NCAA Initial Eligibility Requirements

This section contains information relevant to NCAA Initial Eligibility.

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- A “qualifier” may practice, compete and receive athletics aid as a freshman.
- A “non-qualifier” is not permitted to participate on an athletics team if enrolling at Boston College directly out of high school. See ACC Eligibility Requirements in this section for additional information.

- In order to be certified as a qualifier, a prospective student-athlete must:
  - Graduate from high school;
  - Complete 16 core courses as listed on the high school’s approved 48-H within four years of initial high school enrollment (i.e., starting ninth grade) (NOTE – international prospects may differ based on their educational system); and
  - Achieve a grade point average and test score which meet the NCAA Initial Eligibility Index

- A prospective student-athlete may be certified as an early academic qualifier if the student:
  - Achieves an SAT score of 1000 or higher or an ACT sum score of 85 or higher; and
  - Achieve a core-course grade point average of 3.000 or higher based on completion of 13 core courses after six semesters. The 13 core shall include three courses in English, two courses in mathematics, two courses in natural of physical or natural science and six additional courses in any NCAA core area.

- International prospective student-athletes must complete graduation, core course, GPA and test score requirements based on their native educational system as identified by the NCAA. Additional requirements for international prospective student-athletes include:
  - Detailed and Complete Records Required: Students must submit official records from all secondary or middle schools attended, as well as records from any universities, colleges or professional schools attended. This includes any secondary or middle school coursework completed in the United States. Academic records should show individual subjects studied and the grades or marks received. If secondary and postsecondary records do not clearly indicate the subject studied or their content, syllabi of courses or descriptions of the curriculum must accompany the records.
  - Acceptable Photocopy Procedures: If an original academic record is difficult to replace, the registrar, or other record keeping school official from the original issuing institution should make a photocopy of the record and certify that it is the true copy of the original. This is done by placing the institution's official seal or stamp and the signature of the certifying official on the document after photocopying it. (Difficult-to-replace original documents should not be sent as the Eligibility Center will not return them) Records certified by lecturers, professors, tutors, or any other school official who does not hold primary responsibility for maintaining the academic records will not be accepted.
  - Literal English Translation Required: If the academic record is not in English, a translation must be sent in addition to, not in lieu of, the original record. The translation should be a literal translation, not an interpretive translation. Any transcripts, certificates, translations, or examination results that appear to have been altered or are irregular will be forwarded to the appropriate school authorities or examination board for verification.

NCAA Amateurism Requirements

- Prospective student-athletes must complete an amateurism questionnaire when initially registering with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
• Prospective student-athletes must individually request final amateurism certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center after April 15 during their senior year in high school.

• International prospective student-athlete must also complete two additional amateurism forms:
  1. NCAA General Amateurism and Eligibility Form for International and Select Student-Athletes
     o Coaches need to send this document to a prospective international student-athlete.
     o Coaches then need to submit this document to the Compliance Office once completed.
     o The document can be found under Incoming Prospect Issue Forms at:
     o Per NCAA rules, the NCAA General Amateurism and Eligibility Form for International and Select Student-Athletes must be completed prior to the student-athlete participating in any competition. Failure to do so will result in an NCAA violation and eligibility issues.

  2. NCAA Questions to Send to an International Team
     o Coaches need to send this document to a prospective student-athlete’s athletics team(s).
     o Coaches then need to submit this document to the Compliance Office once completed.
     o The document can be found under Incoming Prospect Issue Forms at: