



NCAA Eligibility Center

Expires September 1, 2008



Your Check List

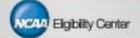
- Register
- Complete the Amateurism Questionnaire
- Send Transcripts at the End of Your Junior Year and After Graduation
- Update List of Approved Core Courses
- Review Core-Course Requirements
- 9999 Code on ACT and SAT
- Graduate on Time



Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center

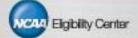
Starting at the beginning of your junior year:

- Log on to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.
- Select Prospective Student-Athletes.
- Register as a U.S. or International Student.
- Click on the Transcript Release Form.
- Print the Transcript Release Form, sign it and give to your high school guidance counselor (allows them to send your transcripts).



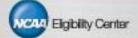
Complete the Amateurism Questionnaire

- When you register, be sure to complete the amateurism questionnaire.
- Log in and click on "Enter/Update Amateur Questionnaire."
- Answer the questions and log out.
- Log back in and sign the 10.1 statement to complete the amateurism certification (after April 1 for fall enrollees and after October 1 for spring enrollees).



Amateurism

- Register early!
- The Eligibility Center encourages you to update your athletics participation information often, especially if you participate in events outside your normal high school season.
- Meet with your high school counselor often.
- Stay college eligible <u>always</u> ask before you act!
- NCAA Amateurism Certification Web site: www1.ncaa.org/membership/ach/index.html.



ALWAYS ASK BEFORE YOU ACT! Amateurism Red Flags

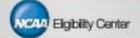
Ask questions before:

- Signing a contract with a professional team.
- Receiving money for participating in athletics.
- Receiving prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
- Playing with professional athletes.
- Trying out, practicing or competing with a professional team.
- Receiving benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
- Agreeing to be represented by an agent.
- Participating in organized competition after your first opportunity to enroll in college.



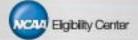
Send Transcripts

- Take the Transcript Release Form to your high school guidance counselor.
- Have your counselor send official transcripts to the Eligibility Center.
 - Send your transcript at the end of your junior year and again immediately after high school graduation.
- Please note that a core course is different than a course required for graduation at your high school.



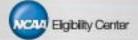
Definition of a Core Course

- Qualifies for high school graduation in one or more of the following: English, mathematics, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion or philosophy;
- Is considered four-year college preparatory;
- Is taught at or above the high school's regular academic level;
- For mathematics courses, is at the level of Algebra I or a higher level mathematics course; and
- Is taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority.



Make Sure List of Approved Core Courses Is Up to Date

 Help make sure your guidance counselor has updated your school's list of approved core courses.



Core-Course Requirements

Division I

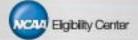
16 Core Courses

- 4 years English
- 3 years math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school)
- 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science
- 2 years social science
- 4 years additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)

Division II

14 Core Courses

- 3 years English
- 2 years math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school)
- 2 years additional English, math or natural/physical science
- 2 years social science
- 3 years additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)



Core-Course Requirements

Division III

• Contact the respective college or university regarding its academic and amateurism policies.



Take the ACT and/or SAT

- Be sure to enter "9999" code when registering for the ACT or SAT.
- This requests for your official test scores to be sent directly to the Eligibility Center.



Graduate on Time

- Graduation "on time" means that if your high school graduation takes place June 1, you graduated June 1. If you don't graduate June 1 with the rest of your high school class, you have not graduated "on time."
- If you don't graduate "on time" in eight semesters, no core courses taken after the eighth semester will be counted toward your NCAA academic-eligibility requirements.



Recruiting

- You become a "prospective student-athlete" when:
 - You start ninth-grade classes; or
 - Before your ninth-grade year, a college gives you, your relatives or your friends any financial aid or other benefits that the college does not provide to students generally.

Recruiting

- Before a college may invite you on an official visit, you will have to provide the college with a copy of your high school transcript (Division I only) and SAT or ACT score(s) and register with the eligibility center.
- A prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits, with no more than one permitted to any single institution. This restriction applies regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved and only for expense-paid visits to Divisions I or II institutions. (NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.6.2.2 and NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.6.1.2)



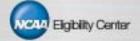
Financial Aid

- If you are academically eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics and are accepted as a full-time student at an NCAA Division I or II institution, you may receive athletics-based financial aid from the school. Division I or II financial aid may include tuition and fees, room and board and books.
- Division III institutions do not award financial aid based on athletics ability. A Division III institution may award needbased or academically related financial aid.



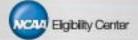
Financial Aid

- All athletics scholarships awarded by NCAA institutions are limited to one year and are renewable annually.
- Athletics scholarships may be renewed annually for a maximum of five years within a six-year period of continuous college attendance.
- Athletics scholarships are awarded in a variety of amounts, ranging from full scholarships (including tuition, fees, room and board and books) to very small scholarships (e.g., books only).
- The total amount of financial aid a student-athlete may receive and the total amount of athletics aid a team may receive can be limited. These limits can affect whether a student-athlete may accept additional financial aid from other sources.



Resources

- 2007-08 Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
- NCAA.org In the "My Links" section, click on "Information for College-Bound Student-Athletes."
- Ncaaclearinghouse.net.
- Act.org and collegeboard.com.



Questions?



Please contact the Eligibility Center at 877/262-1492.

