

NCAA Eligibility Center

Initial-Eligibility

The general information found in the following pages is from

The 2007-2008 College Bound Athlete Guide. It can be purchased from NCAA Publications

(1-800-638-3731). The NCAA suggests high school student-athletes register online

web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/ at the end of their junior year. There is a \$50 registration fee.

Fee Waiver

U.S. student-athletes are eligible for a fee waiver if they have already received a fee waiver (not state voucher) for the ACT or SAT. The high school counselor will also be required to submit an electronic fee waiver verification on their behalf (high school counselors with PIN access may submit waivers for eligible students from the high school administrator section of the eligibility center Web site).

This process allows Whitewater High School to send transcript and test scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center and it authorizes the Eligibility Center to send the information to colleges. The NCAA will not process transcripts until a student-athlete has six semesters of credit. NCAA Eligibility Center registration is not a requirement for initial recruitment or for official college campus visits. It is a requirement to receive and sign a letter of intent. The Eligibility Center Customer Service telephone number is

(1-877-262-1492).

What Do I Need To Do?

- **Grade 9**
 - Verify with your high school guidance counselor and the online core-course listing to make sure you are on track.
- **Grade 10**
 - Verify with your high school guidance counselor and the online core-course listing to make sure you are on track.
- **Grade 11**
 - Register with the eligibility center.
 - Make sure you are still on course to meet core-course requirements (verify you have the correct number of core courses and that the core courses are on your high school's 48-H with the eligibility center).
 - After your junior year, have your high school guidance counselor send a copy of your transcript. If you have attended any other high schools, make sure a transcript is sent to the eligibility center from each high school.
 - When taking the ACT or SAT, request test scores to be sent to the eligibility center (the code is "9999").
 - Begin your amateurism questionnaire.
- **Grade 12**
 - When taking the ACT or SAT, request test scores to be sent to the eligibility center (the code is "9999").
 - Complete amateurism questionnaire and sign the final authorization signature online on or after April 1 if you are expecting to enroll in college in the fall semester. (If you are expecting to enroll for spring semester, sign the final authorization signature on or after October 1 of the year prior to enrollment.)
 - Have your high school guidance counselor send a final transcript with proof of graduation to the eligibility center.

NCAA FRESHMAN-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

KNOW THE RULES:

Core Courses

Starting August 1, 2008, 16 core courses will be required for **NCAA Division I only**. This rule applies to any student first entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008. See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.

14 core courses are required in NCAA Division II. See the breakdown of core-course requirements below.

Test Scores

Division I has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average. The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on page two of this sheet.

Division II has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.

The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a **sum** of the four sections on the ACT: English, math, reading and science.

All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will no longer be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the Eligibility Center code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the Eligibility Center.

Grade-Point Average

Only core courses are used in the calculation of the grade-point average.

Be sure to look at your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses on the Eligibility Center's Web site to make certain that the courses being taken have been approved as core courses. The Web site is www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

Division I grade-point-average requirements are listed on page two of this sheet.

The Division II grade-point-average requirement is a minimum of 2.000.

PLEASE NOTE: For students first entering any NCAA college or university on or after August 1, 2005, **computer science** courses may only be used for initial-eligibility purposes if the course receives graduation credit in mathematics or natural/physical science and is listed as such on the high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses.

DIVISION I 16 Core-Course Rule

16 Core Courses:

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

DIVISION II 14 Core-Course Rule

14 Core Courses:

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

**NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE
CORE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE/
TEST-SCORE**

New Core GPA / Test Score Index

Core GPA SAT ACT

Verbal and Math ONLY

3.550 & above 400 37

3.525 410 38

3.500 420 39

3.475 430 40

3.450 440 41

3.425 450 41

3.400 460 42

3.375 470 42

3.350 480 43

3.325 490 44

3.300 500 44

3.275 510 45

3.250 520 46

3.225 530 46

3.200 540 47

3.175 550 47

3.150 560 48

3.125 570 49

3.100 580 49

3.075 590 50

3.050 600 50

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

2.500 820 68

2.475 830 69

2.450 840-850 70

2.425 860 70

2.400 860 71

2.375 870 72

2.350 880 73

2.325 890 74

2.300 900 75

2.275 910 76

2.250 920 77
2.225 930 78
2.200 940 79
2.175 950 80
2.150 960 80
2.125 960 81
2.100 970 82
2.075 980 83
2.050 990 84
2.025 1000 85
2.000 1010 86

Summary of Important Information About Division I Initial-Eligibility Changes

The Division I and Division II initial-eligibility requires 14 core classes.

Division I (includes I-AA) only -- 16 core courses in the following breakdown:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (one must be a lab science)
- 1 year of additional English, math or science
- 2 years of social studies
- 4 years of additional core courses (from any area listed above, or from foreign language, non-doctrinal religion or philosophy)

Changes in SAT/ACT tests

The SAT and ACT have made changes their tests; one of the most significant changes is the addition of a writing component. On both the SAT and ACT, students will be asked to write an essay. The SAT writing section is mandatory, while the ACT writing section is optional.

The SAT will now have three parts: critical reading (formerly known as verbal), mathematics, and writing. Since each section is worth 200-800 points, the SAT score will now range from 600-2400.

The NCAA had determined that the writing component should not be required at the present time. The NCAA has noted the importance of reviewing research related to the impact of the writing component.

Because the critical reading and math sections will still be scored on a 200-800 point scale, the Eligibility Center will still combine those two sections for the combined score. The writing section will not be used.

Important Web-Site

www.ncaa.org

web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/

NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete is available on the NCAA web-site.

NCAA Recruiting Terms

Contact period - permissible for authorized athletic department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations. *In English, coaches can come to a player's school or home and speak with the player and they can observe the player at games, practice and combines.*

Dead period - not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on- or off-campus or permit official or unofficial visits. *In English, coaches can't watch or speak with a player in person anywhere.*

Evaluation period - permissible for authorized athletics department staff to be involved in off-campus activities to assess academic qualifications and playing abilities. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospect are permitted. *In English, coaches can watch players, but can't speak with them in person.*

Quiet period - permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. *In English, coaches can only speak with a player face to face if the player is on campus for an official or unofficial visit.*

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETE

Before you begin...

The Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete will lead you through a number of important topics, including your academic eligibility, amateurism eligibility, registration with the NCAA Eligibility Center, financial aid and recruiting rules. The guide addresses issues for three important groups of readers:

- High school students who hope to participate in college athletics at an NCAA college or university;
- Parents and legal guardians; and
- High school counselors and athletics administrators.

What is the NCAA?

The NCAA, or National Collegiate Athletic Association, was established in 1906 and serves as the athletics governing body for more than 1,280 colleges, universities, conferences and organizations. The national office is in Indianapolis, but the member colleges and universities develop the rules and guidelines for athletics eligibility and athletics competition for each of the three NCAA divisions. The NCAA is committed to the student-athlete and to governing competition in a fair, safe, inclusive and sportsmanlike manner.

The NCAA's membership includes: • 326 active Division I members; • 281 active Division II members; and • 421 active Division III members.

One of the differences among the three divisions is that colleges and universities in Divisions I and II may offer athletics scholarships, while Division III colleges and universities may not.

What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?

The NCAA Eligibility Center is an organization that works with the NCAA to determine a student's eligibility for athletics participation in his or her first year of college enrollment. Students who want to participate in college sports during their first year of enrollment in college must register with the eligibility center. Located in Indianapolis, the eligibility center staff follows NCAA by-laws and regulations in analyzing and processing a student's high school academic records, ACT or SAT scores, and key information about amateurism participation, to determine the student's initial eligibility.

When to call the eligibility center

How to find answers to your questions...

The answers to most questions can be found in this guide or at our website, web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/, or at www.ncaastudent.org.

If you have additional questions that cannot be answered by this guide or one of the websites mentioned above, please contact the eligibility center at the address and phone number below.

In addition, if you are sending transcripts or additional information to the eligibility center, please use the following address.

Eligibility Center Services

NCAA Eligibility Center mailing address:

NCAA Eligibility Center
P.O. Box 7136
Indianapolis, IN 46207

NCAA Eligibility Center overnight mailing address:

NCAA Eligibility Center
1802 Alonzo Watford Sr. Drive,
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Customer service hours - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time Monday through Friday.

Toll-free phone number (U.S. callers) - Customer service line - 877/262-1492

Fax number: 317/968-5100

When to call the NCAA

Please contact the NCAA when you have questions like these:

- What are the rules and regulations related to initial eligibility?
- What are the rules and regulations related to amateurism?
- What are the regulations about transferring from one college to another?
- What are the rules about athletics scholarships and how can they be reduced or canceled?
- I have a learning disability. Are there any other requirements for me?

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P.O. Box 6222

Indianapolis, IN 46206-6222

317/917-6222 (customer service Monday – Friday, noon – 4 p.m.
Eastern time)