

# NCAA Qualifier Information

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# Role of the Parent

While you are aware that you are responsible for your child's future, please keep in mind that the role of the school counselor and coach is to assist your student while in high school. While each parent must do the legwork to locate possible scholarships and educate themselves about all aspects of college athletic eligibility, coaches and school counselors can be good resources to help answer questions or act as references when requested by you.

# Important Facts To Remember

- 3% of high school student-athletes receive a scholarship.
- Less than 1% receive a DI four year scholarship.
- 26% of freshmen who enter college on a scholarship, are no longer on scholarship entering the sophomore year.
- Make sure to graduate cap and gown with class on time. If this occurs, athlete can make up only one core course over the summer after graduation.
- “Full Ride” scholarships for four years do not exist; however, division I schools may now offer a scholarship for multiple years if they wish.
- 80% of scholarship/financial aid opportunities are NOT on the DI level.

# NCAA Core Course Requirements

- What is a core course? - It must be approved by the NCAA and be on the school's 48H List. Not always a course required by the state for graduation.
- Cumulative GPA **DOES NOT** equal the Core Course GPA. It is not uncommon for the Core Course GPA to be a full point lower than the cumulative GPA. (3.0 cumulative GPA **COULD** = 2.0 Core Course GPA)
- Start tracking Core Course GPA by the end of the freshman year.
- 16 Core Course Requirement for Division I & II; however, Division II requirements are not the same as Division I.

# NCAA Core Course Requirements

	Division I	Division II
● English	4 years	3 years
● Math	3 years	2 years
● Natural/Phy Science	2 years*	2 years*
● Additional Eng/Math/Sci	1 year	3 years
● Social Science	2 years	2 years
● Additional Core Courses	4 years	4 years

\*One year must be a lab science

# NCAA Core Course GPA Requirements

*(Class of 2016 and beyond)*

Division I minimum Core Course GPA is now 2.3.

- 10 of the 16 classes must be completed by end of junior year.
- They are “locked in” for computing purposes on the first day of the start of their senior year. Courses may not be retaken for strengthening the Core Course GPA once the senior year begins.
- 7 of the 10 must be in English, math and science.

*Students with a Core Course GPA between 2.0 and 2.29 may receive a scholarship, but will not be eligible to play in games as a freshman.*

# NCAA Core Course GPA Requirements

*(Class of 2018 and beyond)*

Division II minimum Core Course GPA will be 2.2.

- A sliding scale for SAT/ACT will be introduced as well.
- They are “locked in” for computing purposes on the first day of the start of their senior year. Courses may not be retaken for strengthening the Core Course GPA once the senior year begins.
- 7 of the 10 must be in English, math and science.

*Students with a Core Course GPA between 2.0 and 2.29 may receive a scholarship, but will not be eligible to play in games as a freshman.*

# How Scholarships Differ

## NCAA DI

### Men

- Football (FBS), Basketball may NOT be divided
- Does not guarantee 100% funding
- Head count sports

### Women

- Basketball, Volleyball, Gymnastics & Tennis may not be divided.
- does not guarantee 100% funding
- Head Count Sports

## NCAA DII

- **ALL Sports** may be divided
- Equivalency Sports

## NAIA

Scholarships may be divided

## JUCO

### DI/DII

Baseball (24), Football (85), Golf (8)  
Hockey (16), Soccer (18)  
Lacrosse (20)

## Division III

No scholarships  
Ask about financial aid



# Recruiting and Social Media

- “Never Facebook or Twitter when you are Bitter!”
- Be careful what you post.
- Don’t be a cell phone camera victim. Athletes are targets!

# NCAA Eligibility Center

- There is no longer an NCAA “Clearinghouse.” It is now the NCAA Eligibility Center. [www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org](http://www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org)
- \$75 Registration fee. Students on reduced for free lunch may have this fee waived. Register at the beginning of junior year.
- Transcripts will not be reviewed until the end of the junior year.
- A transcript will NOT be reviewed unless the student-athlete is on an institution’s IRL (Institutional Request List). Colleges and Universities must submit a list of students they are recruiting to the NCAA Eligibility Center. If the student is not on that list and registered with the eligibility center, they cannot be recruited or make an official visit.

# NAIA Eligibility Center

- There is no connection with the NCAA Eligibility Center. [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)
- \$70 Registration fee. Students on reduced for free lunch may have this fee waived. Register at the beginning of junior year.
- Freshman must meet two of the three entry level requirements:

Minimum ACT Score of 18 / SAT 860 (excluding the written portion of test)

Minimum GPA of 2.0

Graduate in top half of the class

[ECinfo@naia.org](mailto:ECinfo@naia.org) 826-595-8300

# National Letter of Intent (NLI)

- Website [www.national-letter.org](http://www.national-letter.org)
- Voluntary (Signing Day is first Wednesday in February)
- Provides a 1 year guarantee.\*^
- Stops the recruiting process.
- Penalty for getting out of an NLI is loss of one year of eligibility unless you ask for a release from the institution which they can deny. Remember, you are signing with the institution, not the coach.

*\*Must meet academic eligibility requirements.*

*^DI programs may now provide more than 1 year guarantees.*