

How to Navigate the NCAA Process

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Eligibility Center

The Game Plan.....

- ▶ General overview of initial-eligibility rules
- ▶ Certification Process
- ▶ Roles and Responsibilities
- ▶ Where are the bumps in the road?
- ▶ Help! (and contact information)

2.3 or take a Knee: GRADES MATTER!!!

- <http://www.adforum.com/creative-work/ad/player/34496129/talking-bench/ncaa>



NCAA Division I Eligibility

Students will need to meet the following requirements to receive **athletics aid, practice** and **compete** their first year:

- ▶ 16 Core Courses in the following areas:
 - 4 years of English
 - 3 years of math at Algebra I level or higher
 - 2 years of natural or physical science (one lab class required)
 - 1 year of additional English, math or natural/physical science
 - 2 years of social science
 - 4 years additional coursework from areas above or foreign language
- ▶ Minimum required GPA
 - Minimum GPA of 2.300 in those 16 core courses

Division 1 Sliding Scale

The full sliding scale can be found at
www.eligibilitycenter.org
under Resources.

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT Reading/Math	ACT Sum
3.550	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

Standardized Tests Waived for 22-23 Enrollment

- ▶ Students who initially enroll full time during the 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic years and intend to play NCAA Division I or II athletics will not be required to take a standardized test to meet NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.
- ▶ The NCAA has organized a task force to review the use of test scores as part of NCAA initial-eligibility standards in Divisions I and II in the future.
- ▶ As of mid-July, NCAA research found that about 23% of Division I schools have adopted test-optional policies for at least one year in their admissions process. Another 19% have permanent test-optional policies.

Division I Eligibility Reminders

- ▶ Minimum core GPA = 2.3.
- ▶ Ten core courses required prior to beginning of **seventh semester**.
 - ▶ Seven of the 10 courses must be English, math or science.
 - ▶ Ten core courses are “locked in” for GPA purposes.
- ▶ GPA/test-score index (22-23 exempt).



Three Possible Academic Outcomes for Division I Eligibility

▶ Full Qualifier

- ▶ Access to practice, competition and athletics aid in the first year
- ▶ Meets all academic requirements of the rule.

▶ Academic Redshirt

- ▶ Access to practice and athletics aid only in the first year;
- ▶ No competition in the first year;
 - Lacks the 10/7; and/or
 - Lacks 2.3 GPA.

Three Possible Academic Outcomes for Division I Eligibility Cont.

- ▶ Non-qualifier
 - ▶ No practice, no competition, no athletics aid in first year; and
 - ▶ Three seasons of competition; may earn fourth season back.
- ▶ Remember that these rules govern the college-bound student-athlete's first academic year in residence. Student-athletes may gain or lose their eligibility each term based on institutional, conference and NCAA rules.

Division II Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Complete the required 16 core courses
- ▶ Earn a minimum 2.20 GPA or better in your core courses
- ▶ Earn a minimum SAT or ACT score that matches the 16 core course GPA on the full qualifier sliding scale for Division II Eligibility (WAIVED FOR 22-23)



Division II Sliding Scale

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
3.300 & above	400	37
3.200	440	41
3.100	480	43
3.000	520	46
2.900	560	48
2.800	600	50

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
2.700	640	53
2.600	680	56
2.500	720	59
2.400	760	62
2.300	800	66
2.200	840	70

The full sliding scale can be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org under Resources.

Classes to be aware of for NCAA

The following classes are core classes in Olathe, but do not count for NCAA Eligibility:

- Applied Algebra
- Applied Geometry
- Intermediate Algebra
- Horticulture
- Earth & Space Science

There may be other core classes that are building specific to check for. See your school's list of approved classes at:

<https://web3.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction?hsActionSubmit=searchHighSchool>

Taking 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 NCAA Eligibility Center.





NCAA RECRUITING FACTS

College sports create a pathway to opportunity for student-athletes.

480,000
Student-athletes

19,000
Teams

3 Divisions
1 Association

DIVISION I

Division I schools, on average, enroll the most students, manage the largest athletics budgets, offer a wide array of academic programs and provide the most athletics scholarships.

PARTICIPATION

- 176,000 student-athletes
- 346 colleges and universities

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

56 percent of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid

ACADEMICS

2014 Graduation Success Rate: 83 percent*

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: 9,205
Average Number of Teams per School: 19
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 4 percent
Division I National Championships: 26 (1 out of every 8.5 student-athletes participates)

DIVISION II

Division II provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, high-level athletics competition and community engagement. Many participants are first-generation college students.

PARTICIPATION

- 118,800 student-athletes
- 307 colleges and universities

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

61 percent of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid

ACADEMICS

2014 Academic Success Rate: 71 percent*

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: 2,530
Average Number of Teams per School: 15
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 10 percent
Division II National Championships: 25 (1 out of every 7 student-athletes participates)

DIVISION III

The Division III experience provides an integrated environment that focuses on academic success while offering competitive athletics and meaningful non-athletics opportunities.

PARTICIPATION

- 187,800 student-athletes
- 439 colleges and universities

FINANCIAL AID

82 percent of all student-athletes receive some form of academic grant or need-based scholarship; institutional gift aid totals \$17,000 on average

ACADEMICS

2014 Academic Success Rate: 87 percent*

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: 1,860
Average Number of Teams per School: 18
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 21 percent
Division III National Championships: 28 (1 out of every 10 student-athletes participates)

Want to play NCAA sports? Visit www.NCAA.org/playcollegesports

*Graduation rate for student-athletes, including those who transfer from one school to another.

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Facts about NCAA sports

Does the NCAA award athletics scholarships?

Individual schools award athletics scholarships. Divisions I and II schools provide \$2.7 billion in athletics scholarships annually to more than 150,000 student-athletes. Division III schools, with more than 180,000 student-athletes, do not offer athletically related financial aid, but most student-athletes receive some form of academic grant or need-based scholarship.

Do many high school athletes earn athletics scholarships?

Very few, in fact. About 2 percent of high school athletes are awarded some form of athletics scholarship to compete in college.

Do NCAA student-athletes have difficulty meeting graduation requirements with the time demands of their sport? While competing in college does require strong time-management skills and some thoughtful planning with academic advisors, on average NCAA student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than the general student body.

Do many NCAA student-athletes go on to play professionally?

Fewer than 2 percent of NCAA student-athletes go on to be professional athletes. In reality, most student-athletes depend on academics to prepare them for life after college. Education is important. There are nearly half a million NCAA student-athletes, and most of them will go pro in something other than sports.

ESTIMATED PROBABILITY OF COMPETING IN NCAA ATHLETICS BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Student-Athletes	All Sports	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Baseball	Men's Ice Hockey	Men's Soccer
High School Student-Athletes	7,800,000	541,500	429,500	1,083,600	486,600	35,900	432,600
NCAA Student-Athletes	480,000	18,700	16,600	72,800	34,200	4,100	24,500
Percentage Moving from High School to NCAA	6%	3.5%	3.9%	6.7%	7%	11.3%	5.7%
Percentage Moving from NCAA to Major Professional*	2%	1.1%	0.9%	1.6%	9.7%	6.6%	1.4%

*Percent NCAA to Major Professional figures are based on the number of draft picks made in the NFL, NBA, WNBA, MLB, NHL and MLS drafts.



NAIA Eligibility – another great opportunity for student athletes

If you will graduate from high school this spring and enroll in college this coming fall, the requirements are simple. High school graduation, plus **two out of three** of these requirements

- 1. Achieve a minimum overall high school GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.**
- 2. Graduate in the top half of your high school class.**
- 3. Achieve the NAIA's minimum test score requirement:**
 - ▶ **16 composite score on the ACT**

Early Decisions for High School Seniors

Students who have completed their junior year of high school with an overall 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale OR students who have completed the first half of senior year with an overall 2.5 GPA on a 4.00 scale, plus meet the NAIA's minimum ACT or SAT test score requirements, may receive an eligibility decision prior to high school graduation. To receive an early decision, register with the NAIA Eligibility Center, have your high school send official transcripts to the Eligibility Center and contact ACT or SAT to have their test scores sent directly (the NAIA code is 9876 with ACT and SAT).

What About Division II, III or NAIA?

- ▶ Each division has different rules governing their athletes.
- ▶ Refer to each website:
 - Division 2: <http://www.ncaa.org/d2>
 - Division 3: <http://www.ncaa.org/d3>
 - NAIA:
<http://www.playnaia.org/page/process.php>

NCAA COVID update- class of 2022 ONLY

Students who initially enroll full time during the 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic years and intend to play NCAA Division I or II athletics will not be required to take a standardized test to meet NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.

Similar to 2021-22 policies, student-athletes enrolling in a Division I school during the 2022-23 academic year will be academically eligible by earning a 2.3 grade-point average in 16 NCAA-approved [core courses](#), with 10 core courses (seven in English, math and science) completed by the start of their seventh semester in high school (before senior year).

Student-athletes enrolling in a Division II school during the 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic year will be academically eligible by earning a 2.2 grade-point average in 16 NCAA-approved [core courses](#).

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

- 1. Create an account at eligibilitycenter.org**
- 2. Register with a valid email address you will have access to after high school**
- 3. Enter student information, education history, student sport participation history**
- 4. Payment - \$90 (fee waiver available for Students eligible for free or reduced lunch)**

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