



College Admissions and the Student Athlete

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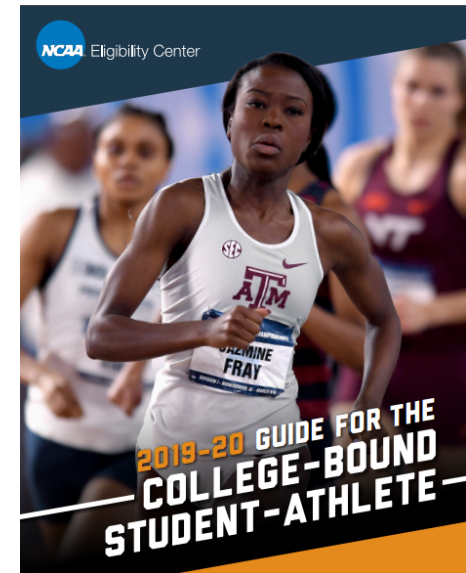
NCAA Eligibility Center

- Located in Indianapolis, IN and run by the NCAA
- Review high school transcripts and test scores for all Division I and II prospects
- **Register during your junior year in HS**
- Costs \$90 to register (\$150 for internationals)
- SAT/ACT scores must be sent directly to the Eligibility Center by marking code 9999
- Work closely with your HS counselor to determine core courses



Guide to the College-Bound Student-Athlete

- Covers recruiting and eligibility
- Download at www.ncaa.org (pdf.)
- High school academic information (Divisions I, II, III)
- NCAA Eligibility Center registration (Divisions I & II)
Google "NCAA Eligibility Center"
- Sample questions to ask in the recruiting process





Determining Initial Eligibility

Academic Component:

1. Graduation;
2. Complete the minimum number of core courses;
3. Minimum core grade point average; and
4. ACT or SAT test score (sliding scale)

Amateurism Component:

- Complete amateurism questionnaire



Division I Core-Course Requirements – 16 core courses needed:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math (Algebra I or Higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (one lab)
- 1 year of additional English, math or science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of additional core courses
- ****** Need to plan for this – not just graduate!***



Test Score

- NCAA uses sub scores to determine minimum test score needed
 - ACT Sum (add each sub score below)
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Reading
 - Science
 - SAT Sum (add each sub score below)
 - Critical Reading (Verbal)
 - Mathematics



Test Score Examples

- ACT composite (22) with sum scores: E (25), M (20), R (23), S (20)
 - NCAA would use total of sum scores (88)
 - Admissions would use composite (22)
 - If student took 2nd ACT (23) with sub scores: E (26), M (19), R (25), S (22)
 - NCAA would use best sum scores from the two tests (93)
 - Admissions would use the best composite score (23)
- SAT scores are calculated the same
 - Critical Reading (Verbal)
 - Mathematics



Qualifier, Academic Redshirt, Non-qualifier

Qualifier

- Athletic scholarship, practice and competition in your first year in residence
- Four years to compete

Academic Redshirt

- Athletic scholarship and practice only in your first year in residence
- Four years to compete

Non-Qualifier

- No scholarship, practice or competition in your first year in residence
- Only three years to compete, with ability to regain 4th



10 Core courses must be completed prior to start of senior year in HS; 7 of 10 must be in the following areas:

- English
- Math (Algebra I or Higher)
- Natural/physical science (one lab)

**** The 10 core courses utilized to meet this rule may not be replaced by a course taken in the senior year.**



Sliding scale has increased (see handout)

Added academic redshirt status, may apply if:

- Did not complete 10 of the 16 core courses prior to senior year
- Did not complete 7 of those 10 in the correct core course areas
- Did not meet new test score/core course GPA



Division II –16 core courses needed:

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (one lab)
- 3 year of additional English, math or science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of additional core courses

Division II Test Score / GPA Requirements

- Core grade-point average must be at least 2.000
- Minimum test score of 900 on the SAT and 68 sum score on the ACT for students with a 2.0 gpa



Division II: Initial Eligibility Standards as of Fall 2018

- Moving to sliding scale for initial eligibility
- Student-Athlete must now earn at least a 2.20 grade-point average to be a qualifier, with an ACT sum score of 70
- Student-Athlete must now earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average to be a partial qualifier, with an ACT score of 68



The NCAA approves core courses, NOT the high school

- Each high school has an approved core course list on the Eligibility Center's website.
- If the course is not on your high school list at the NCAA, it will not count as a core course
- If a course title on your transcript does not match the title on the NCAA's list, it will not count as a core course
- Meet with high school academic counselor to review your enrollment and your planned courses



College Admission Process vs. NCAA Eligibility

- Two separate determinations
- Being an NCAA qualifier does not automatically mean you will be admitted to an institution
- Being admitted to an institution does not mean that you are automatically eligible under NCAA requirements



Amateurism – Final Step

Prospects jeopardize NCAA amateur status by:

- Formally declaring into professional contract, compete with a professional team in hockey or skiing, or accept a salary
- Accepting prize money that exceeds expenses for an athletic event
- Entering into agreement or accepting benefits from agents



Division I - Years of Eligibility

- Five years to complete four years of competition starting from the date of your initial full-time enrollment in a Division I institution
- Redshirts – no competition while representing the institution during an academic year
- Medical Redshirts – limited competition in the first half of a playing season prior to a season ending injury



Division II - Years of Eligibility

- Ten (10) full-time semesters to complete four (4) seasons of competition
- Redshirts – no competition while representing the institution during an academic year
- Medical Redshirts – limited competition in the first half of a playing season prior to a season ending injury



General Recruiting Concepts

- Rules are designed to protect the HS students
- HS students may call or write coaches, or visit with coaches on their campus at any time
- Unofficial visits may be done at any time, as the student's/family's expense
- Official visits are paid for by the Div I or Div II college, and require that you are registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center
- **ASK QUESTIONS!!**



Financial Aid / Scholarship Basics

- DIII schools do not offer athletic scholarships
 - Other financial aid packages may be available
- NLI is a contract between athlete and college (DI & DII)
 - Scholarship offer must accompany the NLI
- Athletic scholarships may be multi-year agreements between prospect and institution. This is at the offering institution's discretion.
- Full Scholarship = tuition & required fees, room & board, books, and **cost of attendance, which began in 2015-16.**
- Summer aid: potentially available for scholarship athletes
- Fifth-year (exhausted eligibility) athletic aid to graduate may be available



Division I Financial Aid/Scholarships

Some sports are “all or nothing” scholarships (Head Count Sport)

- Football (85)
- Men’s Basketball (13)
- Women’s Basketball (15)
- Women’s Gymnastics (12)
- Women’s Volleyball (12)
- Women’s Tennis (8)



Division I Financial Aid/Scholarships

Some sports are able to divide scholarships (Equivalency Sports)

- Hockey (18)
- Men's Track/CC (12.6)
- Women's Track/CC (18)
- Men's Lacrosse (12.6)
- Women's Lacrosse (12)
- Wrestling (9.9)
- Softball (12)
- Baseball (11.7)
- Men's Golf (4.5)
- Women's Golf (6)
- Men's Tennis (4.5)
- Men's Soccer (9.9)
- Women's Soccer (14)
- Rowing (20)
- Men's Swimming/Diving (9.9)
- Women's Swimming/Diving (14)



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