

National Collegiate Athletic Association – NCAA Eligibility



Who Needs to Worry About NCAA College Eligibility?

- Potential student-athletes who are planning to participate in NCAA collegiate sports after high school
- Athletes that are looking to participate in NCAA Division I or Division II athletics

What is the NCAA Clearinghouse?

The NCAA Clearinghouse is an essential step in becoming eligible to play college sports. Over 180,000 potential college athletes register with the NCAA every year. If you want to play NCAA college sports and receive a scholarship at the DI or DII level, you will need to register and be cleared by the NCAA. **The Eligibility Center is the organization within the NCAA that determines the academic eligibility and amateur status for all NCAA Division I and Division II athletes.**

Step 1 - Register for the NCAA Eligibility Center

Create Your Account - Students who want to play sports at an **NCAA Division I or II** school, start by registering for a **Certification Account** with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.

IMPORTANT: Read the “**How to Register**” document prior to starting the registration process.

NCAA Registration Fee

Students who have received a waiver for the SAT or ACT are eligible for a waiver of the registration fee. The student's counselor must submit confirmation of the student's test fee waiver.



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Division III Initial-Eligibility Standards

Division III schools provide an integrated environment focusing on academic success while offering a competitive athletics environment. Division III rules minimize potential conflicts between athletics and academics and focus on regional in-season and conference play.

- While Division III schools do not offer athletics scholarships, 75 percent of Division III student-athletes receive some form of merit or need-based financial aid.
- Students planning to attend a Division III school, can create a free Profile Page at eligibilitycenter.org to learn more about college sports.
- Division III schools set their own admissions and eligibility standards.
- Students can visit ncaa.org/d3 or contact the Division III school they are planning to attend to learn more.

Test Scores

- Divisions I and II both require students to have an SAT or ACT score for their certification.
- **When students register for the SAT or ACT, they can use the NCAA Eligibility Center code 9999 to send their scores directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency.**
- **Test scores on transcripts will NOT be used in their academic certification.**
- A combined SAT score is calculated by adding reading and math subscores.
- An ACT sum score is calculated by adding English, Math, Reading and Science subscores.
- Students may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before they enroll full time in college. If students take either test more than once, the best subscores from different tests are used to meet initial-eligibility requirements.
- Students who took the SAT on or after March 2016 must review the Divisions I and II final qualifier sliding scales to determine where their new test score falls in terms of their corresponding GPA.

