

College Athletic Eligibility

NCAA DI,DII,DIII

NAIA

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NCAA Overview

- The NCAA is comprised of approximately 460,000 student-athletes at more than 1,200 schools, conferences and affiliate organizations, all vying to compete in one of 89 championship events under the NCAA umbrella. NCAA schools are organized into three divisions:
 - Division I
 - Division II
 - Division III



NCAA D-I Freshman Requirements

- 16 core courses
 - Ten (10) core courses completed before the start of seventh semester.
 - Seven (7) of the 10 must be in English, math or natural/physical science. "Locked in" for core-course GPA calculation.
- Corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) and core-course GPA (minimum 2.300) on Sliding Scale.
- Graduate from high school
- Academic Redshirt - NCAA Division I student who meets all other requirements, but has a GPA between 2.0 and 2.29.



NCAA D-II Freshman Requirements

- 16 core courses
- Corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) and core-course GPA (2.2) on Sliding Scale
- Graduate from high school.
- Partial Qualifier - Meet 16 core courses OR ACT/SAT requirement.

NCAA D-III Freshman Requirements

- DO NOT offer athletic scholarships
- 75% of athletes DO receive some sort of need or merit based scholarship
- DO NOT have to register on the NCAA Eligibility Center
- In order to be eligible, you just have to meet the requirements of the school.



What are Core Courses?

- NCAA schools require college-bound student-athletes to build a foundation of high school courses to prepare them for the academic expectations in college.
- Not all high school classes count as NCAA core courses. Remedial classes and classes completed through credit-by-exam are not considered NCAA core courses.
- **English: English 1-4, American Literature, creative writing**
- **Math: Algebra 1-3, Geometry, statistics**
- **Natural of physical science: biology, chemistry, physics**
- **Social science: American History, civics, government**
- **Additional: comparative religion, Spanish 1-4**

What if I don't meet the academic requirements?

Academic Redshirt:

- Complete 16 core courses
- Earn at least a 2.0 GPA in the core courses
- Earn an [SAT combined score or ACT sum score](#) matching your core-course

GPA on the Division I sliding scale



Test Scores

- When you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of **9999** so your scores are sent directly to the Eligibility Center from the testing agency.
- Test scores on transcripts **will not** be used in your academic certification.
- A combined SAT score is calculated by adding reading and math subscores. An ACT sum score is calculated by adding English, math, reading and science subscores.
- The best sub score from different tests are used to meet initial eligibility requirements.

NAIA Overview

- The NAIA is made up of approximately 260 smaller 4-year colleges throughout the United States representing 60,000 student-athletes. The NAIA oversees 23 national championships in 13 different sports. NAIA sports are generally considered to be on par with NCAA Division II schools (i.e., Brenau, Middle Georgia, Reinhardt).

NAIA Freshman Requirements

- o Incoming freshmen must meet TWO of the the following THREE criteria:
 - Test Score Minimum score of: ACT: 18; SAT: 970
 - High School GPA Minimum overall high school GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale
 - Class Rank Top 50% of high school graduating class

Junior College Requirements

- “Due to the unique academic and athletic situation of each individual, and the complexity of the NJCAA eligibility rules, it is recommended that each potential student-athlete discuss their athletic eligibility with the athletic personnel at the NJCAA college where they have chosen to attend. Should the athletic staff have any questions in determining an individual's eligibility, the college may contact the NJCAA National Office for assistance.” – NJCAA
- Offer scholarships



NCAA Eligibility Center

- The NCAA Eligibility Center certifies whether prospective college athletes are eligible to play sports at NCAA Division I or II institutions.
- The NCAA recommends that student-athletes register at the beginning of their junior year in high school.
- There is no registration deadline, but students must be cleared by the Eligibility Center before they receive athletic scholarships or compete at a Division I or II institution.
- Students must register online at the NCAA Eligibility Center. They will have to enter personal information, answer questions about their course work and sports participation outside of high school and pay a registration fee.
- Students who have received a fee waiver for the SAT or ACT are eligible for a fee waiver of the registration fee.
- Students should arrange to have their high school transcript submitted and
▶▶ SAT/ACT▶ scores submitted directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.



NCAA Eligibility Center cont.

- Create a profile
- If you know you are going to play @ Division I & Division II level create a profile by clicking the DI & DII profile button. **Cost= \$90**
- If you know you are going to play @ Division III level or if you are undecided, you can create a free profile by clicking the DIII & undecided button.

NCAA Scholarship Allotments

- Baseball: Div 1 - 11.7; Div 2 - 9
- Basketball (m): Div 1 - 13; Div 2 - 10
- Basketball (f): Div 1 - 15; Div 2 - 10
- Cross County/Track and Field (m): Div 1 - 12.6; Div 2 - 12.6
- Cross County/Track and Field (f): Div 1 - 18; Div 2 - 12.6
- Football (FBS) - 85
- Football (FCS) - 63
- Golf (m): Div 1 - 4.5; Div 2 - 3.6/
- Golf (f): Div 1 - 6; Div 2 - 5.4

NCAA Scholarship Allotments

- Gymnastics (f): Div 1 - 12; Div 2 - 6
- Soccer (m): Div 1 - 9.9; Div 2 - 9
- Soccer (f): Div 1 - 14; Div 2 - 9.9
- Softball: Div 1 - 12; Div 2 - 7.2
- Swimming (m): Div 1 - 9.9; Div 2 - 8.1
- Swimming (f): Div 1 - 14; Div 2 - 8.1
- Tennis (m): Div 1 - 4.5; Div 2 - 4.5
- Tennis (f): Div 1 - 8; Div 2 - 6

NAIA Scholarships Allotments

- Baseball: 12
- Basketball: 11
- Cross County: 5
- Football: 24
- Golf: 5
- Soccer: 12
- Softball: 10
- Tennis: 5
- Track and Field: 12

To-Do-List For Prospective Student Athletes

- Grade 9
 - Review Core Courses
 - Discuss 4.0 GPA
- Grade 10
 - Review Core Courses
 - Review 4.0 GPA
 - Discuss College Scholarship Allotments
- Grade 11
 - Review Core Courses
 - Register with NCAA Eligibility Center
 - Take the ACT or SAT. Submit scores directly to the NCAA (9999) and/or NAIA.
 - Request official transcript to be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center and/or NAIA Eligibility Center.

To-Do-List For Prospective Student Athletes

- Grade 12
 - o Complete remaining core courses.
 - o Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit scores directly to the NCAA and/or NAIA.
 - o Complete all academic and amateurism questions in NCAA Eligibility Center account.
 - o After graduation, ask counselor to submit final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Questions?

Resources

- [NCAA Division I Academic Requirements](#)
- [NCAA Division II Academic Requirements](#)
- [NAIA Academic Requirements](#)
- [NJCAA Academic Requirements](#)