



College Admissions and the Student Athlete

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Agenda for today's presentation

- Key factors/considerations for student athletes
- NCAA Eligibility Center – rules and regulations for Division I, Division II and Division III athletic programs
- Eligibility vs Admissibility
- COVID-19 changes/implications

Key considerations for student athletes

- Every prospective athlete must consider these 3 key questions:
 1. Why am I going to college?
 2. What role do I want my sport to play during my collegiate experience?
 3. What am I willing to give up – or sacrifice -- in order to be a college athlete?
- Student athletes must always remember the word “student”
- Character counts – when communicating with coaches, be aware of your demeanor and attitude

NCAA Eligibility Center

- Located in Indianapolis, IN and run by the NCAA
- Review high school transcripts ~~and test scores~~ for all Division I and Division II prospects
- **Register during your junior year in HS**
- Costs \$90 to register (\$150 for internationals)
- ~~SAT/ACT scores can be sent directly to the Eligibility Center by marking code 9999~~
- Work closely with your MHS counselor to determine core courses

Guide for the College-Bound Athlete

- Covers recruiting and eligibility
- Download at www.ncaa.org (pdf.)
- High school academic information (Divisions I, II, III)
- NCAA Eligibility Center registration (Divisions I & II)
- Create a Profile page for Division III
- Sample questions to ask in the recruiting process



Determining initial eligibility

Academic component:

1. Graduation;
2. Complete the minimum number of core courses;
3. Minimum core grade point average;
4. ~~ACT or SAT test score (sliding scale)~~

Amateurism component:

- Complete amateurism questionnaire

Division 1 core-course requirements

16 core courses needed:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math (Algebra I or Higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (one lab)
- 1 year of additional English, math or science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of additional core courses

***** Minimum gpa needed to qualify is 2.3 (based on core courses)***

10 Core courses must be completed prior to start of senior year in HS; 7 of 10 must be in the following areas:

- English
- Math (Algebra I or Higher)
- Natural/physical science (one lab)

*The 10 core courses utilized to meet this rule may not be replaced by a course taken in the senior year.

**Calculating a gpa – all grades of A are given 4.0; all B grades are given 3.0; all C grades are 2.0; all grades of D are given 1.0, and all F's are given 0.0

Test optional policy at NCAA for 2020-21

Q: If students meet the [COVID-19 Automatic Waiver criteria for 2021-22 enrollment](#) but also present a non-qualifying standardized test score, will they still receive the automatic waiver?

A: Yes. Standardized test scores are not included in the COVID-19 Automatic Waiver criteria for 2021-22 enrollment.

Test score – no final decisions (yet) for 2022

NCAA uses sub scores to determine minimum test score needed

- ACT Sum (add each sub score below)
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Reading
 - Science
- SAT Sum (add each sub score below)
 - Critical Reading (Verbal)
 - Mathematics

Test score examples

ACT composite (22) with sum scores: E (25), M (20), R (23), S (20)

- NCAA would use total of sum scores (88)
- Admissions would use composite (22)
- If student took 2nd ACT (23) with sub scores: E (26), M (19), R (25), S (22)
 - NCAA would use best sum scores from the two tests (93)
 - Admissions would use the best composite score (23)

SAT scores are calculated the same

- Critical Reading (Verbal)
- Mathematics

Qualifier, Academic Redshirt, Non-Qualifier

Qualifier

- Athletic scholarship, practice and competition in your first year in residence
- Four years to compete

Academic Redshirt

- Athletic scholarship and practice only in your first year in residence
- Four years to compete

Non-Qualifier

- No scholarship, practice or competition in your first year in residence
- Only three years to compete, with ability to regain 4th

Sliding scale for Division I

Sliding Scale for Division I

Division I uses a sliding scale to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. Find more information about test scores on [page 13](#) or visit ncaa.org/test-scores.

| DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE | | | DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE | | |
|--|------|----------|--|------|----------|
| Core GPA | SAT* | ACT Sum* | Core GPA | SAT* | ACT Sum* |
| 3.550 | 400 | 37 | 2.750 | 810 | 59 |
| 3.525 | 410 | 38 | 2.725 | 820 | 60 |
| 3.500 | 430 | 39 | 2.700 | 830 | 61 |
| 3.475 | 440 | 40 | 2.675 | 840 | 61 |
| 3.450 | 460 | 41 | 2.650 | 850 | 62 |
| 3.425 | 470 | 41 | 2.625 | 860 | 63 |
| 3.400 | 490 | 42 | 2.600 | 860 | 64 |
| 3.375 | 500 | 42 | 2.575 | 870 | 65 |
| 3.350 | 520 | 43 | 2.550 | 880 | 66 |
| 3.325 | 530 | 44 | 2.525 | 890 | 67 |
| 3.300 | 550 | 44 | 2.500 | 900 | 68 |
| 3.275 | 560 | 45 | 2.475 | 910 | 69 |
| 3.250 | 580 | 46 | 2.450 | 920 | 70 |
| 3.225 | 590 | 46 | 2.425 | 930 | 70 |
| 3.200 | 600 | 47 | 2.400 | 940 | 71 |
| 3.175 | 620 | 47 | 2.375 | 950 | 72 |
| 3.150 | 630 | 48 | 2.350 | 960 | 73 |
| 3.125 | 650 | 49 | 2.325 | 970 | 74 |
| 3.100 | 660 | 49 | 2.300 | 980 | 75 |
| 3.075 | 680 | 50 | 2.299 | 990 | 76 |
| 3.050 | 690 | 50 | 2.275 | 990 | 76 |
| 3.025 | 710 | 51 | 2.250 | 1000 | 77 |
| 3.000 | 720 | 52 | 2.225 | 1010 | 78 |
| 2.975 | 730 | 52 | 2.200 | 1020 | 79 |
| 2.950 | 740 | 53 | 2.175 | 1030 | 80 |
| 2.925 | 750 | 53 | 2.150 | 1040 | 81 |
| 2.900 | 750 | 54 | 2.125 | 1050 | 82 |
| 2.875 | 760 | 55 | 2.100 | 1060 | 83 |
| 2.850 | 770 | 56 | 2.075 | 1070 | 84 |
| 2.825 | 780 | 56 | 2.050 | 1080 | 85 |
| 2.800 | 790 | 57 | 2.025 | 1090 | 86 |
| 2.775 | 800 | 58 | 2.000 | 1100 | 86 |

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

*Full sliding scale research between the new SAT and ACT is ongoing.

Sliding scale

Added academic redshirt status, may apply if:

- Did not complete 10 of the 16 core courses prior to senior year
- Did not complete 7 of those 10 in the correct core course areas
- ~~Did not meet new test score/core course GPA~~

Division II

16 courses needed:

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (one lab)
- 3 year of additional English, math or science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of additional core courses

Division II test score/GPA requirements

- Core grade-point average must be at least 2.000
- ~~Minimum test score of 900 on the SAT and 68 sum score on the ACT for students with a 2.0 GPA~~

Division II

Initial eligibility standards

- Moving to sliding scale for initial eligibility
- Student-Athlete must now earn at least a 2.20 grade-point average to be a qualifier, ~~with an ACT sum score of 70~~
- Student-Athlete must now earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average to be a partial qualifier, ~~with an ACT score of 68~~

The NCAA approves the courses, NOT the high school

- Each high school has an approved core course list on the Eligibility Center's website.

<https://web3.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction>

- High school code number for MHS is 240780
- If the course is not on our high school list at the NCAA, it will not count as a core course
- If a course title on the transcript does not match the title on the NCAA's list, it will not count as a core course
- Meet with your MHS counselor to review your enrollment and your planned courses

NCAA eligibility vs. college admission process

- Two separate determinations
- Being an NCAA qualifier does not automatically mean you will be admitted to an institution – “hitting the metrics” does not guarantee that you’ll be recruited
- Being admitted to an institution does not mean that you are automatically eligible under NCAA requirements
- Sending an application to NCAA Eligibility Center does not mean you have applied for admission to a college
- As a prospective student athlete, it’s always an advantage to apply early for admissions

Amateurism – final step

Prospects jeopardize NCAA amateur status by:

- Formally entering into a professional contract, competing with a professional team in hockey or skiing, or accepting a salary
- Accepting prize money that exceeds expenses for an athletic event
- Entering into agreement or accepting benefits from agents

Division I – years of eligibility

- Five years to complete four years of competition starting from the date of your initial full-time enrollment in a Division I institution
- Redshirts – no competition while representing the institution during an academic year
- Medical Redshirts – limited competition in the first half of a playing season prior to a season ending injury

Division II – years of eligibility

- Ten (10) full-time semesters to complete four (4) seasons of competition
- Redshirts – no competition while representing the institution during an academic year
- Medical Redshirts – limited competition in the first half of a playing season prior to a season ending injury

General recruiting concepts

- Rules are designed to protect the HS students
- HS students may call or write coaches, or visit with coaches on their campus at any time
- Unofficial visits may be done at any time, as the student's/family's expense
- Official visits are paid for by the Div I or Div II college, and require that you are registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Talk with your high school coach – ask for their insights and confirm their willingness to be an advocate for you.
- ASK QUESTIONS!!

Financial aid/scholarship basics

- DIII schools do not offer athletic scholarships
 - Other financial aid packages may be available
- National Letter of Intent is a contract between athlete and college (DI & DII)
 - Scholarship offer must accompany the NLI
- Athletic scholarships may be multi-year agreements between prospect and institution. This is at the offering institution's discretion.
- Full Scholarship = tuition & required fees, room & board, books, and cost of attendance.
- Summer aid: potentially available for scholarship athletes
- Fifth-year (exhausted eligibility) athletic aid to graduate may be available

Division I financial aid/scholarships

Some sports are “all or nothing” scholarships (Head Count Sports)

- Football (85)
- Men’s Basketball (13)
- Women’s Basketball (15)
- Women’s Gymnastics (12)
- Women’s Volleyball (12)
- Women’s Tennis (8)

Division I financial aid/scholarships

Some sports are able to divide scholarships (Equivalency Sports)

- Hockey (18)
- Men's Track/CC (12.6)
- Women's Track/CC (18)
- Men's Lacrosse (12.6)
- Women's Lacrosse (12)
- Wrestling (9.9)
- Softball (12)
- Baseball (11.7)
- Men's Golf (4.5)
- Women's Golf (6)
- Men's Tennis (4.5)
- Men's Soccer (9.9)
- Women's Soccer (14)
- Rowing (20)
- Men's Swimming/Diving (9.9)
- Women's Swimming/Diving (14)

Q & A

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