

OUR THREE DIVISIONS

DIVISION I

Division I schools generally have more students, larger athletics budgets and more athletics department support than schools in Division II or III.

DIVISION II

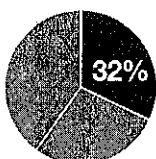
Schools in Division II emphasize a life balance in which academically and athletically gifted students can compete at a high level, while maintaining a traditional collegiate experience.

DIVISION III

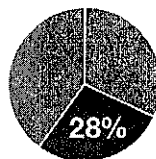
Academics are the primary focus for Division III student-athletes who experience shorter sports seasons, reducing their time away from academic studies and other campus activities.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS

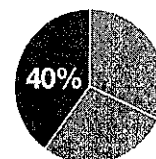
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309



442



MEDIAN UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

9,970

2,524

1,790

STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES

1 in 25



[180,699]

1 in 13



[120,434]

1 in 6



[191,398]

AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEAMS PER SCHOOL

19

16

18

PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN DIVISION

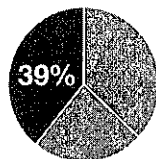
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24%



39%



ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available

53 percent of athletes receive athletics aid

Partial athletics scholarships model

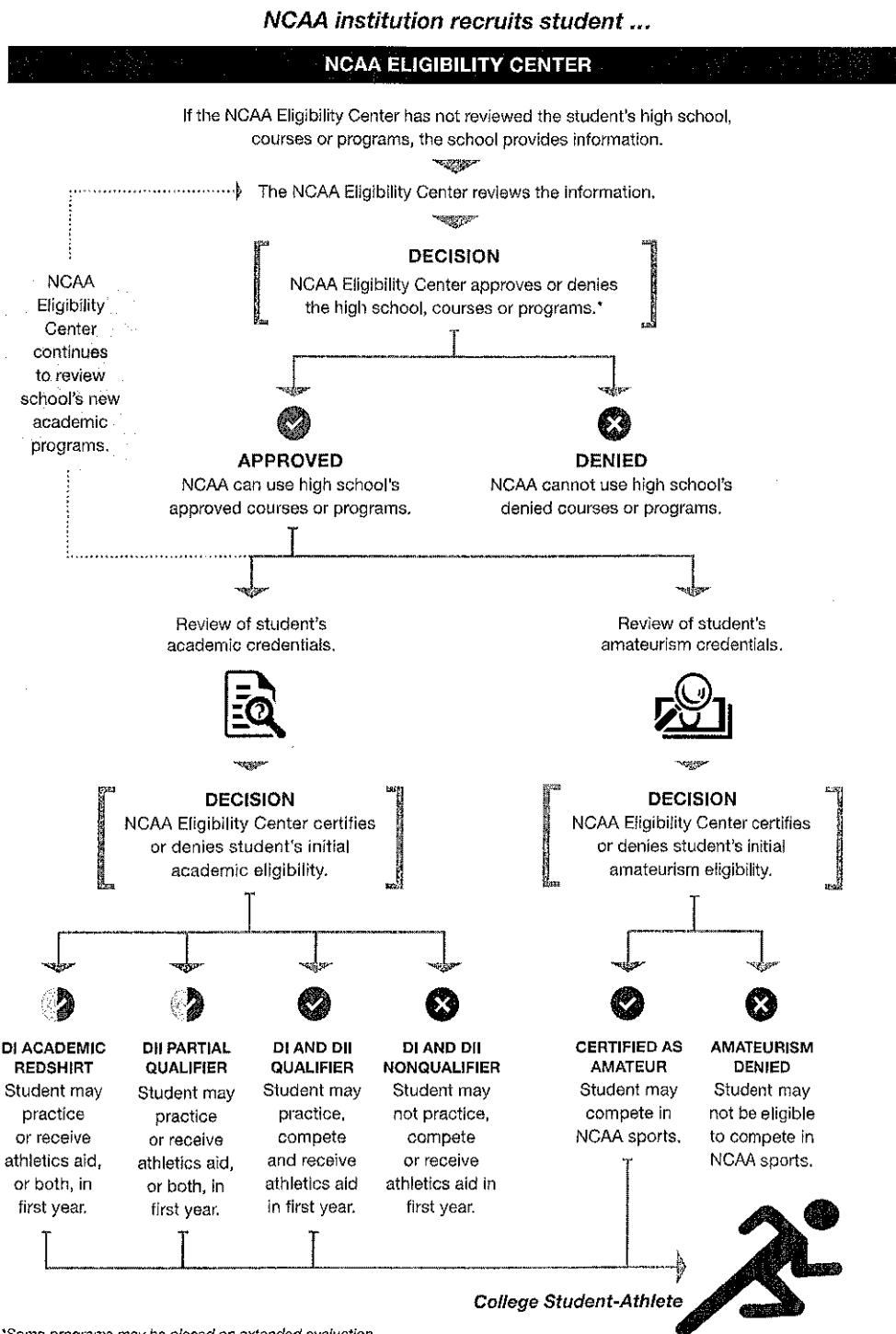
56 percent of athletes receive athletics aid

No athletics scholarships

75 percent of athletes receive non-athletics aid

NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY PROCESS

This chart presents a general overview to help you, students and parents to better understand the components of the initial-eligibility process. Please see detailed information throughout the rest of the guide to supplement this overview.



GRADE 9

- Student asks counselor for a list of high school's core courses to ensure he or she takes the right classes.

GRADE 10

- Student registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.

GRADE 11

- Student checks with counselor to make sure he or she will graduate on time with all required NCAA core courses.
- Student takes the ACT or SAT, submitting his or her scores to the NCAA using code **9999**.
- At the end of the year, counselor provides student's official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

GRADE 12

- Student finishes last NCAA core courses.
- Student takes the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, submitting his or her scores to the NCAA using code **9999**.
- After April 1, student requests final amateurism certification decision from the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- After graduation, counselor proves student's final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

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How do I send my SAT or ACT scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center?

Future student-athlete frequently asked questions

Answer:

Students may take the ACT or the SAT an unlimited number of times prior to full-time collegiate enrollment. All ACT and SAT scores must be reported to the NCAA Eligibility Center. *It is best for students to list the NCAA Eligibility Center as a score recipient at the time of exam registration to avoid additional fees.* Please note only official test scores sent from the testing agency (ACT/SAT) are acceptable. Test scores on your high school transcript will not be used.

Here is the step-by-step process to have your test scores sent.

SAT Scores:

1. Log on to the testing agency website at: <https://sat.collegeboard.org/scores/send-sat-scores/>;
2. The code is "9999" to select the NCAA Eligibility Center as a score recipient (either during exam registration or after exam registration);
3. After submitting the request, your official test scores will be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center and the test score section of your account and your status report will be updated; and
4. If you need additional assistance, you can contact College Board's customer service at 866/756-7346.

ACT Scores:

1. Log on to the testing agency website at <http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/>;
2. The code is "9999" to select the NCAA Eligibility Center as a score recipient (either during exam registration or after exam registration);
3. After submitting the request, your official test scores will be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center and the test score section of your account and your status report will be updated; and
4. If you need additional assistance, you can contact College Board's customer service at 319/337-1270.

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INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY BASICS – KNOW THE REQUIREMENTS

College-bound student-athletes who want to compete at a NCAA Division I or II school need to meet certain division-wide academic and amateurism standards. Students who plan to attend a Division III school need to meet the admission standards of the school they plan to attend.

Division I Initial Eligibility

Division I schools require students to meet academic standards for NCAA-approved core courses, core-course GPA and test scores. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics scholarships in their first full-time year at a Division I school, students must graduate from high school and meet ALL of the following requirements:

1. Complete a total of 16 core courses in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL ENGLISH, MATH OR NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

Note: See the core-course progression requirements.

2. Complete 10 out of their 16 core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before the start of the seventh semester. Once a student begins their seventh semester, they must have more than 10 core courses completed to be able to repeat or replace any of the 10 courses used to meet the 10/7 requirement. Students whose academic credentials are solely international (including Canada) are not required to meet the 10/7 requirement.
3. Complete the 16 NCAA-approved core courses in eight academic semesters or four consecutive academic years from the start of ninth grade. If students graduate from high school early, they still must meet core-course requirements.
4. Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA (minimum 2.300) on the Division I sliding scale. SAT scores earned on or after March 2016 will be evaluated based on concordance tables established by the College Board.

**How to plan your
high school courses
to meet the
16 core-course
requirement:**

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

4 English courses (one per year)
+ 4 math courses (one per year)
+ 4 science courses (one per year)
+ 4 social science (and/or additional) courses (one per year)

16 NCAA core courses

DIVISION II INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

Division II schools require college-bound student-athletes to meet academic standards for NCAA core courses, core-course GPA and test scores.

To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in their first full-time year at a Division II school, students must graduate from high school and meet ALL of the following requirements:

1. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (including one year of lab science, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math, or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL (English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

2. Earn an SAT combined score* or ACT sum score that matches the student's core-course GPA (minimum 2.200) on the Division II sliding scale.

Academic Certification Decisions

To receive an academic certification decision, students must have:

- A final official transcript with proof of graduation.
- Official transcripts from ALL other high schools attended.
- Test scores.
- No open academic tasks.
- Be on a Division II school's institutional request list.

Being placed on a school's institutional request list notifies the NCAA Eligibility Center to complete an academic evaluation for students once all of their appropriate documents have been submitted.

Once a certification has been completed, students will receive one of the following decisions if they are being recruited by a Division II school:

Early Academic Qualifier

If students meet specific criteria listed below after six semesters, they may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division II and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship. Students will need:

Minimum SAT combined score (math and critical reading) of 820 on the old SAT or 900 on the redesigned SAT OR minimum sum score of 68 on the ACT; and a core-course GPA of 2.5 or higher in a minimum of 14 core courses in the following areas:

- Three years of English.
- Three years of math.
- Two years of natural or physical science.
- Six additional core courses in any area.

A final high school transcript is required to be submitted to the NCAA Eligibility Center after high school graduation for all early academic qualifiers.

DIVISION II WORKSHEET

This worksheet is provided to assist you in monitoring the progress of your student-athletes in meeting NCAA initial-eligibility standards. Remember to use your high school's list of NCAA-approved courses for the classes students have taken.

Use the following scale: A = 4 quality points; B = 3 quality points; C = 2 quality points; D = 1 quality point.

ENGLISH (3 YEARS REQUIRED)					
COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
Example: English 9	.50		A		(.5 x 4) = 2
TOTAL ENGLISH UNITS					TOTAL QUALITY POINTS
MATHEMATICS (2 YEARS REQUIRED)					
COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
Example: Algebra I	1.0		B		(1.0 x 3) = 3
TOTAL MATHEMATICS UNITS					TOTAL QUALITY POINTS
NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE (2 YEARS REQUIRED)					
COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
TOTAL NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE UNITS					TOTAL QUALITY POINTS
ADDITIONAL YEARS IN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS OR NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE (3 YEARS REQUIRED)					
COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL UNITS					TOTAL QUALITY POINTS
SOCIAL SCIENCE (2 YEARS REQUIRED)					
COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
TOTAL SOCIAL SCIENCE UNITS					TOTAL QUALITY POINTS
ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC COURSES (4 YEARS REQUIRED)					
COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC UNITS					TOTAL QUALITY POINTS
TOTAL QUALITY POINTS FROM EACH SUBJECT AREA / TOTAL CREDITS = CORE-COURSE GPA		/		=	
QUALITY POINTS		/	CREDITS	=	CORE-COURSE GPA

NCAA STUDENT REGISTRATION

College-bound student-athletes who want to play NCAA sports at a Division I or II school need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org. Students should plan to register during their sophomore year of high school.

Students can choose from two account types to get started:

- 1. Certification Account:** Students need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. Students also need to be fully registered with a Certification Account before they can make official visits or sign a National Letter of Intent in Division I or II.
- 2. Profile Page:** If students plan to compete at a Division III school or are not sure in which division they want to compete, they can create a Profile Page. If at any time they wish to pursue a Division I or II path, they will be able to transition to a Certification Account. Students may not move from a Certification Account to a Profile Page.

For Certification Accounts, please allow 30 to 45 minutes to register completely and 15 to 30 minutes to register for a Profile Page. If students need to exit and come back at a later time, they can save and exit once their account or profile is created.

Students can reference the “Help” section located in the top task bar at any time to answer their questions as they work through registration. Below is a list of items we recommend students have before beginning their registration with the NCAA Eligibility Center:

Valid Student Email

Students need a valid email address that they check regularly and will have access to after high school to register. This is important for updating prospective student-athletes about their account. If students have a sibling that has previously registered, they will need to use a different email address than the one on their sibling’s account.

Basic Student Personal Information

This includes information such as a student’s name, gender, date of birth, primary and secondary contact information and address.

Basic Student Education History

Students will need to provide details about all high schools or secondary schools they have attended in the United States or internationally, and additional programs they have attended. Students should include ALL schools, regardless of whether they received grades or credits. If a student attended ninth grade at a junior high school located in the same school system in which the student later attended high school, they should not list the ninth-grade school.

If students need to edit or add schools after they have completed their registration, they can log back in to eligibilitycenter.org and visit the Schools section. They can select their schools listed and edit the information or add another school.

Student Sports Participation History

Students can select the sport(s) in which they plan to participate at an NCAA school. For Certification Accounts, we will ask students to provide details for any expenses or awards they received, any teams they have practiced or played with or certain events in which they participated outside of the traditional high school season. It also includes information about any individuals who have advised or marketed their skills in a particular sport. This information helps the NCAA Eligibility Center certify students’ amateur status when it is requested by an NCAA school.

Payment

Students' Certification Accounts will be complete when their registration fee is paid (or a fee waiver has been submitted). Payment can be made online by debit, credit card or e-check. The registration fee for students in the United States, U.S. territories (including American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands) and Canada is \$80. The fee for all other international students is \$135. Profile Pages do not have a fee. Students who create a Profile Page and wish to transition to a Certification Account will need to complete the payment process to transition their account successfully.

All fees are nonrefundable once students have successfully registered. If they completed a duplicate registration and paid their registration fee twice, they may be eligible for a refund of the duplicate registration fee. To receive a refund, students will need to complete and submit an NCAA refund form.

