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Initial Eligibility & Recruiting

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NCAA and NAIA INSTITUTIONS

NCAA and NAIA Institutions

National Collegiate Athletic Association - NCAA

- Division I (scholarships)
- Division II (scholarships)
- Division III (no scholarships)

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics - NAIA

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

NCAA Eligibility Center

What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?

- The NCAA Eligibility Center is the office that certifies **academic** and **amateurism** credentials of all college-bound student-athletes who wish to compete at the NCAA Division I or Division II level.
- Registration Fee is \$90 - You may receive a fee waiver if you qualify for a fee waiver for the ACT/SAT. Speak with your guidance counselor.

NAIA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

NAIA Eligibility Center

What is the **NAIA** Eligibility Center?

Explore the world of NAIA college sports.

Build your customized personal profile.

Connect with NAIA college coaches and admissions officers.

Register so you are ready to play college sports.

Registration Fee is \$80 (fee waivers available)

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
&
QUALIFICATION STATUS

Academic Requirements

Terms used in NCAA Initial Eligibility:

Core Course - A high school course that meets the following criteria:

1. Is an academic course in English, math (Algebra I or higher), natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy or
2. Is a four-year college prep course; and
3. Is taught at or above your high school's regular academic level (no remedial).

See your counselor for the list of approved courses or visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist

Academic Requirements

Sliding Scale - Scale of core course grade point average and ACT/SAT scores.

Sum Score – The sum of the best score from each section in the ACT and/or SAT.

- The NCAA does not use the composite score for the ACT or SAT.
- Test score does not have to be achieved on the same test.

Academic Requirements

October 2020 ACT

English	18
Math	<u>19</u>
Reading	<u>21</u>
Science	<u>20</u>

April 2021 ACT

English	<u>20</u>
Math	17
Reading	19
Science	18

SUM Score: 80

Qualifier - Division I

Practice, Competition & Athletics Aid

- Earn 16 core courses in the required distribution;
 - 4 years of English

 - 3 years of Math (Algebra I or higher)
 - 2 years of Natural/Physical Science (including one year of lab if offered)
 - 1 extra year of English, Math, or Natural/Physical Science
 - 2 years of Social Science
 - 4 year of additional core courses (from category above, foreign language, or comparative religion/philosophy)
- Earn 10 core courses before senior year;
 - Seven (7) of those 10 core courses must be in English, Math, or Science
- Minimum core-course GPA of 2.3;
- Graduate high school;
- *Meet the sliding scale.*

Note: *A grade for a course used in 10/7 cannot be replaced in your senior year*

Academic Redshirt - Division I

Practice & Athletics Aid (No Competition)

- 16 core courses in the required distribution (see previous slide);
- Minimum core-course GPA of 2.0;
- Meet GPA/test score index on the sliding scale;
- Graduate high school; and
- In your first semester in college you must pass nine (9) hours to be eligible for practice in the second semester.

Note: *The 10/7 core course progression is not required for Academic Redshirts.*

Non-Qualifier - Division I

NO Practice, NO Athletics Aid & NO Competition

- Has not met any criteria

COVID-19 Automatic Waivers - Division I

2021-22 & 2022-23 Enrollees

Early Academic Qualifier Waiver:

- Pre-7th Semester academic record;

- 14 core-course units in the required subject areas; and
- Core-course GPA > 3.0.

Full Qualifier Waiver:

- Core-course progression (10/7) before starting 7th semester;
- 16 core-course units in the required subject areas;
- Core-course GPA > 2.3; and
- Proof of graduation.

Academic Redshirt (Athletics aid-1st year, and practice-1st term):

- 16 core-course units in the required subject areas;
- Core-course GPA > 2.0; and
- Proof of graduation.

COVID-19 Automatic Waivers - Division I

2021-22 & 2022-23 Enrollees

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- No test score required. ACT/SAT scores are excluded from initial-eligibility criteria. *However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.*
 - Eligibility Center account will show Final Non-qualifier status with “COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved” in the “Academic Status” field.

Full Qualifier - Division II

Practice, Competition & Athletics Aid

- Earn 16 core courses in the required distribution;
 - 3 years of English

 - 2 years of Math (Algebra I or higher)
 - 2 years of Natural/Physical Science (including one year of lab if offered)
 - 3 extra years of English, Math, or Natural/Physical Science
 - 2 years of Social Science
 - 4 year of additional core courses (from category above, foreign language, or comparative religion/philosophy)
- Minimum core-course GPA of 2.2;
- Graduate high school;
- *Meet the sliding scale.*

Partial Qualifier Status - Division II

Practice & Athletics Aid (NO Competition)

- Earn 16 core courses in the required distribution (see previous slide);
- Minimum core-course GPA of 2.0;
- Graduate high school;
- *Meet the sliding scale.*

Non-Qualifier - Division II

NO Practice, NO Athletics Aid & NO Competition

- Has not met any criteria

COVID-19 Automatic Waivers - Division II

2021-22 & 2022-23 Enrollees

Full Qualifier Waiver:

- 16 core-course units in the required subject areas;

- Core-course GPA > 2.2 ; and
- Proof of graduation.

Early Academic Qualifier Waiver:

- Pre-7th Semester
- 14 core-course units in the required subject areas; and
- Core-course GPA > 2.5 .

Partial Qualifier (Athletics aid and practice only):

- 16 core-course units in the required subject areas;
- Core-course GPA > 2.0 ; and
- Proof of graduation.

COVID-19 Automatic Waivers - Division II

2021-22 & 2022-23 Enrollees

- No test score required. ACT/SAT scores are excluded from initial-eligibility criteria. *However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.*
- Eligibility Center account will show Final Non-qualifier status with “Partial COVID-19 Waiver – Aid: 1st year & Practice: 1st term” in the “Academic Status” field.

Qualification Status - Division III

- No minimum national standards for establishing or maintaining eligibility.
 - Must be in good academic standing
 - Must make satisfactory progress towards degree

Academic Requirements

To compete at an **NAIA school** must graduate from high school and:

- **Must meet two of the following:**
 - Minimum of 18 on ACT or 970 on SAT;
 - Overall high school GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale;
or
 - Graduate in the top 50% of your high school class.

Qualification Status

Other Notes:

- NCAA qualification status is just for the first year at a four-year school. After the first year, other NCAA rules will determine eligibility.
- If a student-athlete attends a two-year college after high school and then transfers to an NCAA institution, the qualification status will determine what transfer rules the student-athlete will need to meet.

Division I Worksheet

This worksheet is provided to assist you in monitoring your progress in meeting NCAA initial-eligibility standards. The NCAA Eligibility Center will determine your academic status after you graduate. Remember to check your high school's list of NCAA-approved courses for the classes you have taken.

Use the following scale: A = 4 quality points; B = 3 quality points; C = 2 quality points; D = 1 quality point.

English (4 years required)

10/7	Course Title	Credit	X	Grade	=	Quality Points (multiply credit by grade)
✓	Example: English 9	.5		A		$(.5 \times 4) = 2$
	Total English Units					Total Quality Points

Mathematics (3 years required)

10/7	Course Title	Credit	X	Grade	=	Quality Points (multiply credit by grade)
	Example: Algebra 1	1.0		B		$(1.0 \times 3) = 3$
	Total Mathematics Units					Total Quality Points

Natural/physical science (2 years required)

10/7	Course Title	Credit	X	Grade	=	Quality Points (multiply credit by grade)
	Total Natural/Physical Science Units					Total Quality Points

Additional year in English, mathematics or natural/physical science (1 year required)

10/7	Course Title	Credit	X	Grade	=	Quality Points (multiply credit by grade)
	Total Additional Units					Total Quality Points

Social science (2 years required)

10/7	Course Title	Credit	X	Grade	=	Quality Points (multiply credit by grade)
	Total Social Science Units					Total Quality Points

Additional academic courses (4 years required)

10/7	Course Title	Credit	X	Grade	=	Quality Points (multiply credit by grade)
	Total Additional Academic Units					Total Quality Points
	Total Quality Points from each subject area / Total Credits = Core-Course GPA			/		=
		Quality Points	/	Credits		= Core-Course GPA

Core-Course GPA (16 required) Beginning August 1, 2016, 10 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester and seven of the 10 must be a combination of English, math or natural or physical science for competition purposes. Grades and credits may be earned at any time for academic redshirt purposes.

PROCESS FOR CERTIFICATION

Process for Certification

- Register with NCAA Eligibility Center by the end of 10th grade.

www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org

- Request ACT or SAT scores be sent to the NCAA and/or NAIA Eligibility Center.

www.actstudent.org or www.sat.collegeboard.org.

- Code for NCAA Eligibility Center is 9999
- Code for NAIA Eligibility Center is 9876
- When you register for the ACT or SAT, include the appropriate Eligibility Center

Process for Certification

- At the end of your junior year, request your guidance counselor to send your six-semester transcript to the Eligibility Center;
- At the end of your senior year, request your final transcript, with proof of graduation, be sent to the Eligibility Center; and
- When Eligibility Center receives final transcript, a final certification will be performed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional Information

- Division I - You may take up to one additional unit after high school graduation but before full-time enrollment in college. If you have a documented learning disability, you may take up to three additional units.
- Non-Traditional Courses - Any course not taught in a traditional manner must meet criteria to be used as a core course.
- A non-standard ACT/SAT test may be used for your eligibility if you have a documented learning disability. See your guidance counselor.
- You must still be admitted to the college or university. Check admission requirements for all schools in which you have interest.

AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION

Amateurism Certification

- The NCAA will also certify your amateurism status;

- You will answer questions about your competitions and teams at the time of registration;
- In April of your senior year, you will request your amateurism to be finalized. The NCAA will then determine if you are an amateur.

Amateurism Certification

Areas to be reviewed:

1. Contracts with a professional team.
2. Salary for participating in athletics.
3. Prize money.
4. Playing with professionals.
5. Tryouts, practice, or competition with professional teams.
6. Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
7. Agreement to be represented by an agent.
8. Delayed initial full-time enrollment to participate in organized competition.
9. Any financial assistance based on athletics skill or participation.

QUESTIONS?

RECRUITING

COVID-19 Dead Period

- Ends May 31st after 14 months
- All sports will resume recruiting under their 20-21 recruiting calendar

Recruiting Periods

Dead Period

A dead period is that period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the member institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes to the institution's campus.

Quiet Period

A quiet period is that period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.

Recruiting Periods

Contact Period

A contact period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

Evaluation Period

An evaluation period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospective student-athletes. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospective student-athlete during an evaluation period.

Recruiting Periods

Football - FBS

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EVALUATION PERIOD

Recruiting Periods

Football - FCS

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Recruiting Periods

Men's Basketball

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Recruiting Periods

Women's Basketball

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Recruiting Periods

Cross Country / Track & Field

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Recruiting Periods

Baseball

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Recruiting Periods

Men's Golf

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Recruiting Periods

Women's Lacrosse

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Recruiting Periods

Men's Lacrosse

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Recruiting Periods

Women's Volleyball

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Recruiting Periods

Softball

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Recruiting

Official Visit - Expenses paid by institution (travel, lodging, food, game admissions, permissible entertainment)

- May start visits:
 - All Division II Sports – June 15 prior to junior year
 - All Division I Baseball & Softball – September 1 of junior year
 - Division I Women's Basketball – Thursday after Division I championship of your junior year
 - Division I Football – April 1 of junior year
 - Division I All Other Sports– August 1 of junior year
- Each prospect may have five official visits (only one per institution) in all sports other than Men's Basketball.
 - Men's Basketball may have 1 during Junior year, 1 during Senior year and 1 post high school per institution.
 - *DII visits don't count toward five DI visits*
- May be on the visit for a maximum of 48 hours;
- Must register with the Eligibility Center and be placed on the institution's list; and
- Institution must have a copy of the transcript.

Recruiting

Unofficial Visit - Expenses may not be paid

- May start visits

 - All Division II sports – June 15 prior to junior year
 - Division I Baseball and Softball – Sept. 1 of junior year
 - Division I Men’s Basketball – Aug. 1 prior to sophomore year
 - Division I Women’s Basketball – At any age
 - Football – At any age
 - Division I All Other Sports- Aug. 1 of junior year
- There are no limitations on number of visits or number of visits to one school.
- Division I - May only receive complimentary tickets to a home event.
- Division II - May receive complimentary tickets and one meal on campus or in the community.

Recruiting

National Letter of Intent (NLI)

What is the NLI?

An agreement between the institution and the prospective student-athlete that they will attend the university or college for one academic year in exchange for an athletics scholarship.

Website: <http://www.nationalletter.org>

***Note:** The NAIA and NCAA do not recognize each other's NLI program.*

Recruiting

Who is eligible to sign an NLI?

- High school seniors;
- Two-year college transfers (including those previously at a four-year school)

May a walk-on sign an NLI?

- No, an athletic scholarship agreement must accompany the NLI.

When may the NLI be signed?

- There are designated times throughout the year in which NLI's can be signed.

Recruiting

2021-22 NLI Signing Dates for 2022-23 Enrollees

Sport (s)	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Division I Basketball (Early Period)	November 10, 2021	November 17, 2021
Division I Basketball (Regular Period)	April 13, 2022	May 18, 2022
Division I Football (Early Period)	December 15, 2021	December 17, 2021
Division I and II Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 15, 2021	January 15, 2022
Division I and II Football (Regular Period)	February 2, 2022	Division I: April 1, 2022 Division II: August 1, 2022
All Other Division I and II Sports	November 10, 2021	August 1, 2022

Recruiting

Tryouts

- **Division I** - Tryouts for prospects are not permitted;

Exception: Men's and Women's Basketball may have an in-person evaluation (specific conditions).

- **Division II** - Tryouts for prospects are permitted in all sports under specific conditions.

Recruiting

Tips from Division I Coaches

1. Keep your grades up.
2. Be a good citizen.... stay out of trouble at school and in the community.
3. Research the schools that would be a good 'fit' for you - size, location, and academic programs offered.
4. Visit campuses.
5. Go to college competitions to see the level of play.
6. Spend more time practicing and training than trying to get recruited (i.e., emailing coaches, social media, highlight videos).
7. Play at the highest competitive level you can.
8. Understand the recruiting timeline in your sport.
9. Make yourself known to all levels you would be interested in (not just the highest level). If you are not offered an opportunity at the highest level you want to still have other opportunities.
10. Be cautious of coaches who make promises about playing time.

QUESTIONS?

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Athletic Scholarships

The NCAA limits the number of scholarships that a sport may award.
There are two classifications of scholarships for sports:

1. Head Count - Full scholarships only.
 - Division I Only - Football, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Volleyball, Women's Gymnastics and Women's Tennis
2. Equivalency - Partial Scholarships (may still receive full scholarship)
 - Division I sports not listed above and all of Division II sports.

Athletic Scholarships

Notes on Scholarships

- Division I - multi-year scholarships may be awarded (but not required).
- Division II - scholarships can only be offered for one academic year and are renewable.
- Division I - Scholarships include only tuition, fees, room, board, required textbooks, and other expenses related to attendance.
- Division II - Scholarships include tuition, fees, room, board, and required textbooks.
- Other scholarships may be countable toward the team maximum so check with the institution.

QUESTIONS?

Resources

NCAA Website www.ncaa.org

NCAA Eligibility Center www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org

NCAA Guide for College Bound Student-Athletes

<http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CBSA19.pdf>

NAIA Guide for the College Bound Student-Athlete

https://www.playnaia.org/d/NAIA_GuidefortheCollegeBoundStudent.pdf

National Letter of Intent www.national-letter.org

NAIA Website www.naia.org

NAIA Eligibility www.playnaia.org