Profile
- For Division III or if you are uncertain, you can create a free profile
 - If you decide to move up to DI or II, you can complete that and pay the fee at a later date

Resources

- High School Guidance Counselors
- The NCAA Eligibility Center Website:
www.eligibilitycenter.org
- NCAA Initial Eligibility Website:
www.2point3.org

NCAA RECRUITING RULES

NCAA Recruiting Definitions

Prospective Student-Athlete:

- Also known as a “PSA” or “recruit”
- Any individual in 9th – 12th grade, regardless of recruitment (Men’s Basketball: 7th – 12th grade)
- You remain a PSA until you:
 - Enroll in summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment,
 - Report for a team’s official practice before the start of the term, or
 - Enroll full-time and attend the first day of classes.



NCAA Recruiting Definitions

Unofficial Visit:

- Any self-financed visit to an institution's campus that includes:
 - Meetings with coaches, professors, or athletics department staff,
 - Tours of campus and the athletics facilities,
 - Receiving tickets and attending a home game in any sport, or
 - Meeting with current team members.
- Unofficial visits permitted at any age.
- No limit on the number of unofficial visits.



NCAA Recruiting Definitions

Official Visit:

- Any visit to an institution's campus that is funded totally or in part by the athletics department:
 - Limit of 5 official visits with no more than 1 per school.
 - 48 hours maximum length.
- May make official visits beginning on the opening day of classes of your senior year of high school.
 - Men's Basketball: January 1 of Junior Year.
 - Women's Basketball: April of Junior Year.



NCAA Recruiting Contact

Phone Calls:

- Rules are specific by sport.
- Prospective student-athletes may call coaches at any age.
- Depending on sport, coach may not be permitted to call you back until your junior year.
 - Exceptions: Swimming/Diving, Track/Field

NCAA Recruiting Contact

Emails, Letters, and Text Messages:

- Rules are specific by sport.
- Prospective student-athletes may contact coaches at any age.
- Depending on sport, coach may not be permitted to write you back until your junior year.
 - Exceptions: Swimming/Diving, Track/Field

NCAA Recruiting Contact

Contacts & Evaluations:

- **Contacts:** Any off-campus face to face conversation (senior year).
- **Evaluations:** Coach attending game, tournament, practice, or any other athletics activity (any age).



NCAA Recruiting Contact

Publicity:

- Coaches may not publicize your recruitment until you've signed a written commitment.

This includes:

- Social Media: Sharing, liking, favoriting, @mentions, tagging, or any other public status update.
- Media: Providing comments to any media outlet.
- Any other public announcement of a prospective student-athlete's recruitment or commitment.



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Athletics Scholarships

Athletics Scholarships: Any financial aid that is awarded based on athletics ability.

- **Head Count Sports:** Athletics scholarships are provided on an “all or nothing” basis.
- **Equivalency Sports:** Athletics scholarships may be provided in any amount (i.e., 100%, \$5000, Books Only, etc.)



Athletics Scholarships

Sports	Scholarship Limit
Men's Basketball*	13
Men's Football*	85
Men's Golf	4.5
Men's Gymnastics	6.3
Men's Soccer	9.9
Men's Swimming/Diving	9.9
Men's Tennis	4.5
Men's Track/Field/CC	12.6
Men's Water Polo	4.5

*Head Count Sports



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Sports	Scholarship Limit
Women's Basketball*	15
Women's Beach Volleyball	6
Women's Field Hockey	12
Women's Golf	6
Women's Gymnastics*	12
Women's Lacrosse	12
Women's Rowing	20
Women's Soccer	14
Women's Softball	12
Women's Swimming/Diving	14
Women's Tennis*	8
Women's Track/Field/CC	18
Women's Volleyball*	12
Women's Water Polo	8

***Head Count Sports**



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Verbal Commitments

- **Verbal offer of Athletics Aid:** Coach may verbally offer you athletics aid at any age (Non-binding).
- **Verbal Commitment:** May be made to school of choice at any age by the prospective student-athlete (Non-binding).



Written Commitments

- Offer Of Admission/Submission of Financial Deposit
- Offer of Athletics Aid
- National Letter of Intent & Offer of Athletics Aid

National Letter of Intent

- **Binding contract between the prospective student-athlete and the university.**
 - University agrees to provide athletics aid.
 - Prospective student-athlete agrees to attend university for at least 1 academic year.
- **NLI must be accompanied by an Athletics Financial Aid Agreement**
- **May only sign during designated signing periods during your senior year of high school**



Questions?