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# NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

## For College-Bound Student-Athletes



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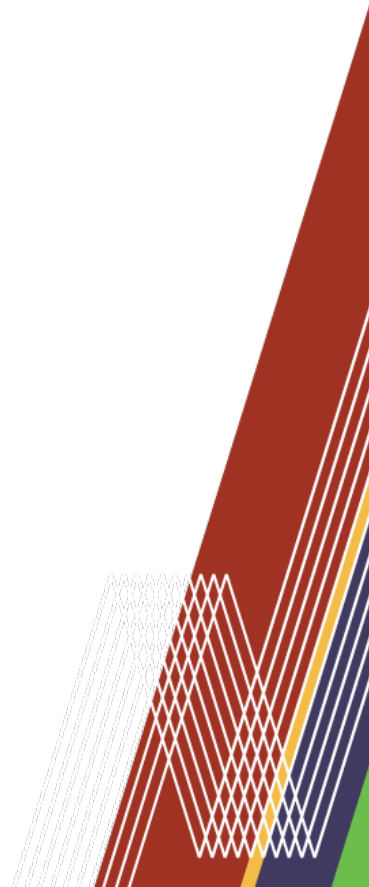
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# AGENDA

- » NCAA Eligibility Center.
- » Registration.
- » Core Courses.
- » Standards.
  - Division I.
  - Division II.
- » Distance or E-Learning.
- » Sports Participation.
- » Recruiting.
- » Resources.







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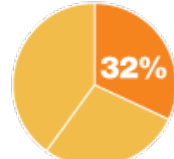





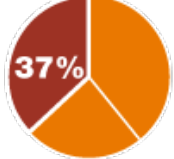

- » **Who are we?** A unit within the NCAA.
- » **What do we provide?** Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.
- » **What do we review?**
  - Academic requirements.
  - Amateurism requirements.







## OUR THREE DIVISIONS

	DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III
 NUMBER OF SCHOOLS*	350 	300 	432 
 PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION			
 ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	<b>Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available</b> 57% of athletes receive athletics aid	<b>Partial athletics scholarship model</b> 60% of athletes receive athletics aid	<b>No athletics scholarships</b> 80% of athletes receive nonathletics aid

\*Numbers are from 2020-21. This does not include reclassifying, provisional or exploratory schools.



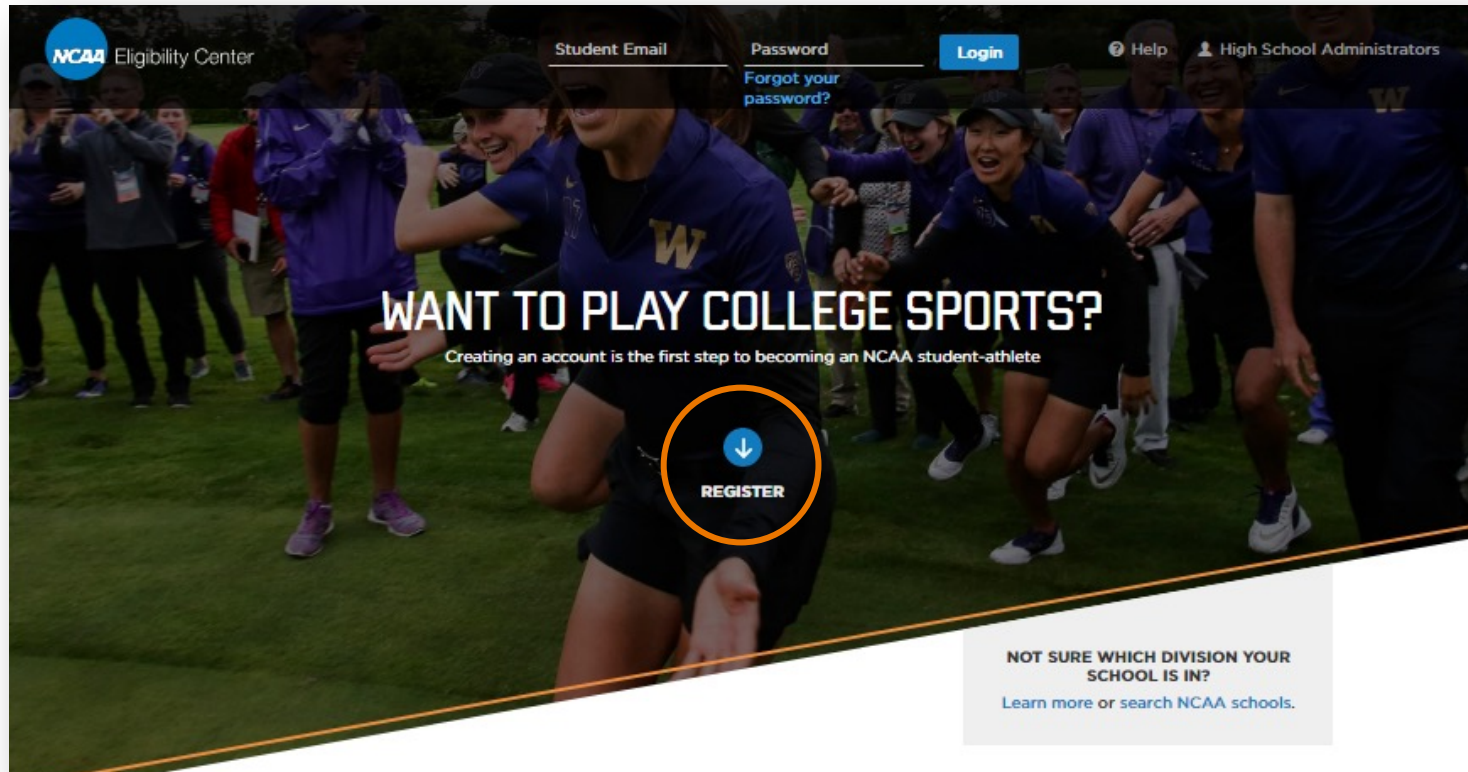
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**REGISTRATION**



# NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED





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## **Three Account Types**



**Free Profile Page  
Account**



**Amateurism-Only  
Certification Account**



**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.



# ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

## Account Type #3



Required 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.





## REMEMBER

» If you have an Eligibility Center Certification account check to see if you meet **fee waiver criteria**.



# WHAT IS AN IRL?

## » Institutional request list.

- A list of college-bound student-athletes an NCAA school is interested in recruiting.
- » You **must** be on an NCAA school's IRL to receive an Eligibility Center certification, which qualifies you to receive athletics aid, practice and compete in college.





## WHAT IS AN NCAA ID?

- » Used by NCAA coaches to add you to their school's institutional request list for recruiting purposes.
- **Where?** Your NCAA ID is in the top-right corner of your Eligibility Center account.
- In addition to your password, you need your NCAA ID when calling the Eligibility Center with questions.

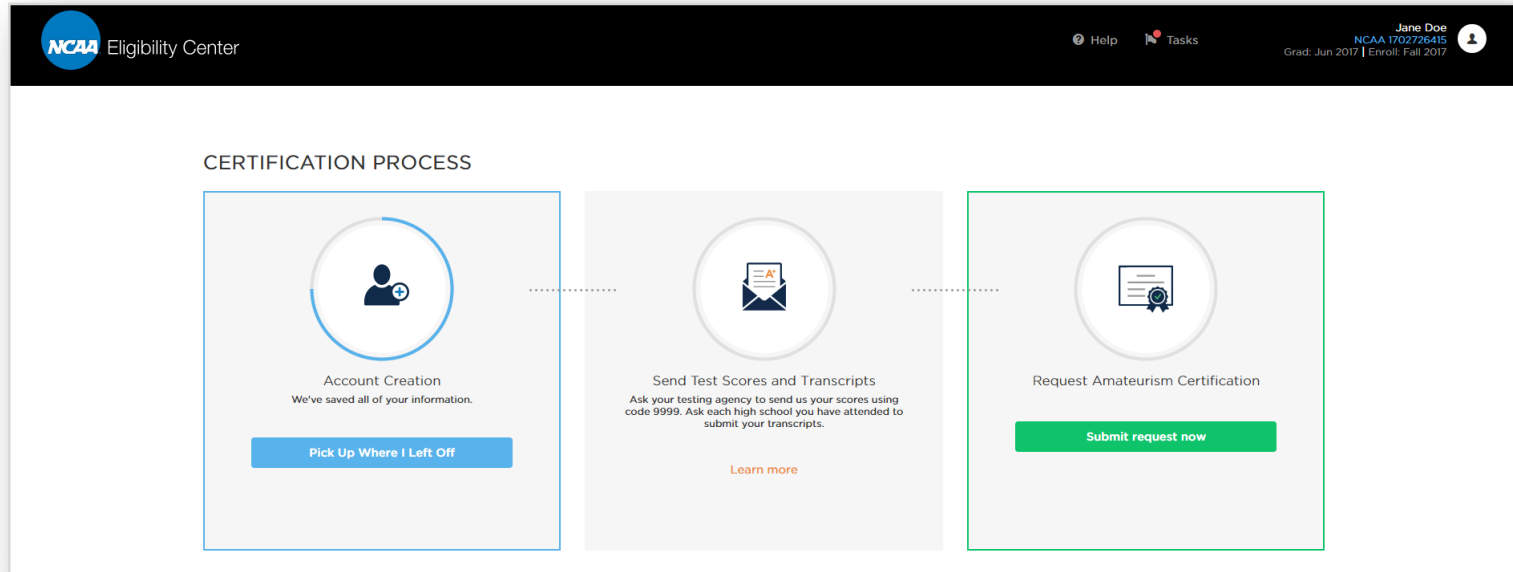


Your Name

**NCAA ID: 1234567890**

Grad: MM/YYYY | Enroll: MM/YYYY

# CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT DASHBOARD



- » Check for open tasks.
- » Update graduation or enrollment dates, if needed.
- » Check transcript receipt.
- » Edit account, schools or sports information.



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**CORE COURSES**





# WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

- » Four-year college preparatory course in one of these subject areas:



- » Taught by qualified instructor.
- » Taught at or above your high school's regular academic level.
- » On your official transcript with course title, grade and credit and receives credit toward your high school graduation.
- » On your **high school's list** of NCAA-approved core courses.



## EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

### 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

**4 CORE COURSES**

### 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

**4 CORE COURSES**

### 11<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

**4 CORE COURSES**

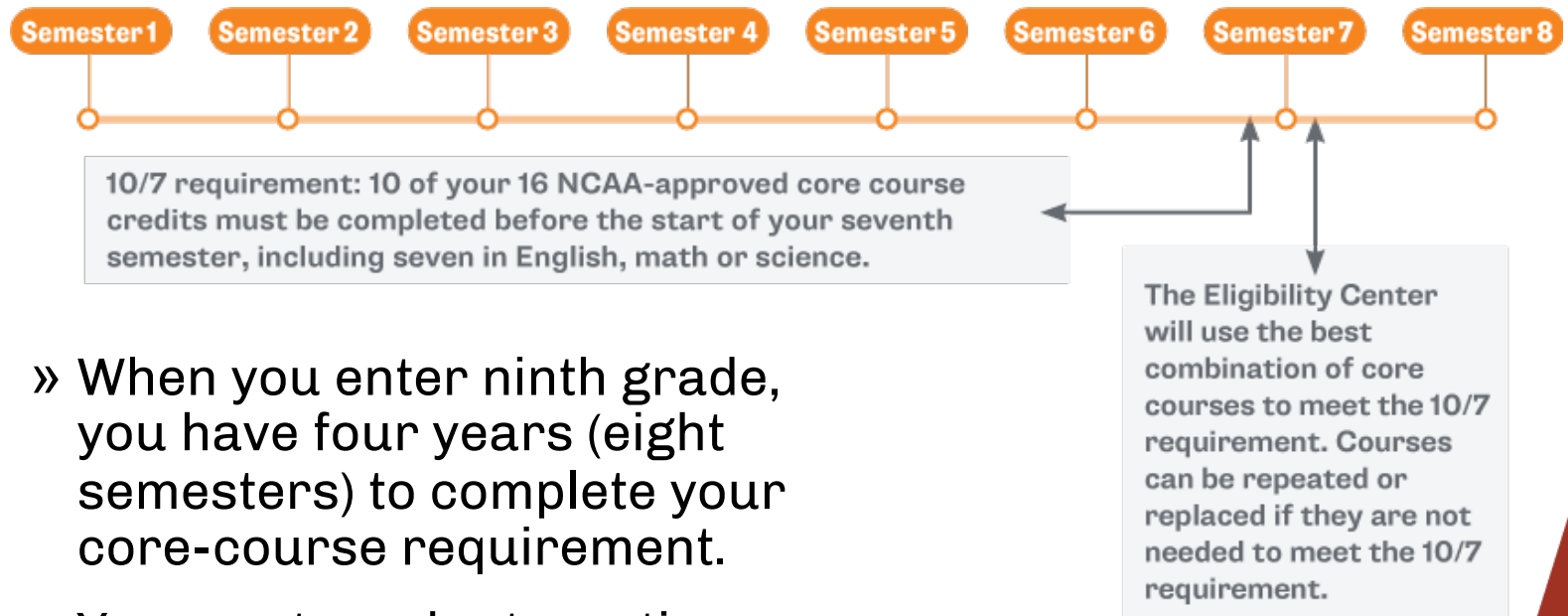
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**4 CORE COURSES**



# DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



- » When you enter ninth grade, you have four years (eight semesters) to complete your core-course requirement.
- » You must graduate on time, with your class.





# DIVISION I: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

- » Four possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
  - Early Academic Qualifier.
  - Qualifier.
  - Academic Redshirt.
  - Nonqualifier.



## DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Division I early academic qualifier status is based on the student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 3.0$  in the required subject areas.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



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## 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  $\geq 2.3$  in the required subject areas.



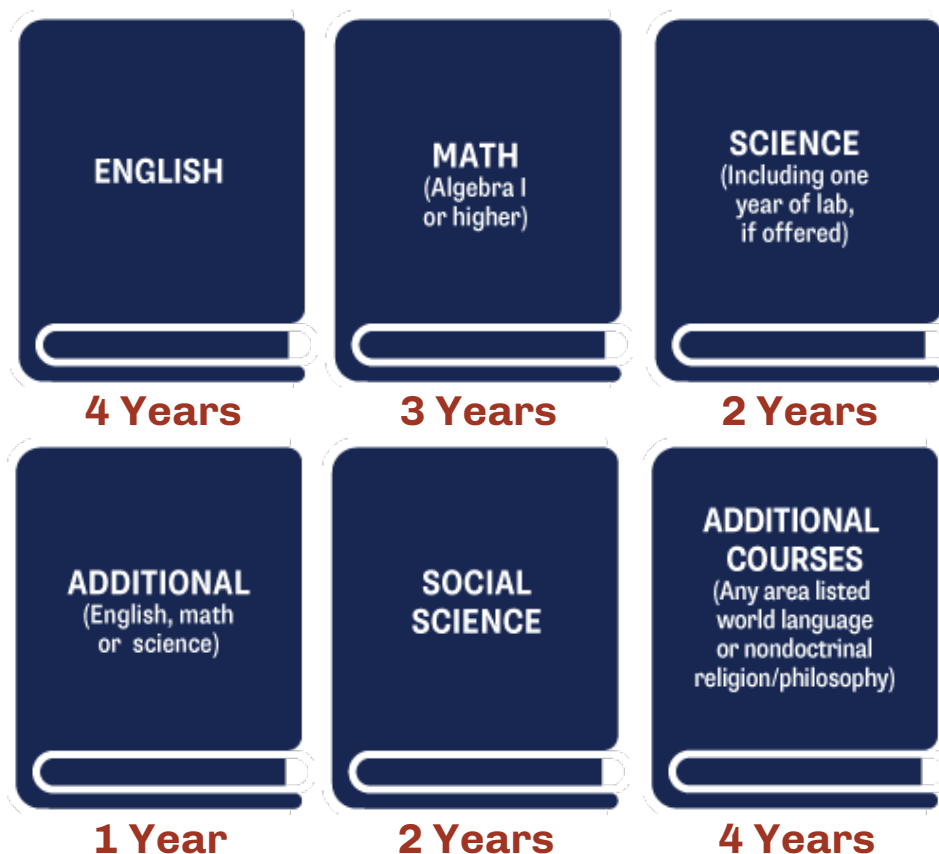
Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.





# DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

## Subject Area Breakdown





# DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT



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



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.0$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » First Year Athletics Aid.
- » First Term Practice.



# STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

## GPA and Core-Course Requirements Remain



- » In January 2023, NCAA **Divisions I** and **II** adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements.
- » Check with the NCAA school you plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements.





## **DIVISION II: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS**

- » Three possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
  - Early Academic Qualifier.
  - Qualifier.
  - Partial Qualifier.



## DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Division II early academic qualifier status is based on the student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.5$  in the required subject areas.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



## 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.

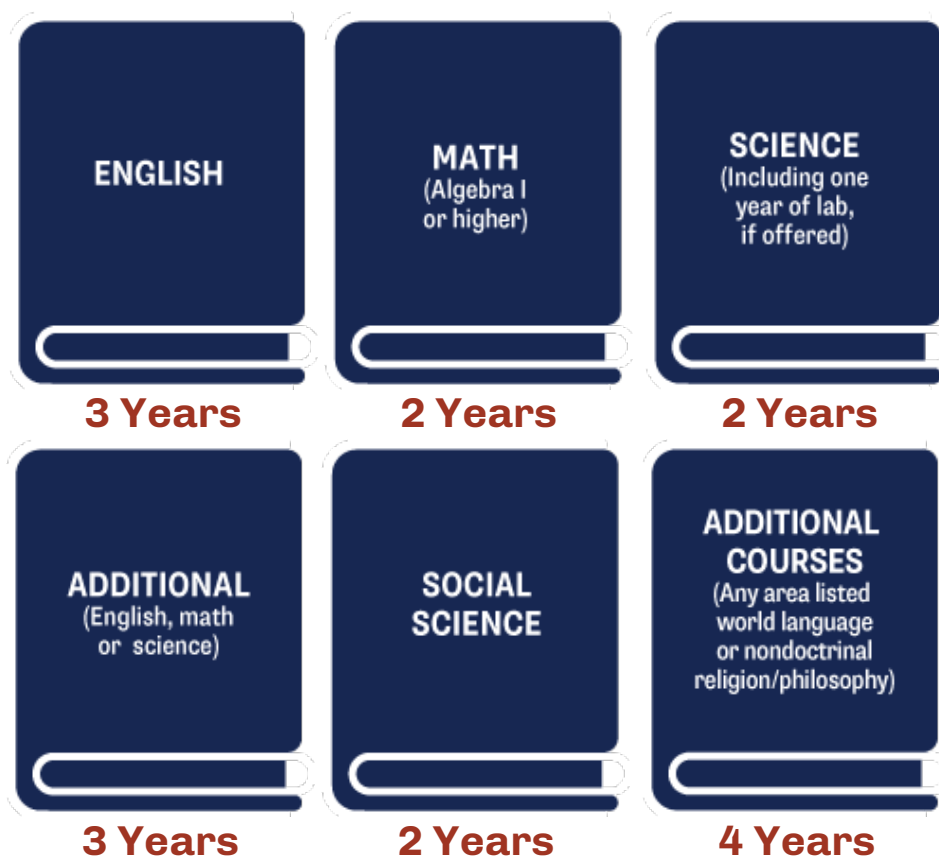
» Athletics Aid.  
» Practice.  
» Compete.





# DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

## Subject Area Breakdown





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## DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

College-bound student-athletes that do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.



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# COLLEGE ADMISSION

- » You must apply and be accepted to your NCAA school before you can compete on campus.
  - NCAA certification does **NOT** include acceptance to the NCAA school recruiting you.
- » Ask your NCAA school for more information about cost of attendance and financial aid.



# DIVISION III

- » Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
  - Academic requirements.
  - Admissions.
  - 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.







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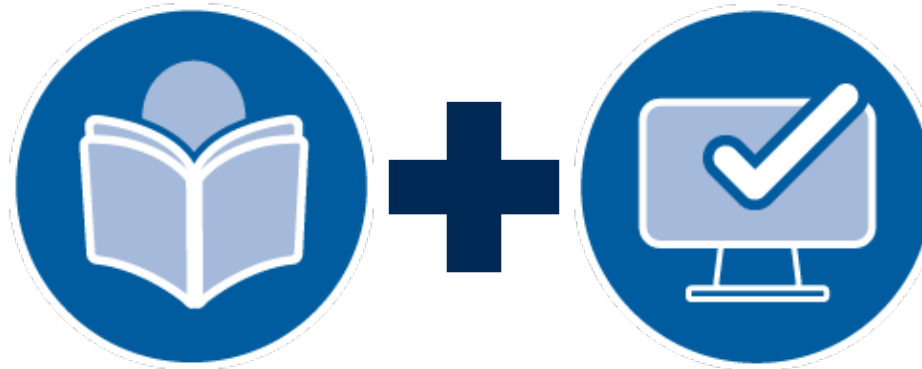
**DISTANCE  
OR E-LEARNING**







# DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING



**Students of  
All Grade Levels**

**Distance or  
E-Learning Program**

- » 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.



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A close-up photograph of a person's arm and hand holding a shot put. The person is wearing a white wristband. The shot put is silver and has "STATE" and "DIP" written on it in blue marker. The background is a blurred green field.

# SPORTS PARTICIPATION



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When you register for a Certification account, you must:

- » Select the sport(s) you would like to play in college.
- » Update your information frequently if you play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
- » **Request your final amateurism certification** before you enroll full time at an NCAA school.





# NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

## TAKING ACTION NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

[INTERIM NIL POLICY](#) [TIMELINE](#) [NEWS](#)  
[STATEMENTS](#) [HISTORIC RESOURCES](#)

### THE COLLEGE ATHLETE MODEL

The NCAA is committed to allow name, image and likeness opportunities for student-athletes consistent with the college athlete model.

The college athlete model is not the professional model, meaning students will compete against other students, not professionals or employees.

NCAA student-athletes now have opportunity to benefit from their name, image and likeness.

- » All three divisions have adopted a uniform, interim policy suspending NIL rules for all incoming and current student-athletes in all sports.
- » For more NIL resources.
  - Visit [ncaa.org/nil](https://ncaa.org/nil).
  - Contact your NCAA school's compliance office.
  - Follow the Eligibility Center on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).





## REMEMBER

If you have questions, contact the Eligibility Center.  
Your actions may impact your future NCAA eligibility.

» College-bound student-athlete support line.

- 877-262-1492.

- > Monday-Friday.

- > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.



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A basketball player's hands are shown holding an orange Wilson basketball. The player is wearing a white wristband on their right wrist. Two other hands are visible, reaching up towards the ball: one on the left with a black wristband, and one on the right. The background is dark, and the scene is framed by orange and white diagonal lines on the left and right sides.

**RECRUITING**



# 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.**



# RECRUITING CALENDARS

## FOOTBALL, DIVISION I

RECRUITING METHOD	
<b>Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence (e.g., recruiting letters, social media messages, text messages)</b>	<p>You may receive brochures for camps, questionnaires, NCAA materials and nonathletics recruiting publications at any time.</p> <p>A coach may begin sending you recruiting materials and electronic correspondence Sept. 1 of your junior/11th year of high school.</p>
<b>Phone Calls to a Coach</b>	<p>You or your family may call a coach at any time.</p>
<b>Phone Calls From a Coach</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Off-Campus Contact</b>	<p>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).</p>
<b>Unofficial Visit</b>	<p>You and your family may visit a college at your own expense at any time.</p>
<b>Official Visit</b>	<p>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.</p>

» To learn more about recruiting calendars, visit [on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal](https://on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal).





# UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

## Unofficial Visits

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

- » Take as many unofficial visits as you like after the first permissible date in each sport.
- » Be mindful of recruiting shutdowns and dead periods when scheduling unofficial visits.

You may receive:

- » Complimentary admission.
  - This includes three tickets for a home Division I athletics contest or five tickets for a home Division II athletics contest.

**Note:** You cannot talk with a coach during an unofficial visit during your sport's **dead period**.



# UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

## Official Visits

Before a Division I or II official visit you 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.
  - This includes up to two family members in Division I basketball and FBS football.
- » Provide lodging and meals.
  - This includes reasonable entertainment expenses.

**Note:** You cannot take an official visit during your sport's **dead period**.



# SCHOLARSHIPS BY SPORT

Only about **2% of high school-athletes** are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.

- » Expectations.
  - Annual scholarships.
  - Renewal.
- » Academic scholarships.
- » Athletics scholarships.



# QUESTIONS TO ASK

- » What is the cost of attendance?
  - Financial aid.
    - > Will I receive a full or partial scholarship?
    - > If I'm injured and can no longer compete, will my scholarship remain?
  - On-campus housing.
- » What degree programs are offered?
- » What is the NCAA school's graduation rate?
- » Where do you stand from a recruiting standpoint?
  - #1 vs #5 vs standby.
  - NLI.
  - Redshirt expectations.
- » What is the coaching philosophy and style?



# NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

- » By signing a NLI, you 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 you for a minimum of one academic year.
  - You must be admitted to the school.
  - You must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.
- » For more information, visit [nationalletter.org](https://nationalletter.org).





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A large blue circle with the word "NCAA" in white, set against a dark blue background with white lines. The circle is surrounded by colorful confetti in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The word "NCAA" is written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font.

# NCAA

## RESOURCES





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**Guide for the  
College-Bound  
Student-Athlete**

- » Review the **COVID-19 FAQ**.
- » Visit **eligibilitycenter.org**.
- » Download our resources:
  - **Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete**.
  - **Initial-Eligibility flyer**.
  - **DI Academic Requirements**.
  - **DII Academic Requirements**.
  - **DIII Amateurism**.



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# THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

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# HOW DID WE DO?

Scan the QR Code Below



Take a Short Survey





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