NCAA INTERNATIONAL INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

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AGENDA

» Understanding US System.
» COVID-19 FAQ.
» NCAA Eligibility Center.
» Registration.
» Core Courses.
» Grade Point Average (GPA).
» Alternative Standards.
  o Division I.
  o Division II.
» Sports Participation.
» Recruiting.
» Resources.
U.S. COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

» Secondary school (“high school”) ends in year 12.

» “College” and “university” used interchangeably in the U.S.
  
  o Some are called “institutes” (e.g., Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

» Two common college/university options:
  
  o Two-year “junior” or “community” colleges.
    > Associate degree.
  
  o Four-year college and university.
    > All NCAA schools are four-year.
    > Bachelor’s degree/master’s degree.
U.S. COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

» NAIA, NJCAA, NCAA schools may have intramural/club teams.
  o These teams do not offer athletic scholarships.

» **Club**: Compete against club teams from other schools.

» **Intramural**: Compete internally within a college/university.

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Division I
Division II
Division III
The NCAA Eligibility Center is only associated with the NCAA.

Registration with the EC is required for sports participation at any NCAA school.
COVID-19
AUTOMATIC WAIVER FAQ
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COVID-19
Automatic Waiver FAQ
NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER
NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

» Who are we? A unit within the NCAA.

» What do we provide? Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.

» What do we review?
  o Academic requirements.
  o Amateurism requirements.
### OUR THREE DIVISIONS

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<td><strong>Number of Schools</strong></td>
<td>350 (32%)</td>
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<td>432 (40%)</td>
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<td><strong>Percentage of NCAA Student-Athletes in Each Division</strong></td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<td><strong>Athletics Scholarships</strong></td>
<td>Multyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available. 57% of athletes receive athletics aid</td>
<td>Partial athletics scholarship model. 60% of athletes receive athletics aid</td>
<td>No athletics scholarships. 80% of athletes receive nonathletics aid</td>
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*Numbers are from 2020-21. This does not include reclassifying, provisional or exploratory schools.*
REGISTRATION
NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?
Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete

REGISTER

NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?
Learn more or search NCAA schools.
NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Three Account Types

1. Free Profile Page Account
2. Amateurism-Only Certification Account
3. Academic and Amateurism Certification Account
FREE PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT
Account Type #1

The right place to start for most students!
» Not sure in which division you plan to compete.

No registration fee.

Transition to the right Certification account at any time.
Required for all international student-athletes planning to compete at a Division III school.

Registration fee:
» $70.

Student-athletes transferring from a two-year college/university to an NCAA Division I or II school who have not previously been certified as an amateur.
ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #3

Required to compete at a Division I or II school.

Registration fee:
» International students: $160.

Required to:
» Go on an official visit.
» Sign an NLI with a Division I or II school.
REMEMBER

» If you have either Eligibility Center Certification account, check to see if you meet fee waiver criteria.
» Check for open tasks.
» Update graduation or enrollment dates, if needed.

» Check transcript receipt.
» Edit account, schools or sports information.
WHAT IS AN NCAA ID?

» Used by NCAA coaches to add you to their school’s institutional request list for recruiting purposes.

  o **Where?** Your NCAA ID is in the top-right corner of your Eligibility Center account.

  o In addition to your password, you need your NCAA ID when calling the Eligibility Center with questions.

Your Name

**NCAA ID: 1234567890**

Grad: MM/YYYY | Enroll: MM/YYYY
WHAT IS AN IRL?

» Institutional request list.

- A list of college-bound student-athletes an NCAA school is interested in recruiting.

» You **must** be on an NCAA school’s IRL to receive an Eligibility Center certification, which qualifies you to receive athletics aid, practice and compete in college.
UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

» You must apply and be accepted to your NCAA school before you can compete on campus.
  
  o NCAA certification does NOT include acceptance to the NCAA school recruiting you.

» Ask your NCAA school for more information about cost of attendance and financial aid.
REMEMBER

» Communicate closely with coaches, parents/guardians, college compliance office and mentors as you transition to an NCAA school.

» Check your email regularly for account updates.
COURSE TITLE USAGE GUIDE

Scan the QR Code Below

Determine if the Courses You Studied Will Count for NCAA
WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

» In the subject areas listed below

- English Native/Language
- Math (Algebra I or higher)
- Science
- Social Science
- World Language
- Nondoctrinal Religion/Philosophy

» Taken the grade/year 9 level or above.

» See the International Course Title Usage Guide for assistance in determining if the courses you took are core courses.

» Canadians: For more information on approved courses, see the Canada resource page.
International Country-Specific Information

This page has been designed to provide specific NCAA initial-eligibility information for more than 150 individual countries. Countries are listed below by their region alphabetically. Click on the desired country to view the available information, resources and student profiles.

For a comprehensive resource that includes the academic requirements and documentation for all the countries listed here, please refer to the [NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility (PDF)](https://www.ncaaeligibility.org/ncaaguides).
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#### GRADUATION TIMELINE

| 6 + 5 = 11               | 11 years total: six years primary and five years of secondary |

**Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:**

1. **Bachillerato/Bachiller Profesional** [Professional Diploma]
   - Expected Timeline of Completion: 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
   - Issuing Body: Upper secondary school

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3. **Bachillerato Técnico** [Technical Diploma]
   - Expected Timeline of Completion: 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
   - Issuing Body: Upper secondary school

4. **Diploma de Aptitud Profesional** [Diploma of Professional Competency]
   - Expected Timeline of Completion: 11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
   - Issuing Body: Upper secondary school
UNDERSTANDING U.S. GRADE POINT AVERAGE

**U.S. GPA SCALE**

A = 4.0  
B = 3.0  
C = 2.0  
D = 1.0  
F = 0.0
COVID-19
ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS
2023-24 Enrollment
Students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2023-24 academic year must meet specific criteria to be eligible.

- COVID-19 impact adjusted requirements.
DIVISION I: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

» Four possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
  o Early Academic Qualifier.
  o Qualifier.
  o Academic Redshirt.
  o Nonqualifier.
DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Division I early academic qualifier status is based on the student’s pre-seventh semester academic record.

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

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

» Athletics Aid.
» Practice.
» Compete.
DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown

- **ENGLISH/NATIVE LANGUAGE**: 3 Credits
- **MATH**: 2 Credits (Algebra I or higher)
- **SCIENCE**: 2 Credits
- **ADDITIONAL**: 2 Credits (English/native language, math or science)
- **ADDITIONAL**: 5 Credits (Any area)
Meet core-course progression before the seventh 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 ≥ 2.3 in the required subject areas.

Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.
DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown

- **ENGLISH/NATIVE LANGUAGE**: 4 Credits
- **MATH (Algebra I or higher)**: 3 Credits
- **SCIENCE**: 2 Credits
- **ADDITIONAL (English/native language, math or science)**: 1 Credit
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE**: 2 Credits
- **ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed: world language, non-doctrinal religion/philosophy)**: 4 Credits
DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

- 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.

First Year Athletics Aid.
First Term Practice.
DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

Subject Area Breakdown

- **ENGLISH/NATIVE LANGUAGE**: 4 Credits
- **MATH (Algebra I or higher)**: 3 Credits
- **SCIENCE**: 2 Credits
- **ADDITIONAL (English/native language, math or science)**: 1 Credit
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE**: 2 Credits
- **ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed world language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)**: 4 Credits
DIVISION I:
NONQUALIFIER

Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year at an NCAA Division I school.
STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES
2023-24 Full-Time Enrollees

» Standardized test scores are excluded from NCAA initial-eligibility criteria for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2023-24 academic year.

» However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.
DIVISION II: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

» Three possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
  - Early Academic Qualifier.
  - Qualifier.
  - Partial Qualifier.
DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

College-bound student-athletes that do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier.

- Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.
- Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.5 in the required subject areas.
DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown

- English/Native Language: 3 Credits
- Math (Algebra I or higher): 3 Credits
- Science: 2 Credits
- Additional (Any area): 6 Credits
DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

- 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

Subject Area Breakdown

- ENGLISH/NATIVE LANGUAGE: 3 Credits
- MATH (Algebra I or higher): 2 Credits
- SCIENCE: 2 Credits
- ADDITIONAL (English/native language, math or science): 3 Credits
- SOCIAL SCIENCE: 2 Credits
- ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed world language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy): 4 Credits
DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

College-bound student-athletes that do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier.

Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.
STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES
2023-24 Full-Time Enrollees

» Standardized test scores are excluded from NCAA initial-eligibility criteria for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2023-24 academic year.

» However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.
INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES

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International Initial-Eligibility Requirements
DIVISION III

» Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
  o Academic requirements.
  o Admissions.
  o Financial aid.

» International student-athletes who plan to compete at a Division III school must complete an Amateurism-Only Certification account.
SPORTS PARTICIPATION

When you register for a Certification account, you must:

» Select the sport(s) you would like to play in college.

» Update your information frequently if you play for multiple teams or competed in multiple events.

» Keep a copy of any contracts or agreements you have signed.

» Request your final amateurism certification before you enroll full time at an NCAA school.
NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

NCAA student-athletes now have opportunity to benefit from their name, image and likeness.

» All three divisions have adopted a uniform, interim policy suspending NIL rules for all incoming and current student-athletes in all sports.

» For more NIL resources.
  o Visit [ncaa.org/nil](http://ncaa.org/nil).
  o Contact your NCAA school’s compliance office.
  o Follow the Eligibility Center on [Twitter](https), [Instagram](https://instagram.com) and [Facebook](https://facebook.com).
RECRUITING
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### Football, Division I

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<td>Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence (e.g., recruiting letters,</td>
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<td>social media messages, text messages)</td>
<td>materials and nonathletics recruiting publications at any time.</td>
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<td>A coach may begin sending you recruiting materials and</td>
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<td>electronic correspondence Sept. 1 of your junior/11th year</td>
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<td>Phone Calls to a Coach</td>
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<td>Phone Calls From a Coach</td>
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<td>during your junior/11th year of high school. Beginning Sept. 1</td>
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<td>of your senior/12th year, a coach may call you one time per</td>
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<td>week outside a contact period and make unlimited calls during</td>
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<td>a contact period.</td>
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<td>Off-Campus Contact</td>
<td>A college coach may have contact with you or your family off</td>
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<td>the college’s campus beginning July 1 following the end of your</td>
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<td>your senior/12th year (whichever comes first).</td>
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<td>Unofficial Visit</td>
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<td>the last Wednesday in June. After this date, a college may</td>
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<td>provide you the expense-paid visit after Sept. 1 of your senior/</td>
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To learn more about recruiting calendars, visit on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal.
RECRUITING CALENDARS

NCAA member schools limit recruiting to certain periods during the year.

» Recruiting calendars promote the well-being of college-bound student-athletes and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

  o **Contact period.**
  o **Quiet period.**
  o **Dead period.**
UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

Unofficial Visits

Any visit to a college campus paid by you or your family members.

» Take as many unofficial visits as you like after the first permissible date in each sport.

» Be mindful of recruiting shutdowns and dead periods when scheduling unofficial visits.

You may receive:

» Complimentary admission.
  
  o This includes three tickets for a home Division I athletics contest or five tickets for a home Division II athletics contest.

Note: You cannot talk with a coach during an unofficial visit during your sport’s dead period.
UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

Official Visits

Before a Division I or II official visit you must:

» Send the NCAA school a high school transcript.

» Register for a Certification account with the Eligibility Center.

During an official visit, NCAA schools can:

» Pay for transportation to and from the college.
  
  o This includes up to two family members in Division I basketball and FBS football.

» Provide lodging and meals.
  
  o This includes reasonable entertainment expenses.

Note: You cannot take an official visit during your sport’s dead period.
NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

» By signing a NLI, you are agreeing to attend a Division I or II school for one academic year.

» NLIs are voluntary and ends the recruiting process.

» NCAA schools agree to provide athletics financial aid to you for a minimum of one academic year.

  o You must be admitted to the school.

  o You must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.

» For more information, visit nationalletter.org.
SCHOLARSHIPS BY SPORT

Only about 2% of high school-athletes are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.

» Expectations.
  o Annual scholarships.
  o Renewal.

» Academic scholarships.

» Athletics scholarships.
QUESTIONS TO ASK

» What is the cost of attendance?
  o Financial aid.
    > Will I receive a full or partial scholarship?
    > If I'm injured and can no longer compete, will my scholarship remain?
  o On-campus housing.

» What degree programs are offered?

» What is the NCAA school’s graduation rate?

» Where do you stand from a recruiting standpoint?
  o #1 vs #5 vs standby.
  o NLI.
  o Redshirt expectations.

» What is the coaching philosophy and style?
PROACTIVE STUDENT ACTIONS

If you want to play sports in college, you must:

» Share your NCAA ID with NCAA schools recruiting you.

» Apply to schools of your choosing to be accepted.

» **Request your final amateurism certification** before enrolling full time in college.
  
  o Starting April 1 (fall).
  o Starting Oct. 1 (winter/spring).

» Ask your high school counselor to submit your final transcript with proof of graduation.

» Understand considerations for documented **education impacting disabilities**.
RESOURCES

» Review the COVID-19 FAQ.
» Visit eligibilitycenter.org.
» Visit country-specific webpages.
» Download our resources:
  o Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.
  o International Initial-Eligibility flyer.
  o Course Title Usage Guide.
QUESTIONS
Click the Q&A Button to Ask Your Questions
GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC STANDARDS

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» International students (including Quebec).
  o Ec-international@ncaa.org.

» U.S. and Canadian students.
  o 877-262-1492.
    > Monday-Friday.
    > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard time.
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International contact form: ncaa.org/contactinternational

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