

The College Recruiting Process

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What do College Coaches look for when Recruiting Prospective Student-Athletes?

- 
- Athleticism
 - Academic Record
 - Attitude

ATHLETICISM



Skill

Strength

Speed & Agility

ACADEMIC RECORD



Grade Point
Average

Classes Taken

Test Scores

Only 2% of high school athletes are awarded athletic scholarships, this means academic achievement matters!

ATTITUDE



Passion & Pride

Work Ethic

Competitiveness

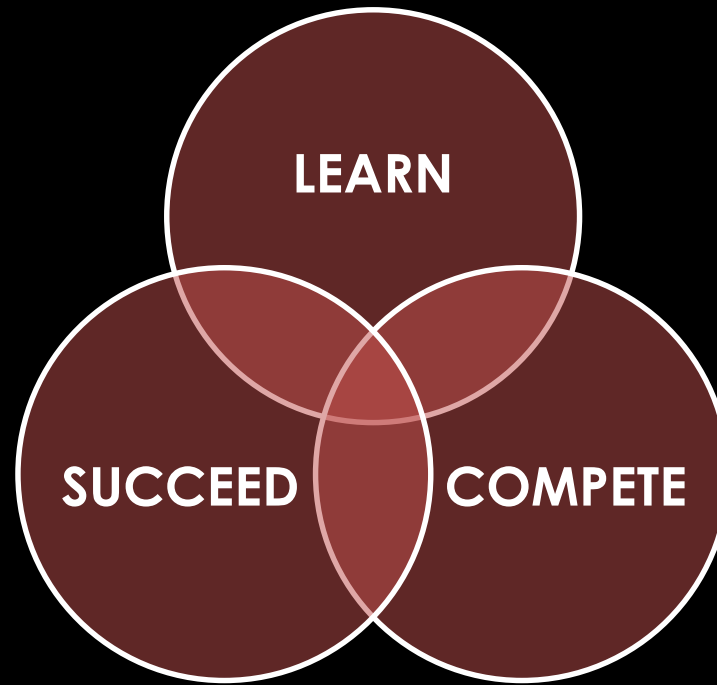
Character &
Class

✓ ***Social Media!***

Communication & Initiative

*...Not Only Critical in
Performance/Sports
but in the Recruiting Process*

Collegiate Sports offers
Student-Athletes Continued
Opportunities to...



Athletic Opportunities



NCAA:

National Collegiate
Athletic Association

Athletics Governing
Body with Oversight
of Three Divisions

Probability of Competing in NCAA Athletics Beyond High School

Student-Athletes	All Sports
High School Student-Athletes	7,400,000
NCAA Student-Athletes	480,000
Percentage Moving from High School to NCAA	6%
Percentage Moving from NCAA to Professional	2%

NCAA Athletic Opportunities



NCAA Athletic Opportunities: Division I



Example Institutions:

- Northwestern University
- UW-Madison
- Northern Illinois

347

- Institutions

9,970

- Median Enrollment

53%

- Percentage of Student-Athletes Receiving Some **ATHLETICS** Aid

6%

- Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports

NCAA Athletic Opportunities: Division II



Example Institutions:

- UW-Parkside
- Lewis University
- University of Illinois at Springfield

309

- Institutions

2,524

- Median Enrollment

56%

- Percentage of Student-Athletes Receiving Some **ATHLETICS** Aid

14%

- Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports

NCAA Athletic Opportunities: Division III



Example Institutions:

- Lake Forest College
- Illinois Wesleyan
- University of Chicago

442

- Institutions

1,790

- Median Enrollment

75%**

- Percentage of Student-Athletes Receiving Some
****FINANCIAL** Aid (not athletic)

21%

- Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports

Other Division Opportunities

NAIA:

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

NJCAA:

National Junior College Athletic Association

All Division Level Opportunities

CLUB SPORTS

NCAA Academic Eligibility: Division I

Graduate from
high school

Complete 16
core courses in
the required
subject areas

(10 of which must be
completed before start
of 7th semester)

Earn a minimum
required GPA (of
2.3) in those 16
core courses

Earn a combined SAT score of at least 1020 or an ACT
sum score of at least 86



NCAA Academic Eligibility: Division II

(New legislation for students enrolling on, or after, August 1, 2018)



Graduate from
high school

Complete 16
core courses in
the required
subject areas

Earn at least a
(2.2 GPA) in
those 16 core
courses

Earn a combined SAT score of at least 840 or an ACT sum score of
at least 70

NCAA Academic Eligibility: Division III



Graduate from
High School

Meet academic
requirements of
College

NCAA Eligibility Center Registration

The screenshot shows the NCAA Eligibility Center website interface. At the top left is the NCAA Eligibility Center logo. A navigation bar contains links for Welcome, About the NCAA, Divisions, Sports, For Parents, Resources, and Contact Us. In the top right corner, there is a LOGIN section with fields for Username (e-mail) and Password, and a Forgot password link. The main content area features a large, stylized collage of items: a stack of papers with the text "Welcome to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Your student-athlete experience begins here. At this site, you'll find the tools and information you need to begin your college experience. Explore this site to learn more about the NCAA, its athletics divisions, its sports and other information. Click on the phone or use the login box in the top right corner to complete your registration for eligibility."; a Nokia smartphone displaying "Registered? If not, click below to get started."; a calendar with a photo of a baseball player; a checklist titled "Checklist:" with items "Create account" and "Complete registration"; a red sports whistle; and a man standing in a dark sweater and jeans. A speech bubble points to the LOGIN section.

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Checklist:

- Create account
- Complete registration

Follow the Eligibility Center on Twitter

NCAA Eligibility Center Academic Certification

Click here to create or log onto your account.

Academic Requirements

- ▶ Graduate from high school.
- ▶ Complete NCAA-approved courses.
- ▶ Earn a minimum required core-course grade-point average (GPA).
- ▶ Earn a required SAT or ACT sum score.



Division I Sliding Scale Changes

Old

New (After March 2016)

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
2.725	730	59
2.700	730	60
2.675	740-750	61
2.450	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.150	960	80
2.125	960	81
2.100	970	82
2.075	980	83
2.050	990	84
2.025	1000	85
2.000	1010	86

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The full sliding scale can be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org under Resources.

Division I

Core-Course Requirements

16 Core Courses

- ▶ 4 years English.
- ▶ 3 years math (Algebra I or higher).
- ▶ 2 years natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- ▶ 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science.
- ▶ 2 years social science.
- ▶ 4 years additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).



NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Academic Requirements (New)

For college-bound student-athletes enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2016, there are three possible academic outcomes:

1. Qualifier = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice the first year.
2. Academic Redshirt = athletics aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term (semester or quarter).
3. Nonqualifier = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year.

NCAA Division I Qualifier:

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition (New)

Students will need to meet the following requirements to receive **athletics aid, practice and compete** their first year:

- ▶ 16 core courses in the following areas:
 - 4 years English;
 - 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher;
 - 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered at any high school attended);
 - 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
 - 2 years social science; and
 - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.

- ▶ Minimum required GPA:
 - Minimum GPA of **2.300** in those 16 core courses.



NCAA Division I Qualifier:

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition (New)

- ▶ Core-course progression.
 - Must complete **10** core courses before seventh semester of high school (e.g., senior year).
 - Of the **10** core courses completed, **seven** must be in the area of **English, math, or science**.
 - These 10 core courses become “locked in” for the purpose of GPA calculation.
 - A repeat of any of the “locked in” courses will not be used if taken after the seventh semester begins.



Academic Redshirt:

Requirements for Scholarship and Practice (New)

- ▶ 16 core courses in the following areas:
 - 4 years English,
 - 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher,
 - 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered by any school attended);
 - 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
 - 2 years social science; and
 - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.
- ▶ Minimum required GPA.
 - Minimum GPA of **2.000-2.299** in 16 core courses.
- ▶ Sliding scale.
 - Minimum ACT sum or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA.



Academic Redshirt:

Requirements for Scholarship and Practice (New)

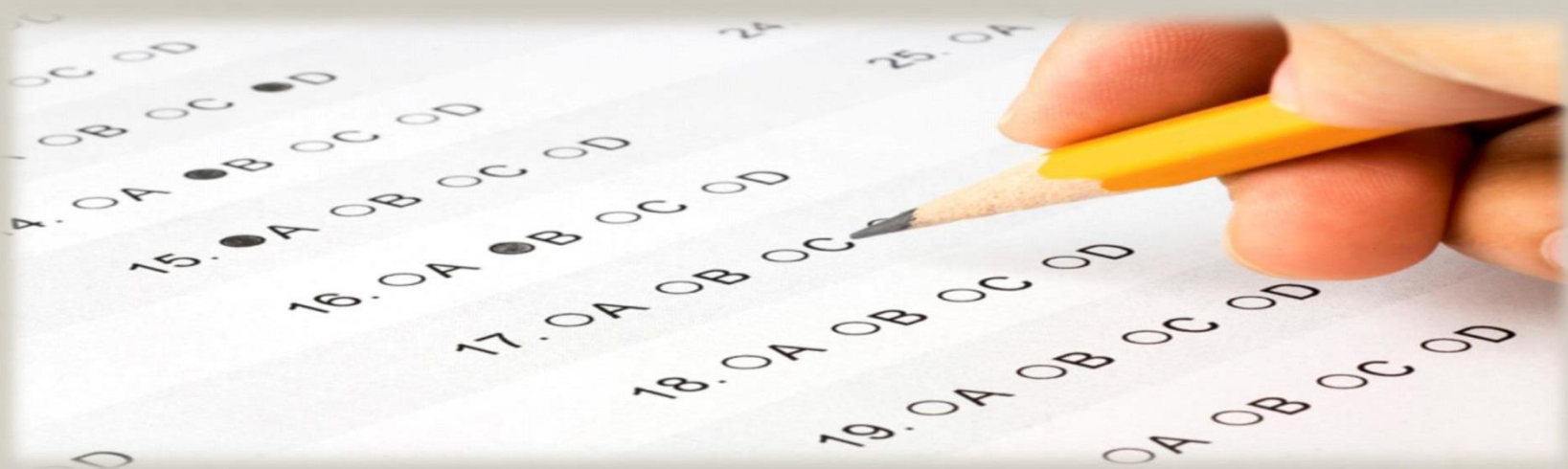
If you meet these requirements, you can receive an **athletics scholarship** during your first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.

After the first term is complete, you must successfully complete nine semester hours or eight quarter hours in each applicable term at your college or university to continue to practice for the remainder of the year.



Taking the ACT and/or SAT

- ▶ Be sure to enter the “**9999**” code when registering for the ACT or SAT.
 - This requests for your official test scores to be sent directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- ▶ Test scores on high school transcripts will not be used.



Your Best Test Scores Will Be Used to Certify You

	Test Score		
	<u>Math</u>	<u>Verbal</u>	<u>Total</u>
SAT (10/12)	350	470	820
<u>SAT (12/12)</u>	<u>420</u>	440	<u>860</u>
Scores Used	420	470	890



Your Best Test Scores Will Be Used to Certify You

Test Score

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite Score	Sum Score (NCAA)
ACT (10/14)	24	19	23	18	21	84
ACT (12/14)	23	22	27	19	23	91
Scores Used	24	22	27	19	-	92

Division III

Core-Course Requirements

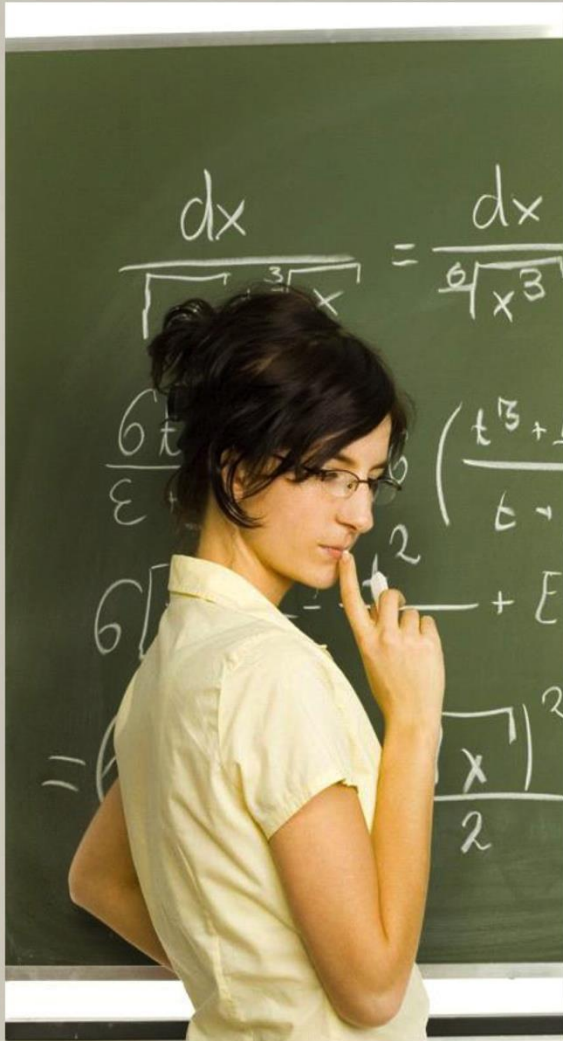
- ▶ Unlike Divisions I and II, there is no uniform set of eligibility requirements for Division III schools.
- ▶ Eligibility for admission, financial aid, practice and competition is determined by the college or university.
- ▶ The NCAA Eligibility Center does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes.

Freshmen and Sophomores Must:



- ▶ Start planning now by working hard to get the best grades possible.
- ▶ Access and print your high school's List of NCAA Courses at www.eligibilitycenter.org by clicking "Resources" at the top of the screen.
- ▶ Take classes that are on your high school's List of NCAA Courses. The NCAA Eligibility Center will only use approved courses to certify your initial eligibility.
- ▶ Register at www.eligibilitycenter.org at the beginning of your sophomore year.
- ▶ If you fall behind, use summer school sessions before your senior year to catch up.

Juniors Must:



- ▶ Register to take the ACT, SAT or both and use the NCAA Eligibility Center code “9999” as a score recipient.
- ▶ Double check to make sure that you are taking courses that are approved on your high school’s List of NCAA Courses.
- ▶ Request that your high school counselor send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center after completing your junior year. (*The NCAA Eligibility Center does NOT accept faxed or emailed transcripts.*)

Seniors Must:

Continue to take college-preparatory courses.

Check your List of NCAA Courses.

Take the ACT or SAT as many times as necessary.

Graduate on time (eight semesters).



Eligibility Center
Academic Certification

Eligibility Lingo

- PSA – Prospective Student Athlete (9th grade and beyond)
- Unofficial/ Official Visits
- Recruiting Calendars – Contact period/ evaluation period/ quiet period/ etc.

Eligibility Lingo

- Verbal Commitment
- National Letter of Intent
- Try-outs
 - Walk-on, preferred walk-on, etc.

Important Note:

Meeting NCAA requirements does not guarantee admission into a college. You must also meet all college admission requirements.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

- Most NCAA athletics scholarships are annually renewable each academic year, but multi-year scholarships can be awarded.
- Variety of amounts in athletic scholarships
 - Full scholarships (tuition fees, room, board and books)
 - Partial scholarships (e.g., books only)
- Several other opportunities for non-athletic scholarships & financial aid (also renewable annually)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Cost Analysis:

2016-2017 College Board Stats (excludes room & board)

Public Four-Year In-State	Public Four-Year Out-of-State	Private Nonprofit Four-Year
\$9,650	\$24,930	\$33,480

*New in 2016 FAFSA can be submitted on October 1, previously
January 1 – Based on prior year tax information*

✓ *Explore all options – Public and Private!*

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Net Price Calculators:

Colleges and Universities provide Net Price Calculators on their websites, and these will give you a better sense, early on, of what the total costs will be per year.

How Do I Know I am Being Recruited?



You'll Know...
letters, emails,
phone calls, etc.

What can I do to be noticed?

Performance

- Summer Camps
- Prospect Camps or Clinics

Athlete Profile

- Letter of Introduction
- Resume

Video

- HUDL
- YouTube

Recruiting Services

- Several Options
- Family Decision

The College Selection Process



The College Selection Process: Set Your Priorities

DEMOGRAPHICS

Size of Institution

Location – region, rural vs. urban

Diversity – racial, ethnic, religious

Cultural opportunities, social life, etc.

The College Selection Process: Set Your Priorities

ACADEMICS

Academic Reputation

Majors Offered

Fit with Career Goals

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ATHLETICS

Coaching Staff Style

Team Dynamics

Win/Loss Record

Roster Size

The College Visit: What makes a good visit?

Plan Ahead

Attend a Class

Tour the
Campus

Meet with an
Admissions
Counselor

Meet the
Players and
Coach

Explore and
Ask Questions

The College Visit: What questions should I ask?

Athletics, Academics, Student Life, and Financial Aid are all important. Examples include...

What academic assistance is available?

Are the faculty supportive of athletics?

How large is the roster?

What position/event do you see me in?

What type of financial aid/scholarships are available?

Educate Yourself

Read/Ask Questions,
etc.

Check In With Those
Playing Collegiate Sports
& learn about their
experience

Attend contests

The College Selection Process:

How do I select the right college for me?

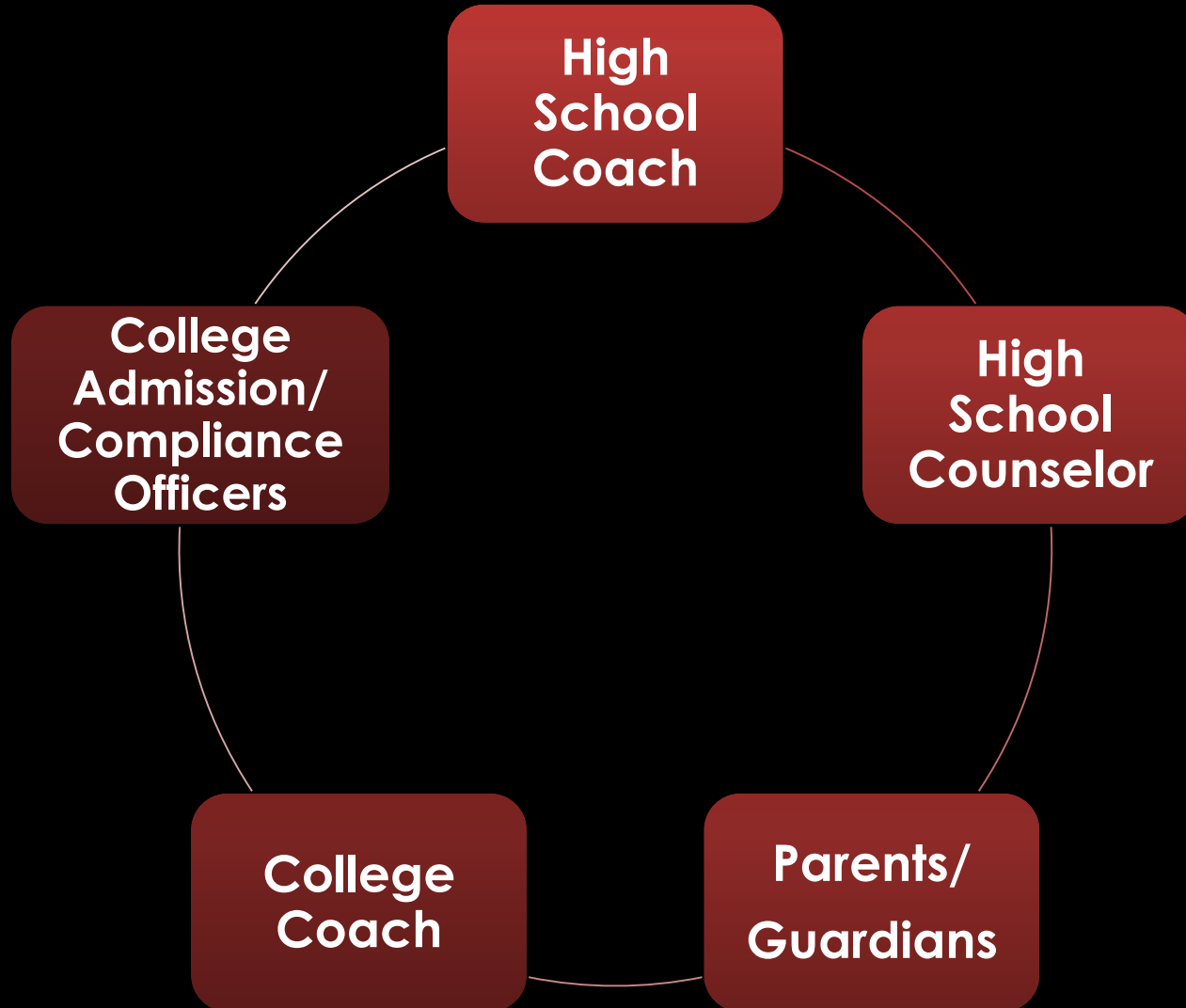


Be Honest

Be Realistic

Be Proactive

The College Selection Process: Five Key Discussions



The College Selection Process: Key Questions

Students

If you no longer compete in the sport, would you still want to attend that institution?

Parents

Would you want your son or daughter to play for that program?

Three Closing Remarks

Enjoy the Process...

Be Engaged in it...

Feel Good About the Decision - Two Feet In!



Questions

