

NCAA REQUIREMENTS FOR DIVISION I & II ELIGIBILITY

Attention Prospective College Student-Athletes: We have provided answers to some of your most frequently asked questions about participation in college sports and the Clearinghouse process.

What Do I Need To Do and When?

- 🐾 **Grade 9**
 - Verify with your high school guidance counselor and the online core-course listing to make sure you are on track.
- 🐾 **Grade 10**
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- 🐾 **Grade 11**
 - Register with the eligibility center.
 - Make sure you are still on course to meet core-course requirements (verify you have the correct number of core courses and that the core courses are on your high school's 48-H with the eligibility center).
 - After your junior year, have your high school guidance office send a copy of your transcript. If you have attended any other high schools, make sure a transcript is sent to the eligibility center from each high school.
 - When taking the ACT or SAT, request test scores to be sent to the eligibility center (the code is "9999").
 - Begin your amateurism questionnaire.
- 🐾 **Grade 12**
 - When taking the ACT or SAT, request test scores to be sent to the eligibility center (the code is "9999").
 - Complete amateurism questionnaire and sign the final authorization signature online on or after April 1 if you are expecting to enroll in college in the fall semester. (If you are expecting to enroll for spring semester, sign the final authorization signature on or after October 1 of the year prior to enrollment.)
 - Have your high school guidance counselor send a final transcript with proof of graduation to the eligibility center.

Why do I need to register and be certified? If you intend to participate in athletics at a Division I or II school as a freshman, you must be registered with and be certified as eligible by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. Please note that initial-eligibility certification pertains only to whether you meet the NCAA requirements for participation in Division I or II athletics and has no bearing on your admission to a particular Division I or II institution.

To be classified as a qualifier under NCAA standards, you will need to graduate from high school with a diploma, have successfully completed the core courses, met the GPA/test score requirements, completed an amateurism survey and have abided by all amateurism rules.

DIVISION I-A/ DIVISION 1-AA --- 16 core Courses

4 years of English

3 years of Math (Algebra 1 or higher)

2 years of Natural or Physical Sciences with lab

1 extra year of English, Math or Science

2 years of Social Studies

4 years of extra core courses (these include, Math

English, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language, non-doctrinal religion or philosophy)

* Use the NCAA worksheet to determine your GPA and then look on the NCAA Website for the **Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete** to determine GPA and Test score sliding scale requirements (<http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CBSA.pdf>)

DIVISION II --- 14 Core Courses

3 English

2 Math credits (Algebra 1 or higher)

2 Science Credits

Additional Credit - English, Math, or Science

2 Social Studies Credits

3 Additional Credits from any area above, Foreign

Language, or non-doctrinal religion/ philosophy

For the most current information on these and other NCAA Clearinghouse requirements, please see the NCAA website for initial-eligibility requirements.

In Division II there is NO Sliding scale.

The minimum core GPA is 2.000

The minimum SAT score is a 820 (Verbal + Math) or

The minimum ACT score is a 68 (English + Reading + Math + Science)

When should I register? You should register with the Clearinghouse whenever you decide you would like to participate in athletics as a college freshman. It generally is best to register after your junior year grades appear on your transcript. Although you can register anytime prior to participation, if you register late, you may face delays that will prevent practicing and competing.

How do I register? You will need to complete registration on line at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Also, you will need to print out and bring a signed copy of the student release form to the guidance office so that your transcript may be sent to the Clearinghouse.

What if I have attended more than one school? If you have attended multiple high schools since ninth grade, each school will need to send your official transcript to the Clearinghouse. You will need to send copies of your student release form to the guidance office at the other schools you attended.

Are standardized test scores required? Qualifying SAT /ACT scores are required for participation in both Division I and II institutions. You are required to have your scores sent directly from the testing agency using code 9999. NCAA no longer accepts ACT or SAT scores from the high school transcript.

How can I arrange for my scores to be sent directly from the testing agency? When you register to take the ACT or SAT, you can mark code 9999 so that the Clearinghouse will be one of the institutions receiving your scores, or you can submit a request and fee for an additional score report to the appropriate testing agency by indicating code 9999 on your request form.

Should I take the ACT with the writing portion? The writing portion of the ACT is not required for NCAA eligibility. However, it may be required for college admission.

What will the Clearinghouse provide to those institutions that are recruiting me? The Clearinghouse will send your eligibility status to any Division I or II institution that requests it provided you give permission on your student-release form.

How can I check on the status of my file at the Clearinghouse? When you complete the student-release form be sure to enter your Social Security Number and a four digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). After you submit your form, you will then be able to call the 24-hour voice response service at 1-877-262-1492 and access your record using a touch-tone phone.