

“Preparing Your Student Athlete for Athletic Recruiting”



SOURCES

The information from this presentation was obtained from the following sources:

NCAA

National Collegiate Scouting Association

NAIA

NJCAA

Previous Experience

AGENDA

Why Are We Here?

Different NCAA Divisions

Additional Athletic Organizations

NCAA Initial Eligibility Center

General Eligibility Rules

Recruiting 101

What is the Difference Between DI and DII and DIII?

- Level of athletic scholarships offered and number of sports offered



- Time commitment
 - Level of play
- Eligibility standards

What is the Difference Between DI and DII and DIII?

DI—UGA, GA Tech, Auburn, Alabama, Florida, Savannah St, Mercer, GA Southern, Kennesaw St.

DII—West GA, Valdosta St, Fort Valley, N. Alabama, Albany St, Morehouse, Clayton St, Georgia College, Columbus St., Clark Atlanta

DIII-LaGrange, Birmingham Southern, Rhodes, Huntingdon, Millsap, Oglethorpe

NAIA- Reinhardt, Bluefield, Edward Waters

Additional Athletic Organizations

NAIA

(National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics)

naia.cstv.com

Eligibility - www.playnaia.com

NJCAA

(National Junior College Athletic Association)

www.njcaa.com

NCCAA

(National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association)

www.thenccaa.org

What is the NCAA Initial Eligibility Center?

Governing body of the NCAA
that determines freshmen initial
eligibility for
Division I and II Intercollegiate
Athletics.



Four Parts to Initial Eligibility



Graduation from
high school



Minimum core
course grade point
average.



Minimum SAT or ACT
score.



Completion of 16 or
14 core courses.

Division I Core Course Requirements

DIVISION I

16 Core-Course Rule

16 Core Courses:

4 years of English.

3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).

2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).

1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.

2 years of social science.

4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy).

Division I Core Course Requirements

DIVISION II

16 Core-Course Rule

16 Core Courses:

4 years of English.

3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).

2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).

2 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.

2 years of social science.

3 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy).

Summer Courses

Summer courses taken before your high school graduation date may be used to satisfy core courses.

Students who graduate from high school within 4 years may use ONE core course taken after the date of graduation but within 1 year of graduation.

GPA/Test Score Sliding Scale--Division I

To determine what GPA a student needs to be certified, the Clearinghouse uses a sliding scale.

The higher the test score, the lower the GPA

SEE HANDOUT FOR THE
NCAA SLIDING SCALE

Sum of Parts

Highest math/critical reading for SAT.

Take the highest English, Science,
Reading and Math for ACT sum.

Don't use the ACT composite score.

NCAA IS NOT USING THE WRITING
SECTION OF EITHER SAT OR ACT,
HOWEVER MANY SCHOOLS ARE
REQUIRING THIS FOR ADMISISON.

Non-Qualifier

- No Athletic Aid
- No practice for 1 full academic year-
YEAR IN RESIDENCE
- No competition for 1 full academic year
- *Only get 3 seasons of DI competition

Qualifier



- Athletic Aid

- Practice

- Compete

- 4 seasons of DI competition

Reporting Test Scores to the Clearinghouse

**9999 when taking ACT and/or
SAT**

Online via ACT and SAT websites

***The Clearinghouse will NO
longer accept test scores from
any other source.**

The 48H

List of your high school's approved core courses

Available on the web
www.ncaa.org

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `clearinghouse.net/NCAA/student/index_student.html`. The page title is "NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY CLEARINGHOUSE" and the main heading is "Prospective Student-Athletes". Below this is the section "List of Approved Core Courses (Form 48H)".

The text on the page explains that the listed courses are those determined to meet NCAA's criteria for a core course. It also mentions a section for "DENIED COURSES" which lists courses that do not meet the standards.

There are two search options:

- Search by High School Code**: This section prompts the user to "Enter the 6-digit high school code." and provides a text input field labeled "High School Code: (6-digit)". Below this, it instructs the user to choose "SUBMIT" after entering the code, and offers a "LOOKUP CODE" button if the user does not know the code.
- Search by High School Name**: This section includes a "Helpful Hint" about using a dominant word and a wildcard symbol. It provides a text input field for "School Name:" (with a hint "(i.e., %washington%)") and a dropdown menu for "State:" (with a hint "Required, if query by Name."). A "SUBMIT" button is located at the bottom of this section.

The 48H

Do course titles on
your transcript
match the course
titles on your
school's list with the
Clearinghouse?

List of Approved Core Courses (Form 48H)

High School Information

School Code: 334325

School Name: ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Address: 4040 BAKER ROAD

City, State: ORCHARD PARK, NY 14127 -2098

Instructions

The NCAA has approved the following courses for use in establishing the initial-eligibility certification status of student-athletes from this school. Some course titles may begin with one of the following prefixes. These prefixes are defined as follows:

- = Only students who have received proper NCAA approval for their diagnosed learning disability may receive credit for these approved courses.
- | A student will receive no more than one NCAA mathematics credit for the successful completion of any two courses so noted.
- !! A student will receive NCAA mathematics credit according to the unique credit values noted.
- > A student will receive no more than one unit of NCAA natural/physical science credit for the successful completion of all courses so noted.
- >> A student will receive no more than one and one-half units of NCAA natural/physical science credit for the successful completion of all courses so noted.
- >>> A student will receive no more than two units of NCAA natural/physical science credit for the successful completion of all courses so noted.

Courses that are NOT Core

Health, PE, Art, Music, Band

Computer Skills, Technical Education,
Graphics Arts

Occupational Education, Culinary
Education, Construction

Business Education

Electives

More and more students are taking
electives rather than traditional math,
English, and science courses...be sure
you meet CORE first.

You can graduate from a HS and not
get through the Clearinghouse if the
requirements are NOT the same.

Who Should Register?

**Any student who plans on
attending a Division I
or II institution and
competing in
Intercollegiate athletics**

***Recommend for junior
college as well**

How to Register

Online registration!

It's the fastest and only way to register with the Clearinghouse. All you need is Email address and a credit card (\$90) or a fee waiver.

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

Amateurism Clearinghouse

You are also registering with the
Amateurism clearinghouse.

Easy steps:

- Log onto your account using PIN
 - Pick your sport(s)
- Answer amateurism questions
- Finalize amateurism questions

Online
Registration



start here!

http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html

When to Register

**At the conclusion of the junior
year of high school**

**Clearinghouse will not accept
transcripts with fewer than six
semesters.**

In Review...

Register Early

Check for accuracy

**Check status online using Email
Address and PIN**

**Follow up...Final transcript and
all Test scores**

Now is the Time...

If you have DI or DII potential do you have the 16 or 14 core courses needed to qualify with the Clearinghouse?

Do you have the minimum test score requirements for your GPA?

Now is the Time...

Know your school's grade scale...what numerical grade is an A, B, C, D?

Look at your school's list of approved core courses---are your classes on this?
Are you taking electives that are NOT core?

Important Websites

http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html
NCAA Eligibility Center

www.ncaa.org – NCAA Home

www.collegeboard.com - SAT

www.act.org - ACT

www.campustours.org – Virtual Tours

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Scholarships

The number of available scholarships vary from sport to sport, gender to gender; and division to division

Football

DI = 85
DII = 36

Basketball

DI Men = 13
DII Men = 10

DI Women = 15
DII Women = 10

Scholarships

Continued

Baseball

DI = 11.7
DII = 9

Soccer

DI Men = 9.9
DII Men = 9

DI Women = 14
DII Women = 9.9

Softball

DI = 12
DII = 7.2

Scholarships

Continued

Volleyball

DI = 8
DII = 8

Track & CC

DI Men = 12.6
DII Men = 12.6

DI Women = 18
DII Women = 12.6

Wrestling

DI = 9.9
DII = 9

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Phone calls from coaches can start July 1 following your junior year—one per week (with a few exceptions)

Recruiting letters, media guides, note cards, etc from the athletics department start September 1 of your junior year

Camp brochures, questionnaires, and admissions publications can be mailed to you at any time

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“Dead Period”—timeframe that coaches cannot go off campus recruiting and prospects can’t come on campus for athletics official and unofficial visits

“Signing Period” –when the school sends out offers of athletic scholarships to high school seniors and junior college transfers

National Letter of Intent

National Letter of Intent (NLI)— comes with the school's written offer of athletic scholarship

- Binding contract with you and the school
- You must attend that school for 1 full year or you face a penalty for breaking the provisions of the NLI (lose 1 of your 4 seasons, and you must sit out of competition for 1 full year unless you have been released from your NLI by your first school)

NLI's are Contracts

If you sign an NLI with a school and the coach gets fired, leaves, retires, etc--

YOU ARE STILL BOUND BY THE NLI!

If you sign an NLI, all other schools must **STOP** recruiting/calling/emailing you.



Scholarships vs NLI's

You can sign a scholarship only, and not an NLI, if you sign “outside the signing period”.

Scholarships only are not as binding, and may have only restrictions set by the school and/or respective athletic conference.

One Year Renewable

Scholarships are issued yearly—they are not guaranteed for four years or five years. By July 1st every year, your coach must request that your scholarship be renewed.

Your scholarship can be cancelled at any time if you:

- Become academically ineligible
- Violate team/university rules or the law
- Quit or withdraw from the team

✓ **BE REALISTIC...what level are you? Ask your coach, watch the teams play.**

Recruiting

✓ **DI? II? III? NAIA? Junior college? What do YOU want to do?**

**Quick
Tips**

✓ **Online athletics questionnaires-fill them out! Most go right to the coaches.**

More Tips

High school grades **MATTER!!** Every university has different admissions standards...find out what they are for your top choices.

Don't think "if the coach wants me to play, then he/she will get me in to school". This is **NOT** true at most schools.

If you don't get accepted to that school, your NLI is void. If you don't get thru the Clearinghouse, your scholarship is void.

Stay in Touch

- ✓ Send schedules, highlight tapes, and game tapes
- ✓ Email coaches-- Coaches are busy and travel a lot. Email can be the best form of communication for most coaches.
- ✓ Facebook, Twitter, and other social media sites

Make calls

- ✓ Stay in contact—You can call coaches as much as you want...they can only call you once per week (with a few exceptions).
- ✓ Talk to the players on the team and other students at that school—why did they choose that school?

Take Visits

- ✓ **Plan Visits (unofficial and official)**—you get 5 “official” visits your senior year where schools can pay for you to visit.
- ✓ **Unofficial Visits** - where you pay all of your expenses, are unlimited and can be taken at **ANY TIME** (with a few exceptions).

Think About It...

- ✓ Pick a school for the **major, the location, the career/internship opportunities, the programs, the clubs, the faculty, the class size, the facilities, the opportunity for financial aid**----find where you are the best fit.

Think About It...

Would you stay if your sport were cut?

Would you stay if you got hurt and couldn't play?

If the coach got fired?

If your coursework was so much that you couldn't manage school and athletics?

Apply to your top choices EARLY--\$\$ is first come first serve at a lot of schools. Make sure your high school sends your transcripts and test scores to the Admissions Office of the schools you're applying to. Pay attention to any deadlines or other admissions requirements.

The difference in applying in the fall and applying in the spring can be thousands of \$\$ in academic scholarships or other grants.

Apply Early!

DO YOUR HOMEWORK!!!

It's YOUR responsibility to understand eligibility, the recruiting & admissions process, and all that goes along with choosing a college. So if you don't know ask for **HELP!** Do your research!



Questions?