Thank you for joining us!
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NCAA Eligibility Center COVID-19 Response FAQs
For Students Initially Enrolling Full Time in the 2021-22 Academic Year

Given the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the educational environment, the NCAA Eligibility Center has partnered with the NCAA membership to identify the following changes to the initial-eligibility certification process for students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during the 2021-22 academic year. The Eligibility Center will continue to monitor the environment and make necessary adjustments to prioritize health, safety and fairness for all prospective student-athletes.

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COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Criteria for 2021-22 Enrollment

**Q1:** Given the unique circumstances due to COVID-19, will there be any flexibility in the initial-eligibility standard for students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during 2021-22?

**A1:** Yes. Students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during 2021-22 will receive an automatic initial-eligibility waiver in the academic certification process that provides the highest level of relief for which they are eligible, per the criteria below:
AGENDA

› What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?
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WHAT IS THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER?
WHAT IS ELIGIBILITY CENTER?

▶ A unit within the NCAA responsible for evaluating and certifying college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition at Division I and II schools.

▶ We focus on:
  ▶ Academic preparedness.
  ▶ Sports participation.
  ▶ High school courses.
  ▶ Customer service.

▶ If your students want to compete at a Division I or II school, they must meet NCAA Eligibility Center:
  ▶ Academic initial-eligibility requirements.
  ▶ Amateurism requirements.
NCAA FAST FACTS

- 1,100+ colleges and universities.
- 98 voting athletics conferences.
- 39 affiliated organizations.
- > 500,000 student-athletes.
- 19,500 teams.
- 90 championships.
- 24 sports.
- Three divisions.
TWO ACCOUNT TYPES

- Register for a Certification or Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org.
Students must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at a Division I or II school.

The registration fee for domestic students is $90. The fee for international students is $150.

Before students take official visits or sign an NLI, they must have a complete Certification account.
PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

Students interested in a Division III school or are not sure in which division they want to compete.

There is no (domestic or international) registration fee to create a Profile Page account.

Transition to a Certification account at any time your students wish to pursue a Division I or II path.
Review their Dashboard for open tasks.

Update their graduation or enrollment dates if needed.

View their transcripts on file.

Edit their account, schools or sports information.
Student-athletes must apply and be accepted to their NCAA DI or II school before they can compete on campus.

Student-athletes should ask their NCAA school for more information about cost of attendance and financial aid.
Students must be on an NCAA DI or II school’s institution request list to get a certification.

What is an IRL?
WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?
WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

NCAA core courses are:

- On your school's list of NCAA-approved core courses.
- Taught at or above the high school’s regular academic level.
- Taught by a qualified instructor.
- Considered four-year college preparatory.
Find your school’s list of NCAA-approved core courses by going to eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.
ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS
DIVISION I: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

Four possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:

- Early Academic Qualifier.
- Qualifier.
- Academic Redshirt.
- Nonqualifier.
Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.

Note: DI Early Academic Qualifier status is based on your pre-seventh semester academic record.

Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 3.0 in the required subject areas.

Athletics Aid

Practice

Compete
DIVISION I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22

SUBJECT AREAS

- English: 3 Years
- Math: 2 Years
- Science: 2 Years
- Additional: 2 Years
- Additional Courses: 5 Years

Athletics Aid
Practice
Compete
Meet core-course progression before starting the 7th semester.

Note: Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.

Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.

Earn a core-course GPA $\geq 2.3$ in the required subject areas.

Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

DIVISION I QUALIFIER 2021-22

Athletics Aid

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Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

First Year Athletics Aid

First Term Practice
DIVISION I
ACADEMIC
REDSHIRT
2021-22

First Year
Athletics Aid

First Term
Practice

SUBJECT AREAS

ENGLISH

MATH
(Algebra I or higher)

NATURAL/
PHYSICAL
SCIENCE
(Including one year of lab, if offered)

4 Years
3 Years
2 Years

ADDITIONAL
(English, math or natural/physical science)

SOCIAL
SCIENCE

ADDITIONAL COURSES
(Any area listed foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)

1 Year
2 Years
4 Years
DIVISION I
NON-QUALIFIER
2021-22

DI Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year.

- Athletics Aid
- Practice
- Compete
Standardized test scores are excluded from NCAA initial-eligibility criteria for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2021-22 academic year.

However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.
When students enter ninth grade, they have four years (eight semesters) to complete their core-course requirement.

Students must graduate on time, with their class.
DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION

Note: This approach will allow students impacted by school closures to complete additional core courses toward their initial eligibility.
EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

How to plan your high school course to meet the 16 core-course requirement: \[4 \times 4 = 16\]

9TH GRADE
(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science and/or additional
4 CORE COURSES

10TH GRADE
(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science and/or additional
4 CORE COURSES

11TH GRADE
(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science and/or additional
4 CORE COURSES

12TH GRADE
(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science and/or additional
4 CORE COURSES
DIVISION II: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

Four possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:

- Early Academic Qualifier.
- Qualifier.
- Partial Qualifier.
- Nonqualifier.
Note: DII Early Academic Qualifier status is based on your pre-seventh semester academic record.

Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.

Earn a core-course GPA $\geq 2.5$ in the required subject areas.
DIVISION II
EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER
2021-22

SUBJECT AREAS

- ENGLISH
  - 3 Years
- MATH
  - 3 Years
- NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE
  - 2 Years
- ADDITIONAL COURSES (In any area)
  - 6 Years

Athletics Aid
Practice
Compete
Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.

Earn a core-course GPA \( \geq 2.2 \) in the required subject areas.

Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.
DIVISION II QUALIFIER 2021-22

SUBJECT AREAS

- **ENGLISH**: 3 Years
- **MATH (Algebra I or higher)**: 2 Years
- **NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)**: 2 Years
- **ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)**: 3 Years
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE**: 2 Years
- **ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)**: 4 Years

Athletics Aid
Practice
Compete
Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.

Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.0 in the required subject areas.

Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.
DIVISION II
PARTIAL QUALIFIER
2021-22

SUBJECT AREAS

- **荡ghis**
  - Duration: 3 Years

- **MATH**
  - Duration: 2 Years
  - (Algebra I or higher)

- **NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE**
  - Duration: 2 Years
  - (Including one year of lab, if offered)

- **ADDITIONAL**
  - Duration: 3 Years
  - (English, math or natural/physical science)

- **SOCIAL SCIENCE**
  - Duration: 2 Years

- **ADDITIONAL COURSES**
  - Duration: 4 Years
  - (Any area listed foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)

Athletics Aid
Practice
DII Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year.
Standardized test scores are excluded from NCAA initial-eligibility criteria for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2021-22 academic year.

However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.
Students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during 2021-22 must meet specific criteria to be eligible.
HOW WILL THIS LOOK IN YOUR STUDENT’S ACCOUNT?

Student accounts will show “Final Nonqualifier” with “COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved” in the Academic Status field, as shown in the example student account below:

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Each Division III college or university determines its own eligibility for:

- Admission.
- Financial aid.
- Practice and competition.

The NCAA EC does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes.

Division III student-athletes may register for a free Profile Page, but it is not required.
DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING
The Eligibility Center will not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs used during the 2020-21 academic calendar in response to closures due to COVID-19.
Note: This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance or e-learning courses during the 2020-21 academic year.
Taking online or hybrid courses does not necessarily mean your students are home schooled.
Home school students can also meet the COVID-19 Automatic Waiver criteria for 2021-22 enrollment. Review our Home School Toolkit for questions about home schooling.
ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS
PASS/FAIL GRADES

If the student's core-course GPA would increase by assigning a value of 2.3, this value will be assigned to the passed courses.

Student Earns a “Pass” Grade → EC Assigns Credit Value of 2.3 → GPA Increase
PASS/FAIL GRADES

If the student's core-course GPA would decrease by assigning a value of 2.3, the EC will only use letter grades.

Student Earns a “Pass” Grade → If GPA Would Decrease from 2.3 → EC Will Only Use Letter Grades

*Note*: Credit from these courses will still be applied toward the student's core-course requirements.
Note: This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who successfully complete NCAA-approved pass/fail courses during the 2020-21 academic year.
In general, amateurism requirements do not allow:

- Contracts with professional teams.
- Salary for participating in athletics.
- Prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
- Play with professionals.
- Tryouts, practice or competition with a professional team.
- Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
- Agreement to be represented by an agent.
- Delayed initial full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized sports competition.
If your students have questions, encourage them to contact us before acting. Their actions may impact their future NCAA eligibility.
SPORTS PARTICIPATION

- When students register for a Certification account, they must:
  - Select the sport(s) they would like to play in college.
  - Update their information frequently if they play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
  - Request final amateurism before they enroll full time at a DI or II school.

- Note: Over 94% of students do not require additional questions from the EC after they request final amateurism.
PROACTIVE STUDENT ACTIONS

- If students want to play sports in college, they must:
  - Share their NCAA ID with schools recruiting them.
  - Apply to schools of their choosing to be accepted.
  - Request final amateurism certification before they enroll full time in college.
    - Starting April 1 (Fall).
  - Ask their counselor to submit their final transcript with proof of graduation.

- Know that considerations are given to students with documented education-impacting disabilities.
RESOURCES

- Review our COVID-19 FAQ.
- Visit our websites:
  - ncaa.org/playcollegesports.
  - eligibilitycenter.org.
- Visit nationalletter.org to learn about the NLI.
- Download our resources:
  - Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
  - Initial-Eligibility Brochure.
  - DI Academic Requirements.
  - DII Academic Requirements.
QUESTIONS?
“What if I still have questions?”

▶ High school admin, please call 877-622-2321.

▶ Students and parents, please call: 877-262-1492.
THANK YOU

Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern.

- High school admin: 877-622-2321.
- Students and parents: 877-262-1492.

Webinar for your student-athletes.

- Saturday, October 10 at 11 a.m.
- Saturday, November 7 at 2 p.m.

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