

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER and INITIAL ELIGIBILITY CLEARINGHOUSE

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PURPOSES: To certify the academic and amateur credentials of all college-bound student-athletes who wish to compete in any sports at NCAA Division I or II colleges  
To provide a standardized process independent of the colleges, their admissions offices, and their athletics representatives  
To disseminate information about the recruiting process and the rules for amateurism and eligibility  
To assist high school guidance counselors in evaluating the curriculum offerings at each school

WHO MUST FILE: All male and female athletes in all sports  
TIME TO REGISTER: Beginning of high school junior year  
APPLICATION SOURCE: Complete the Student Release Form and the amateurism questionnaire online at the NCAA Eligibility Center website and pay the \$60 fee by credit or debit card or e-check only. (Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete no longer includes application forms.) Documents needed for registration must be printed from [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- \* NCAA Student Release Form (SRF) and Transcript Release Form --- available only at Eligibility Center website
- List of NCAA-Approved Core Courses for your high school(s) (formerly 48-H) --- available from school guidance office or from the Eligibility Center website
- Official transcript(s) from your high school(s)
- SAT or ACT score --- reported directly from test agency
- Credit or debit card \$60 fee or authorized fee waiver

CONDITIONS TO MEET ACADEMICALLY TO SECURE ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY:

- Graduation from high school in 8 consecutive semesters
- Successful completion of sufficient CORE courses at your high school during grades 9 through 12
- Grade-point average in CORE courses only of 2.000 or higher (on a 4.00 non-weighted scale)
- Combined score on the SAT or sum score on the ACT based on the CORE GPA/Test Score Index sliding scale (The writing component of the SAT or ACT will not be used to determine your qualifier status.)

DIVISION I ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Graduation from high school (in eight semesters)
- 16 core courses
  - 4 years of English
  - 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
  - 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year lab)
  - 1 year of additional English, math, or science
  - 2 years of social science
  - 4 years of additional core courses (from any area above or foreign language, non-doctrinal religion, or philosophy) (Computer science no longer counts.)
- Core-course grade-point average (based on a 4.00 scale) and combined score on the SAT or sum score on the ACT based on the new Core GPA/Test Score Index (below)

| CORE GPA      | SAT     | ACT | CORE GPA | SAT     | ACT |
|---------------|---------|-----|----------|---------|-----|
| 3.550 & above | 400     | 37  | 2.500    | 820     | 68  |
| 3.525         | 410     | 38  | 2.475    | 830     | 69  |
| 3.500         | 420     | 39  | 2.450    | 840-850 | 70  |
| 3.475         | 430     | 40  | 2.425    | 860     | 70  |
| 3.450         | 440     | 41  | 2.400    | 860     | 71  |
| 3.425         | 450     | 41  | 2.375    | 870     | 72  |
| 3.400         | 460     | 42  | 2.350    | 880     | 73  |
| 3.375         | 470     | 42  | 2.325    | 890     | 74  |
| 3.350         | 480     | 43  | 2.300    | 900     | 75  |
| 3.325         | 490     | 44  | 2.275    | 910     | 76  |
| 3.300         | 500     | 44  | 2.250    | 920     | 77  |
| 3.275         | 510     | 45  | 2.225    | 930     | 78  |
| 3.250         | 520     | 46  | 2.200    | 940     | 79  |
| 3.225         | 530     | 46  | 2.175    | 950     | 80  |
| 3.200         | 540     | 47  | 2.150    | 960     | 80  |
| 3.175         | 550     | 47  | 2.125    | 960     | 81  |
| 3.150         | 560     | 48  | 2.100    | 970     | 82  |
| 3.125         | 570     | 49  | 2.075    | 980     | 83  |
| 3.100         | 580     | 49  | 2.050    | 990     | 84  |
| 3.075         | 590     | 50  | 2.025    | 1000    | 85  |
| 3.050         | 600     | 50  | 2.000    | 1010    | 86  |
| 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     | 59  |          |         |     |
| 2.700         | 730     | 60  |          |         |     |
| 2.675         | 740-750 | 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  |          |         |     |

DIVISION I QUALIFIER

- May practice or compete during first year of college
- May receive an athletics scholarship during first year of college
- May play four seasons (over a five-year period) if eligibility is maintained year to year

DIVISION I NONQUALIFIER ---- Failure to meet any listed standards

- May not participate in any athletic competition or practice during the first year of college
- May receive financial aid based only on need (not athletics-based financial aid) during first year
- May play only three seasons (To earn a fourth year of eligibility, athlete must complete at least 80% of degree requirements before fifth academic year.)

DIVISION II ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS 2009-July 31, 2013

- Graduation from high school
- 14 core courses (moving to 16 core on August 1, 2013)
  - 3 years of English
  - 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
  - 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year lab)
  - 2 years of additional English, math, or science
  - 2 years of social science
  - 3 years of additional core courses (from any area above or foreign language, non-doctrinal religion, or philosophy)
- Core-course GPA of 2.000 (based on a 4.00 scale)
- Combined score of at least 820 on the SAT or sum score of at least 68 on the ACT (There is no sliding scale.)

DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER ---- Failure to meet either 2.000 GPA in 14 core courses or sufficient score on SAT/ACT

- May practice with college team at home facility
- May receive an athletics scholarship during first year
- May not compete during freshman year
- May compete in the four seasons remaining

DIVISION II NONQUALIFIER ---- Failure to graduate or failure to meet core-course GPA and sufficient score on SAT/ACT

- May not practice or participate during first year
- May receive financial aid based only on need (not athletics-based financial aid) during first year
- May play for four seasons

REMINDER: The individual student-athlete is responsible for achieving and protecting his or her eligibility status.

#### WHY SHOULD YOU REGISTER AT THE START OF THE JUNIOR YEAR, INSTEAD OF WAITING INTO THE SENIOR YEAR?

- College coaches are prohibited from enticing you to attend their colleges until you prove that you will be eligible. Proof of eligibility comes only from the Eligibility Center.
- Getting an answer from the Eligibility Center often takes many months. Filing early means that you will know your status by the beginning of the senior year.
- If the Eligibility Center rules that you must complete additional core courses, you have time to adjust your schedule for fall of the senior year.

#### WHAT ARE SOME TYPICAL PROBLEMS IN ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY?

- You take high school courses (like algebra or geometry) in grades 7 and 8, then fail to take enough courses in that subject area in grades 9 through 12.
- You attend more than one high school and fail to check core course lists from all schools.
- You assume that all high-content college preparatory courses are listed on your high school's NCAA-Approved Core Course form.
- You are jointly enrolled with a college, but the college courses have no corresponding core course listing in your high school's curriculum.
- You assume that the coaches or school counselors can perform this registration process for you.
- You assume that you can correct deficiencies by attending summer school after your senior year.
- You assume that you can negotiate an exception with the Eligibility Center!
- You fail to calculate your core GPA correctly.
  - Plus or minus signs on letter grades (like B+ or A-) will not be used to calculate core-course GPA.
  - In most cases, "weighted" grades for honors or advanced placement courses will be recalculated on a 4.00 basis.
  - If your school uses numerical grades (like 92), each course will be assigned a letter grade, using your school's scale, before a core GPA is figured.

#### SPECIAL SITUATIONS

- Students with documented disabilities may list special courses, as long as they appear on the school's list of approved core courses, and may take core courses during the summer after the senior year.
- Home-schooled students must provide transcripts and official test results, as well as lists of textbooks.