

# NCAA Eligibility Information



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# Agenda

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# NCAA Eligibility Center

The screenshot displays the NCAA Eligibility Center homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the NCAA logo, 'Eligibility Center', and fields for 'Student Email' and 'Password' with a 'Login' button. A 'Help' link and 'High School Administrators' link are also present. The main banner features a photo of runners with the text 'WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?' and 'Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete.' Below this is a 'REGISTER' button. A callout box asks 'NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?' with a link to 'Learn more or search NCAA schools.' The page is divided into two columns: 'DIVISION I OR II' and 'DIVISION III OR UNDECIDED'. The 'DIVISION I OR II' section explains that users need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school, and provides a 'Create an Account' button. The 'DIVISION III OR UNDECIDED' section explains that users should create a Profile Page if they plan to compete at a Division III school or are unsure where to compete, and provides a 'Create a Profile Page' button. Below these sections, there is a 'MAKE REGISTRATION EASY' section with a checklist and a link to 'Search our Frequently Asked Questions'. At the bottom, there is a footer with the NCAA logo and various links: Academics, Championships, Fairness and Integrity, Governance, Health and Safety, Champion Magazine, NCAA Publications, NCAA Hall of Champions, National Letter of Intent, NCAA.com, Committee Zones, Elite 90, Media Center, and Program Hub. A final footer bar contains links for Privacy/Legal Statement, Terms of Use, Contact Us, NCAA Employment, and FAQs.

NCAA Eligibility Center

Student Email Password Login

Help High School Administrators

WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete.

REGISTER

NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?

Learn more or search NCAA schools.

**DIVISION I OR II**

You need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. Create a Certification Account and we'll guide you through the process.

You need to create a Certification Account to make official visits to Division I and II schools or sign a National Letter of Intent.

Create an Account

**DIVISION III OR UNDECIDED**

Create a Profile Page if you plan to compete at a Division III school or are not yet sure where you want to compete. You'll get an NCAA ID and we will send you important reminders as you complete high school.

Create a Profile Page

**MAKE REGISTRATION EASY**

Use this checklist to make sure you have all required information ready to enter.

Search our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to learn more about becoming an NCAA student-athlete.

NCAA

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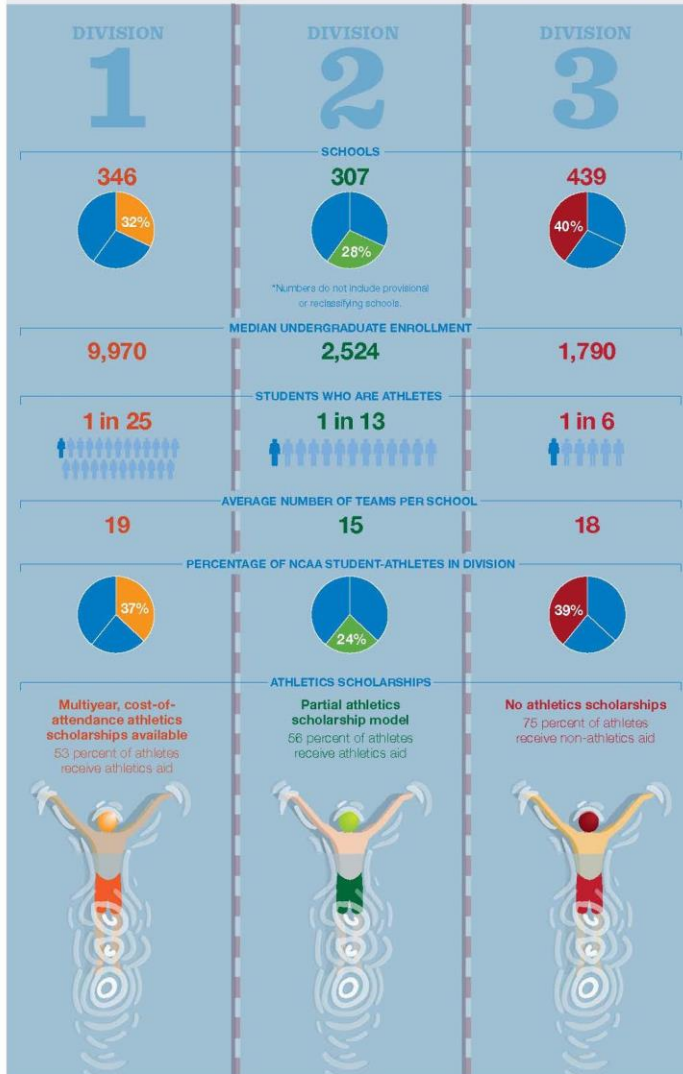
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# Two Types of Account

- Certification Account
  - Register for this account if you plan to continue your athletics career at a Division I or II institution
  - Required to make an official visit or sign a National Letter of Intent
- Profile Page
  - Create a Profile Page if you are undecided, or plan to attend a Division III institution
- At any time, you may upgrade your profile page to a certification account

# Our Three Divisions

The NCAA's three divisions were created in 1973 to align like-minded campuses in the areas of philosophy, competition and opportunity.



### What are the eligibility requirements in each division?

College-bound students who want to compete at a Division I or Division II school must meet standards set by NCAA members. For Division III, athletes must meet the admissions standards set by the school. Eligibility standards can be found at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).

### How is each division governed?

NCAA schools develop and approve legislation for their own division. Groups of presidents and chancellors lead each division in the form of committees with regularly scheduled meetings.

### Did you know?

**Division I** manages the largest athletics budgets. The average for schools in the Football Bowl Subdivision is \$62.2 million.



**Division II** provides one championship opportunity for every seven athletes, the highest championship access ratio in the NCAA.



**Division III** has the highest graduation rate among athletes:



Learn more at [www.NCAA.org/about](http://www.NCAA.org/about).

# Which Division is Right for You?



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# Certification Process

- Transcript, SAT/ACT score, and any additional required documentation are uploaded to the NCAA Eligibility Center
  - NCAA code for test scores is 9999
- All information is reviewed by NCAA Eligibility Center Staff
- Prospective Student-Athlete (PSA) is certified under one of three categories:
  - Qualifier
  - Academic Redshirt
  - Nonqualifier

# Full Qualifier

- A college-bound student-athlete may receive athletics aid (scholarship), practice and compete in the first year of enrollment at the Division I institution





# Full Qualifier

- Complete 16 Core Courses
  - 10 of the 16 core courses must be complete before 7th semester (senior year) of high school
  - 7 of the 10 core courses must be in English, math, or natural/physical science
    - “Locked in” for core course GPA calculation
- Minimum core course GPA of 2.3
- Meet the sliding scale requirement of GPA and ACT/SAT score
- Graduate!

# 16 Core Courses

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (w/ 1 year of lab)
- 1 additional year of English, math, or natural/physical science
- 2 years of social studies
- 4 years of additional approved courses
  - This usually include foreign language, but can also include comparative religious courses, and/or any course from the areas above

# Full Qualifier

- Sliding scale for competition
  - GPA ranges from 2.300 to 3.550
  - SAT ranges from 900 to 400\*
  - ACT ranges from 75 to 37

\* SAT scores will not directly translate to this scale due to new College Board concordance scale

Sliding Scale B		
Use for Division I beginning August 1, 2016		
NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT Verbal and Math ONLY	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
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	60
2.700	740	61
2.675	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	70
2.425	850	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75

# Academic Redshirt

- Academic Redshirt: A college-bound student-athlete may receive athletics aid (scholarship) in the first year of enrollment and may practice in the first regular academic term (semester) but may NOT compete in the first year of enrollment.
- After the first term is complete, the college-bound student-athlete must be academically successful at his/her institution to continue to practice for the rest of the year.

# Academic Redshirt

- Meet the same requirements as a qualifier with two exceptions:
  - Has a GPA that meets the sliding scale requirement, but is below 2.300
  - Did not complete 10 core courses prior to the start of the 7<sup>th</sup> semester and/or complete seven English, math, and/or natural/physical science courses as part of those 10

# Academic Redshirt

- Sliding scale for athletics aid and practice only
  - GPA ranges from 2.000 to 2.299
  - SAT ranges from 1020 to 910\*
  - ACT ranges from 86 to 76

\* SAT scores will not directly translate to this scale for 2016-17 due to new College Board concordance scale

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<b>NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE</b>		
<b>Core GPA</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>ACT Sum</b>
	<small>Verbal and Math ONLY</small>	
2.299	910	76
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	81
2.125	970	82
2.100	980	83
2.075	990	84
2.050	1000	85
2.025	1010	86
2.000	1020	86

# Nonqualifier

- Does not meet requirements for Full Qualifier or Academic Redshirt status
- A college-bound student-athlete cannot receive athletics aid (scholarship), cannot practice and cannot compete in the first year of enrollment

# Nonqualifier

- A nonqualifier may only compete in up to three seasons of competition at the Division I level (normally four)
  - A nonqualifier may compete in a fourth season if the student-athlete has completed at least 80 percent of their degree program by the beginning of the student-athletes fifth year of enrollment



# Two-Year College Transfer

## Nonqualifier Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition

- Graduated from the two-year college;
- Completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester hours of transferable-degree credit
  - 6 transferable credits of English, 3 of math and 3 of natural/physical science;
- Attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters (excluding summer terms); and
- Achieved a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.500

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- Achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 2.500

# Two-Year College Transfer

## Qualifier Eligibility

- Not required to graduate;
- Completed satisfactorily an average of 12 semester hours for each semester enrolled full-time;
- Attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least one semester (excluding summer terms); and
- Achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 2.500.

# Amateurism

- When you register with the NCAA Eligibility Center, you will be asked a series of questions about your sports participation to determine your amateur status
- More than 90 percent of student-athletes who register are automatically certified
- In some instances, the NCAA Eligibility Center staff may need to gather additional information to evaluate your amateur status

# Amateurism

- When you graduate high school, you have a certain amount of time to enroll full time at an NCAA school
- For most sports, you can delay enrollment by one year
  - Tennis – Six months
  - Men's Ice Hockey/Skiing – 21st Birthday
- For every calendar year you do not enroll full time in college beyond the grace period, you will lose one season of competition

# Communication – Class of 2018

- Basketball
  - You may send and receive all forms of private, electronic communication
  - You may make and receive unlimited phone calls
  - You may make only one official visit per college up to a maximum of five total in Division I
- Football
  - You may send and receive emails and faxes
    - No text messages
  - You may make unlimited phone calls
    - Coaches have limitations
  - Beginning with the first day of your senior year: You may make only one official visit per college up to a maximum of five total in Division I
- Other sports
  - You may send and receive all forms of private, electronic communication
  - You may make and receive unlimited phone calls
    - Except Women's Ice Hockey
  - Beginning with the first day of your senior year: You may make only one official visit per college up to a maximum of five total in Division I

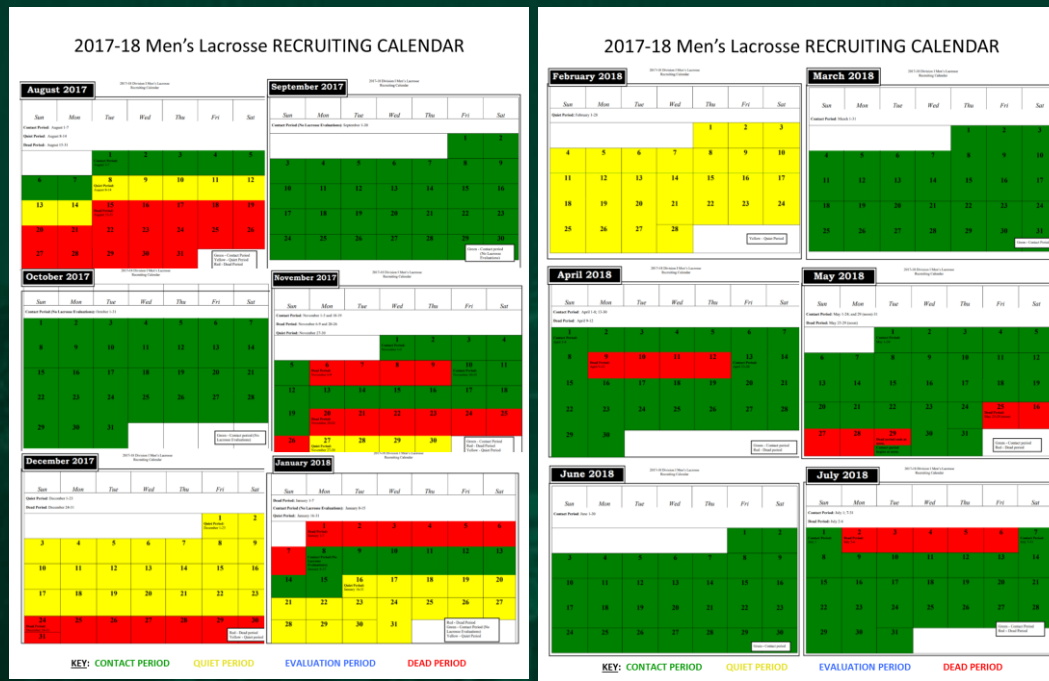
# Recruiting Process

- Lacrosse recruiting begins on September 1<sup>st</sup> of junior year.
  - No in-person contact either on or off a college campus may occur
  - No phone calls may be placed
  - No email/text/written correspondence may be made
- Club coaches may not be used as a third party contact
- On campus visits
  - Unofficial junior year
  - Official senior year



# Recruiting Process

- Up to five official (paid) visits (one per institution)
- Unlimited unofficial (unpaid) visits
- Each sport has a recruiting calendar, which defines what actions coaches can take



# How Can We Help?

- You can contact non-athletics staff members at an NCAA institution at any time
- You may contact athletics compliance officers at any time
- You may contact coaches at any time, however keep in mind they may not be able to respond
- [NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#)