

Want to Play Sports in College?

A summary of NCAA/NAIA eligibility, the recruiting process, etc.



What is the NCAA?

NCAA FAST FACTS

- ▶ 1,117 colleges and universities.
- ▶ 100 athletics conferences.
- ▶ 40 affiliated organizations.
- ▶ Almost half a million student-athletes.
- ▶ 19,500 teams.
- ▶ 90 championships.
- ▶ 24 sports.
- ▶ Three divisions.



- ▶ NCAA members and the national office are dedicated to the lifelong success of college athletes. They are committed to providing a pathway to opportunity by prioritizing academics, well-being and fairness for student-athletes.

NCAA D1/D2 Eligibility Requirements

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses, earn a minimum GPA and earn an ACT or SAT score that matches your core-course GPA.

CORE COURSES

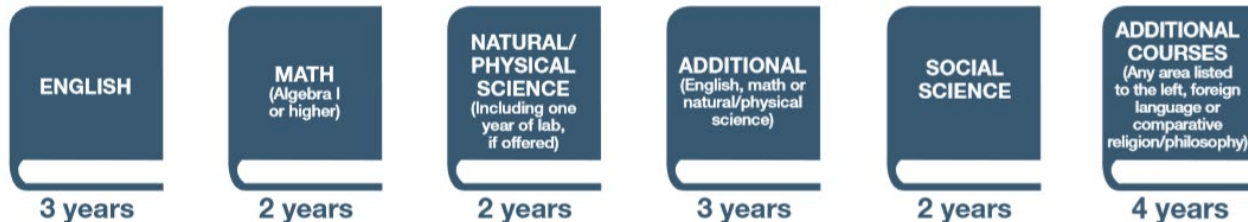
Visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist for a full list of your high school's approved core courses. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

DIVISION I

Complete 10 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.



DIVISION II



***GPA:**
 Calculated based on the grades you earned in your NCAA-approved core courses

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE				DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum	Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.550	400	400	37	2.750	810	720	59

*2.3 or take the knee!!

*Send your scores to

(code: 9999). You can send them all; they'll take the best ones.

Update

SAT/ACT will no longer be required for NCAA . There is a still a core course GPA requirement of 2.3 or higher for Division 1 and 2.2 or higher for Division 2.

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3.325	530	490	44	2.525	890	810	67
3.300	550	500	44	2.500	900	820	68
3.275	560	510	45	2.475	910	830	69
3.250	580	520	46	2.450	920	840	70
3.225	590	530	46	2.425	930	850	70

DIVISION III INITIAL- ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Each Division III college or university determines its own eligibility for:
 - ▶ Admission.
 - ▶ Financial aid.
 - ▶ Practice and competition.
- ▶ The NCAA Eligibility Center does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes.
- ▶ Division III student-athletes may register for a free Profile Page and receive information, but it is not required.

Eligibility Center Registration

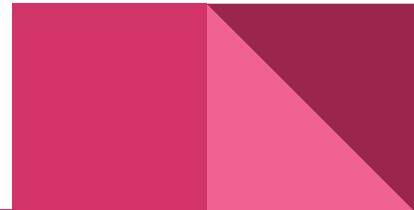
TWO ACCOUNT TYPES

► **Certification Account**

- Division I or Division II students.
- Domestic fee \$90.
- International fee \$150.
- Account information, school and sports history.
- Required for signing a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with a Division I or Division II NCAA school.
- Required to go on an official visit to an NCAA Division I or Division II school.

► **Profile Page**

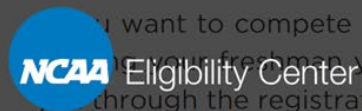
- Undecided students.
- Division III students.
- No fee.
- Account information and school history.
- Can transition to a Certification Account at any time.
- Will not receive an academic or amateurism certification.



Creating your NCAA Profile

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

In January 2023, NCAA Divisions I and II adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements for **all** student-athletes who initially enroll full time on or after August 1, 2023. Check with the NCAA school you plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements. For more information, [click here](#).



If you want to compete in NCAA sports, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Plan to register before your freshman year of high school (or year nine of secondary school). The information you provide will be used through the registration process.

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To get started, review the three account options and choose the one that's right for you! You'll only need to create one account with the Eligibility Center. Starting with the free Profile Page is best practice, as you can transition it later to the Certification account needed for your circumstances.

Option 1:
Free Profile Page Account

Who should create this account?

Option 2:
Amateurism-Only Certification Account

Who should create this account?

Option 3:
Academic and Amateurism Certification Account

Who should create this account?

Already have an NCAA account?

If unsure, please contact Customer Service at 877-262-1492 for assistance, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time

[Click to Login](#)



So what about NAIA?

NAIA by the numbers

65K

Student-Athletes

250

Schools

\$600M

in Scholarships

21

Conferences

26

Championships

Register with PlayNAIA.org

Do I meet the freshman eligibility requirements?

If you will graduate from a U.S. high school this spring and enroll in college this coming fall, the requirements are simple. An entering freshman must:

- Be a graduate of an accredited high school.
- Must graduate with a 2.3+ GPA or meet two of the three following requirements.


MUST MEET TWO OF THE THREE

1. TEST SCORE REQUIREMENT	2. HIGH SCHOOL GPA REQUIREMENT	3. CLASS RANK REQUIREMENT
Achieve a minimum of 18 on the ACT or 970 on the SAT	Achieve a minimum overall high school grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale	Graduate in the top half of your high school class
<p>Tests must be taken on an international testing date prior to the start of the term in which you intend to participate in athletics and scores must be achieved on a single test date. The minimum SAT must be achieved on the Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math sections only; the Writing score cannot be used.</p> <p>Minimum score requirements for tests taken prior to May 1, 2019 varied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For tests taken prior to March 1, 2016: 18 ACT, 860 SAT (reading, math) • For tests taken between March 1, 2016 and May 1, 2019: 16 ACT, 860 SAT (evidence-based reading & writing, math) 	<p>The NAIA accepts the grade point average determined by the high school, provided it is recorded and awarded in the same manner as for every other student at the school.</p>	<p>If a student's class rank does not appear on the transcript, a signed letter from the principal or headmaster, vice principal or guidance counselor written on the school's letterhead and with the school's official seal, stating the student's final class rank position or percent may be submitted.</p> <p>Exception: Completion of nine institutional credit hours prior to identification at any institution of higher education can be used if no class rank appears on the final official high school transcript. The credit hours must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.</p>

PlayNAIA.org helps future student-athletes discover and connect with NAIA schools, coaches and athletic scholarships. PlayNAIA is also the official clearinghouse for NAIA eligibility. Every student-athlete must register with the NAIA Eligibility Center to play sports at an NAIA college or university.

Mid-Year Eligibility Opportunity. If you do not meet requirements for an entering freshman, you can satisfy one of the initial requirements in addition to earning 12 institutional credits hours with a grade of "C" or better during your first term of attendance at

Final Reminders

- ❖ Don't wait for coaches to find you. Start reaching out to them to get your name on their radar.
 - ❖ Coaches will care about grades and character as much as athletic ability, if not more so.
 - ❖ You still have to meet college admissions requirements as well as NCAA/NAIA.
 - ❖ Meet with your high school counselor to make sure you are on track.
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Other Resources

Official NCAA Site: [NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org)

Find an NCAA School: <http://www.ncaa.org/about/who-we-are/search-school>

NCAA Recruiting Calendars: <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/resources/recruiting-calendars/division-i-and-ii-recruiting-calendars>

Official NAIA Site: <https://www.naia.org/landing/index>

Find an NAIA School: <https://www.naia.org/schools/index>



Questions?

- ▶ Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center
 - ▶ 317-917-6222
 - ▶ 877-262-1492 (toll free)
 - ▶ 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday

How do I contact the NAIA?

Families can contact the customer relations team Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5 pm CT at

- **NAIA Eligibility Center phone number:** 1-816-595-8300
- **Email:** ECinfo@naia.org (U.S. students); ECinternational@naia.org (international students)
- **Twitter:** @PlayNAIA