



#### OVERVIEW

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- Role of the High School.
- Helpful Steps for College-Bound Student-Athletes.
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#### NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER RESPONSIBILITIES

The NCAA Eligibility Center is responsible for determining the eligibility of every college-bound student-athlete in NCAA Divisions I and II using the following two areas:

#### **Academic Certification**

Does the college-bound student-athlete meet the legislated minimum academic requirements?

#### **Amateurism Certification (Sports Participation)**

Has the college-bound student-athlete maintained his or her amateur status?





### DEFINITION OF A CORE COURSE

- A course that qualifies for high school graduation in one or more of the following: English, mathematics, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or comparative 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 higher; and
- Is taught by a qualified instructor.



### WHAT ARE NONTRADITIONAL COURSES?

#### Courses taught through:

- The Internet (online or virtual);
- Distance learning;
- Independent study;
- Individualized instruction;
- Correspondence;
- Computer software programs; or
- Other similar means.



# THINGS TO CONSIDER <u>BEFORE</u> TAKING NONTRADITIONAL COURSES

- Must include regular ongoing access between the instructor and student.
- Must have a defined time period for completion (i.e., eight weeks).
- Should be clearly identified as nontraditional courses on the high school transcript.



### CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION

#### **Division I**

- ▶ From the time you enter the ninth grade, you have four (4) years or eight (8) semesters to complete your core-course requirement. If you fail to complete high school "on time" in eight semesters, core courses taken after the eighth semester will not be counted toward your NCAA academic-eligibility requirements.
- "On time" also means that if your high school graduation takes place June 1, you must graduate June 1. If you do not graduate June 1 with the rest of your high school class, you have not completed your requirements "on time."

#### **Division II**

You are permitted to use all core courses completed from your ninthgrade year until the time you enroll full time at a college or university.



## WHAT ARE THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS?





### **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

- Graduate from high school.
- Complete NCAA-approved courses.
- Earn a minimum required corecourse grade-point average (GPA).
- Earn a required SAT or ACT sum score.





# EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIERS

Students who meet the following criteria after <u>six semesters</u> will be certified as qualifiers:

**For Division I:** Minimum SAT (math and critical reading) of 900 or minimum sum score of 75 on the ACT; and a core-course GPA of 3.000 or higher in a minimum of 14 core courses:

- 3 English;
- 2 math;
- 2 science;
- 2 additional core courses in English, math or science; and
- 5 additional core courses in any area.

**For Division II:** Minimum SAT (math and critical reading) of 1000 or minimum sum score of 85 on the ACT; and a core-course GPA of 3.000 or higher in a minimum of 12 core courses:

- 3 English;
- 2 math;
- 2 science; and
- 5 additional core courses in any area.



## DIVISION I CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

#### **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 comparative religion/philosophy).



#### SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- ► Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300 required;
- Ten core courses are required before the beginning of the seventh semester; and
- Seven of the ten core courses must be in the areas of English, math, or science.

The following slides explain these changes in further detail.



## NCAA DIVISION I INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

There are three possible academic outcomes:

- 1. Qualifier = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice the first year.
- 2. <u>Academic Redshirt</u> = athletics aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term (semester or quarter).
- 3. <u>Nonqualifier</u> = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year.



### NCAA DIVISION I QUALIFIER:

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETICS AID, PRACTICE AND COMPETITION (NEW)

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 English;
  - 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher;
  - 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered at any high school attended);
  - 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
  - 2 years social science; and
  - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.
- Minimum required GPA:
  - Minimum GPA of 2.300 in those 16 core courses.





### **NCAA DIVISION I QUALIFIER:**

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETICS AID, PRACTICE AND COMPETITION

- Core-course progression.
  - Must complete 10 core courses before seventh semester of high school (e.g., senior year).
  - Of the 10 core courses completed, seven must be in the area of English, math, or science.
  - These 10 core courses become "selected" for the purpose of GPA calculation.
    - A repeat of any of the "selected" courses will not be used if taken after the seventh semester begins.



# ABBREVIATED DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/math only)	ACT Sum
2.725	730	60
2.700	740	61
2.675	750	61
2.450	840	70
2.425	850	70
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

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



## ACADEMIC REDSHIRT: REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND PRACTICE

- ▶ 16 core courses in the following areas:
  - 4 years English,
  - 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher,
  - 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered by any school attended);
  - 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
  - 2 years social science; and
  - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.
- Minimum required GPA.
  - Minimum GPA of 2.000-2.299 in 16 core courses.
- Sliding scale.
  - Minimum ACT sum or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA.





### **ACADEMIC REDSHIRT**

If students fail to meet the required 10 core courses **before** the start of their seventh semester (seven of which must be in English, math, or natural or physical science), they will be allowed to retake core courses in their seventh and eighth semester, which will be used in their academic certification for the purpose of meeting the academic redshirt requirements.





## SLIDING SCALE FOR ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

#### ATHLETICS AID AND PRACTICE ONLY (ABBREVIATED)

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
3.550 & above	400	37
3.500	420	39
3.400	460	42
3.300	500	44
3.200	540	47
3.100	580	49
3.000	620	52
2.900	660	54
2.800	700	57

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
2.700	740	61
2.600	780	64
2.500	820	68
2.400	860	71
2.300	900	75
2.299	910	76
2.200	940	79
2.100	980	83
2.000	1020	86

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## ACADEMIC REDSHIRT: REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND PRACTICE

If students meet these requirements, they can receive an **athletics scholarship** during their first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.

After the first term is complete, students must successfully complete nine semester hours or eight quarter hours in each applicable term at their college or university to continue to practice for the remainder of the year.



# WHAT IF YOU DO NOT MEET EITHER SET OF REQUIREMENTS?

If you do not meet either set of requirements, you are a **nonqualifier**.

#### A nonqualifier:

- Cannot receive athletics aid during the first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.
- Cannot practice or compete during the first year at a Division I college or university.



## DIVISION II CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

#### **16 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).
- 3 years additional English, math or natural/physical science.
- 2 years social science.
- 4 years additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).



## DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (PRIOR TO 2018)

#### **Division II**

- Earn a 2.000 GPA or better in your core courses.
- Earn a combined SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.



## NEW NCAA DIVISION II COMPETITION ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2018)

#### **Division II**

- Complete the required 16 core courses.
- Earn a minimum 2.200 GPA or better in your core courses.
- ► Earn a Minimum SAT or ACT score that matches the 16 corecourse GPA on the full qualifier sliding scale.





## NEW COMPETITION SLIDING SCALE FOR DIVISION II (ABBREVIATED)

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 eligibilitycenter.org under Resources.



## NCAA DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (NEW)

A student-athlete will be allowed to practice and receive athletics aid in first academic year if he or she:

- Completes the required 16 core courses; and
- Minimum GPA of 2.000 with corresponding test score on the partial qualifier sliding scale.



# NEW PARTIAL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE FOR DIVISION II ATHLETICS AID AND PRACTICE ONLY (ABBREVIATED)

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
3.050 & above	400	37
3.000	420	39
2.900	460	42
2.800	500	44
2.700	540	47
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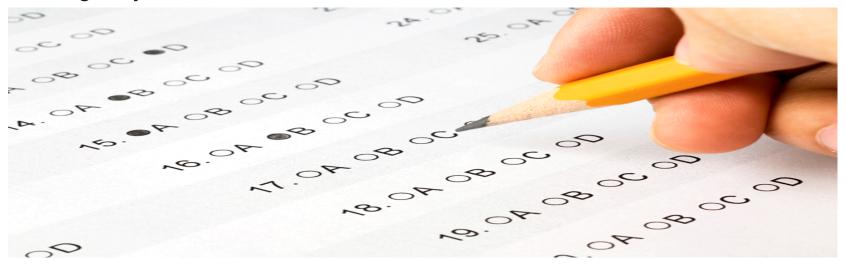
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#### TAKING THE ACT AND/OR SAT

Be sure to enter the "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.





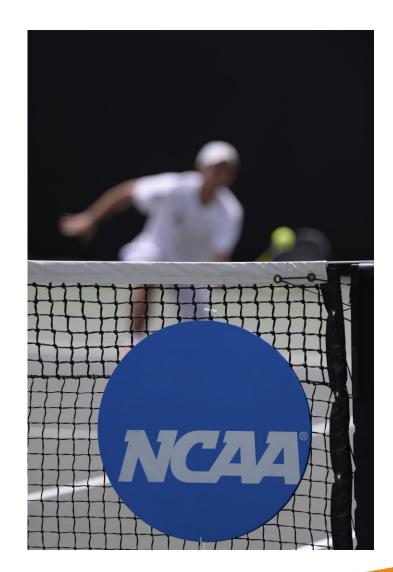
# THE BEST TEST SCORES WILL BE USED TO CERTIFY A STUDENT Test Score

	Math	Verbal	<u>Total</u>
SAT (10/14)	350	470	820
SAT (12/14)	420	440	860
Scores Used	420	470	890



# DIVISION III CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Unlike Divisions I and II, there is no uniform set of eligibility requirements for Division III schools.
- Eligibility for admission, financial aid, practice and competition is determined by the college or university.
- ► The NCAA Eligibility Center does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes.

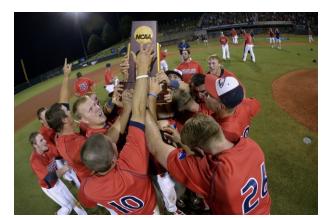






# WHAT ABOUT SPORTS PARTICIPATION?

- College-bound student-athletes should update their sports participation (amateurism) information often, especially if they participate in events outside of the normal high school season.
- ► Have your student-athletes meet with you often to make sure that they are protecting their amateurism and are also meeting their core-course requirements.
- Students need to stay college eligible always ask before they act!















### ROLE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

- Make sure your school's list of NCAA courses is accurate and up to date.
- Encourage your college-bound student-athletes to complete the registration process, at <u>eligibilitycenter.org</u>, at the beginning of their sophomore year.
- ▶ **Upload** official transcripts at the end of the student's sixth semester (junior year) and eighth semester (graduation from high school).
- Submit fee waivers online for student registration when applicable.



## WAYS THAT COUNSELORS AND COACHES CAN HELP

- Know the initial-eligibility requirements.
- Use NCAA Eligibility Center informational resources to map out the academic track.
- Know how to calculate a student's core-course GPA.
  - Use the NCAA Divisions I and II Worksheets found on pages 19-20 of the Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
- Know that special considerations are given to students with documented education-impacting disabilities.



# WAYS THAT COUNSELORS AND COACHES CAN HELP

- Help students identify colleges that fit their criteria (e.g., academics, size, location).
- ► Emphasize the importance of academic performance at every step of the student's high school career grade nine counts!!!
- Call with any questions! 877/622-2321 (877/NCAA-EC1)



## VIEW YOUR SCHOOL'S LIST OF NCAA COURSES

To <u>view</u> your school's List of NCAA Courses:

- Log on to <u>eligibilitycenter.org</u>.
- Select the link for high school administrators to enter.
- Select "List of NCAA Courses."
- Follow prompts to search your school by name or your high school code.





#### HIGH SCHOOL PORTAL



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- Submit core course changes (new titles, old titles, title changes) for your school;
- · Update your school's Eligibility Center contact information;
- Run reports on students from your high school who have registered with the Eligibility Center;
- · Submit fee waiver verification for eligible students.

Please Click here to log in as a High School.

Please Click here to log in as a District.

Please Click here to subscribe to the NCAA Eligibility Center Newsletter.



# UPDATING YOUR SCHOOL'S LIST OF NCAA COURSES

To **update** your list of NCAA courses:

- Select the link to log in as either a high school or district.
- ► To log in, use your school's six-digit code and self-selected fivedigit PIN. If you have forgotten your school's PIN, the login page will instruct you on how to establish a new PIN.
- After logging in, hover over "NCAA Courses", click "NCAA Course Changes" and follow the prompts.



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Or click here.

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### HIGH SCHOOL PORTAL LOGIN

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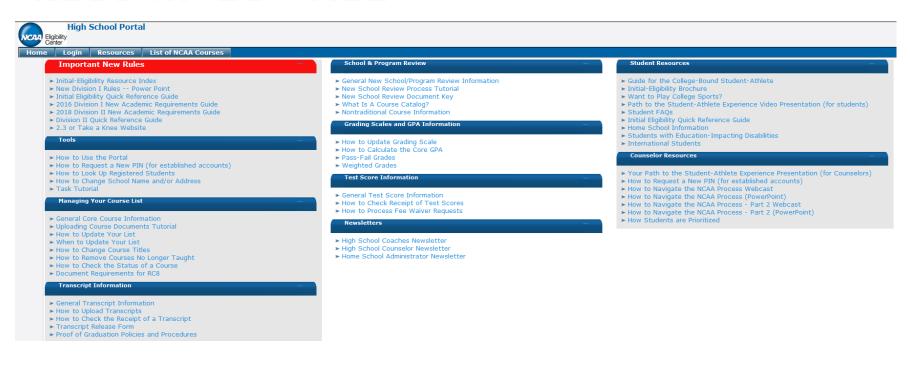
#### **UPLOADING HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS**

- Search for the student(s) in the Student Reports section of the High School Portal.
- Select the student you wish to upload a transcript for. (You will want to check before uploading! Your school's transcript may already be on file. The student may be missing a transcript from another school.)
- ▶ To upload, click the "Browse" button and choose your file. (Please ensure that you are not uploading multiple transcripts for one student.)





#### RESOURCES PAGE





## HELPFUL STEPS FOR STUDENTS







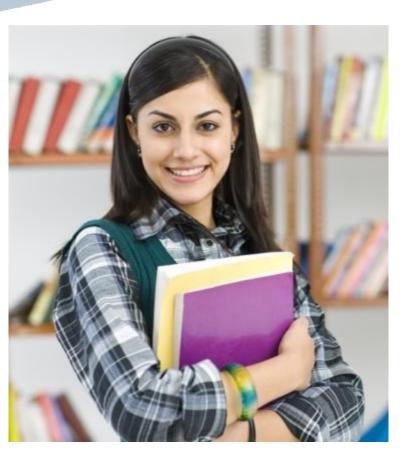
#### **GRADE 9: PLAN**

- Students should start planning now by working hard to earn the best grades possible.
- Students should ask counselors for a list of their school's NCAA core courses to make sure they are taking NCAA-approved courses.
- Your school's list of NCAA courses can be found at <u>eligibilitycenter.org</u>.



#### **GRADE 10: REGISTER**

- Students should register at eligibilitycenter.org at the beginning of their sophomore year.
- If students fall behind on courses, they should not take shortcuts to catch up. You can help them by finding approved courses or programs that they can take.



#### **GRADE 11: STUDY**

- Students should check with their counselor to make sure they are on track to graduate on time.
- Students should register to take the ACT, SAT or both. Use the NCAA Eligibility Center code "9999" as a score recipient.
- ► At the end of the year, upload your students' official transcripts.



### **GRADE 12: GRADUATION**



- Students should take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and make sure to send their scores by using code 9999.
- Students should request their final amateurism certification after April 1.
- After graduation, upload their transcripts with proof of graduation.

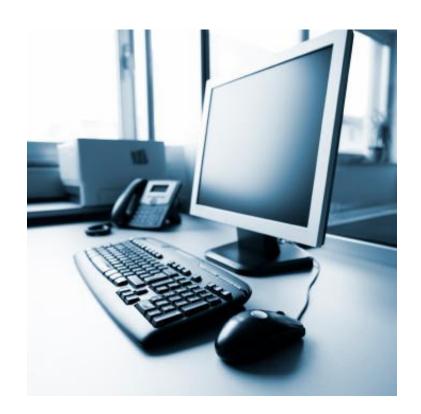




#### STUDENT REGISTRATION

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- Go to eligibilitycenter.org.
- Select the link for college-bound student-athletes to enter.
- ► Then click the "New Account" button at the top right of the screen.
- ► Follow the instructions to complete the registration process.





#### NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER REGISTRATION



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- NCAA.org/eligibilitycenter
- eligibilitycenter.org (NCAA Eligibility Center student registration site).
- ► Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete
- Initial Eligibility Brochure
- NCAA Division I Academic Standards Guide
- NCAA Division II Academic Standards Guide

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