

College Athletics and the NCAA

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NCAA Division I



- ◆ Must commit to sponsoring seven men's teams and seven women's teams, two of which must be team sports.
- ◆ Athletic programs are fully funded-provide the maximum number of scholarships allowed by NCAA rules.
- ◆ Great expectation to perform intense work ethic required

NCAA Division II

- ◆ Must commit to sponsoring a minimum of four men's and four women's sports, at least two of which must be team sports.
- ◆ Requires tremendous work ethic and commitment



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NCAA Division III

- ◆ Must commit to sponsoring a minimum of five men's and five women's sports, at least two of which must be team sports
- ◆ Athletes may not receive athletic aid but may receive institutional scholarships and grant money based on merit, need, and federal financial assistance
- ◆ Smaller athletic budgets
- ◆ Facilities not as large as DI or DII
- ◆ NCAA Initial Eligibility or Certification does not apply but individual qualifications exist based on college.

Division I Initial Eligibility Requirements

- ◆ Graduation from high school
- ◆ Minimum core G.P.A. and SAT or sum score on ACT based on qualifier index scale
- ◆ Complete core curriculum of 16 academic units:
 - ◆ 4 yrs.- English
 - ◆ 3 yrs.- Math (at level of Algebra I or above)
 - ◆ 2 yrs.- Natural or Physical Science (one must be a lab course)
 - ◆ 1 yr.- Extra English, Math, or Science
 - ◆ 2 yrs.- Social Studies
 - ◆ 4 yrs.- extra courses from any category above or foreign language, religion, or philosophy



Division I Index Initial Eligibility

GPA	SAT	ACT (sum score)
3.550	400	37
3.000	620	52
2.750	720	59
2.500	820	68
2.250	920	77
2.000	1010	86

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ACT Test Score Calculation Example

Date	ENG	MATH	SCI	READ	COMP
April 2007	15	16	17	18	17
Sept. 2007	<u>19</u>	15	13	<u>19</u>	17
Oct. 2007	14	15	<u>18</u>	15	16
Feb. 2008	17	<u>18</u>	15	18	17

C-HOUSE ACT SCORE $19+18+18+19=74$



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SAT Test Score Calculation Example

Date	VERBAL/CR	MATH	WR	COMP
March 2008	440	430	350	1220
June 2008	400	480	360	1240

C-HOUSE SAT SCORE $440+480=920$

Division II Initial Eligibility Requirements

- ◆ Must graduate from high school
 - ◆ 3 yrs.- English
 - ◆ 2 yrs.- Math (Algebra I or higher
 - ◆ 2 yrs.- Natural/Physical Science (one must be a lab science)
 - ◆ 2yrs.- additional English, math, or science
 - ◆ 2 yrs.- Social Science
 - ◆ 3 yrs.- additional core course units from any category above or foreign language, religion, or philosophy
 - ◆ GPA- 2.0, SAT-820, ACT- Sum score of 68

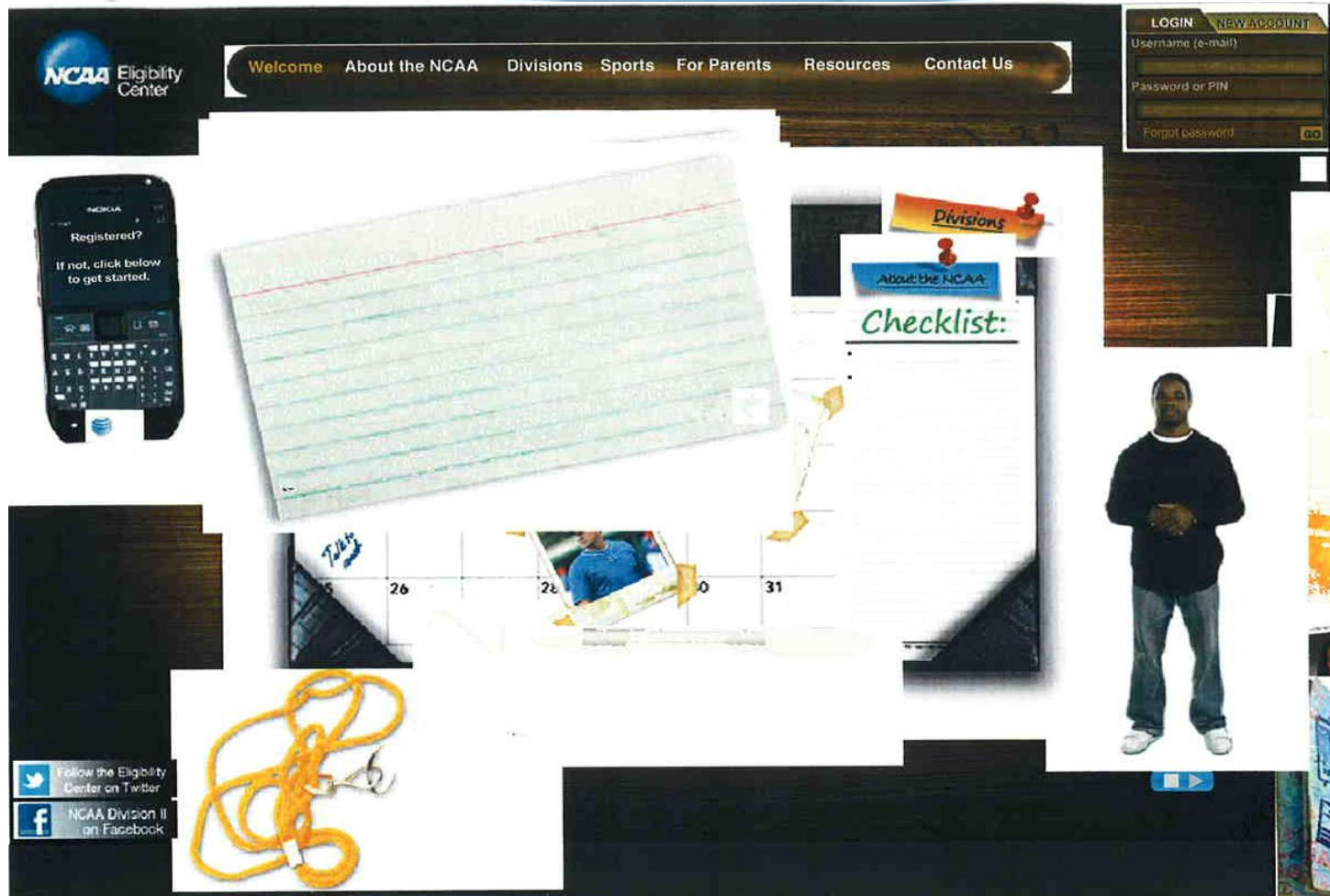


Who Should Register with the Clearinghouse?

- ◆ A student who plans to attend an NCAA Division I or II institution and participate in intercollegiate athletics.
(this also applies to walk-on's)



Eligibilitycenter.org



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http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA_EMS.html#

NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse

- ◆ Q: Essentially, what does the C-House do?
 - ◆ A: The C-House is charged by the NCAA with two primary functions
 - ◆ Verify the a prospective student athlete has met the NCAA's Academic Standards for Initial Eligibility
 - ◆ Verify that a PSA has not professionalized himself/herself

The Clearinghouse Process

- ◆ Students who plan to attend an NCAA division I or II school and participate in intercollegiate athletics must register with the clearinghouse.
- ◆ Counselor: assist students with registration at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Student may also check status of file.
- ◆ Counselor: send the student's preliminary transcript with at least 6 semesters to the clearinghouse. Send the final transcript with proof of graduation after the senior year.
- ◆ Registration: at the conclusion of junior year.
- ◆ Fee waiver: the application fee can be waived if a student also qualified for one to register for the ACT or SAT.
- ◆ Take ACT/SAT during junior year and use code 9999 when registering.



NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse

- ◆ Q: what happens if a PSA has attended 2 or more high schools? Does he/she have to submit transcripts from each school attended?
- ◆ A: **YES-** A PSA needs to submit to the NCAA Clearinghouse an **OFFICIAL** high school transcript from each high school that he/she has attended



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NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse

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NCAA Eligibility Center
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Toll Free Telephone #: 1-877-262-1492

Note: Hours of Operation- 10:00AM to 5:00PM EDT Monday-Friday



NCAA Amateurism Certification

- ◆ In response to the NCAA membership's concerns about amateurism issues related to student athletes, an amateur certification process was created.
- ◆ The NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse includes an amateurism certification section that will be used to determine the amateur status of domestic and international freshman and transfer prospective student athletes initially enrolling at the NCAA Divisions I and II member institutions

Getting the attention of a College Coach

Some of the things that a PSA can do to “get the attention” of a college coach include:

- ◆ Attend a summer camp
- ◆ Invitation to “Junior Day” events
- ◆ Meet with coaches on the college campus (unofficial visits)
- ◆ Send in a Videotape/DVD of your in Game Action along with a letter of interest and a resume.
- ◆ Have your HS coach or Club Coach call the college coach upon your behalf
- ◆ Call the college coach directly-no restrictions on the # of times a PSA can call a college coach

Recruiting

- ◆ Relationship between Admission Office and Athletic Department
- ◆ Admission Evaluation- Compliance officer and Athletic Liaison from admission office
 - ◆ Ability to be successful academically
 - ◆ Institutional priorities- (average GPA, test scores, other institutional needs)
 - ◆ Graduation rate scrutiny
- ◆ Certification does not necessarily grant admission!

Recruiting- NCAA Rules

Division I

General Rule- A student becomes a PSA when he/she enters the 9th grade

- ◆ 9th / 10th Graders
 - ◆ Mailings- camp brochures, questionnaires, NCAA published information
 - ◆ Evaluations- Division I college coaches can observe PSAs in competition and/or practice a limited number of times
 - ◆ Unofficial Visits (UVs)- PSAs can visit Division I campuses
 - ◆ Camps- PSAs can attend summer camps

Recruiting- NCAA Rules

◆ 11th Graders

- ◆ Everything applicable to 9th & 10th graders

- ◆ Beginning Sept. 1st of the PSA junior year, a PSA can receive:

 - ◆ Additional mailings- Letters, media Guides, etc.

 - ◆ E-mails & faxes

- ◆ Phone Calls- 1st Opportunity

 - ◆ M Basketball- June 15th PRIOR to the junior year and then once per month during the junior year

 - ◆ W Basketball- April 5th, one call in April, one call in May, & 2 calls in June of the junior year

 - ◆ Football: MAY of the junior year (one phone call only)

 - ◆ All other sports- July 1st after the junior year and then once per week thereafter



Recruiting- NCAA Rules

- ◆ 12th Graders
 - ◆ Everything applicable to 9th-11th graders
 - ◆ Off-campus contacts- on or after July 1st (Max. of 3 except football is allowed 6)
 - ◆ Official Visits- allowable on or after the opening day of classes in the PSAs senior year:
 - a) Max. of 48 hours on campus
 - b) Max. of 5 official visits to 5 different schools
 - c) Schools must have academic credentials prior to the OV
 - ◆ Phone calls
 - ◆ M basketball- 2 calls/week beginning Aug. 1st prior to the senior year
 - ◆ W basketball- 1 call/week beginning July 1st prior to the senior year
 - ◆ Football- 1 call/week beginning on Sept. 1st of the senior year with unlimited calls during a “contact period” (6 weeks in Dec. & Jan of the PSA’s senior year)
 - ◆ All other sports- July 1st prior to the senior year and then once per week thereafter



Recruiting- National letter of Intent signing periods

- ◆ A HS senior PSA can sign a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with an NCAA Division I or II school per the following timeline:
 - ◆ Football, M/W Soccer, & M/W Track
 - ◆ Begins on the 1st Wednesday n February of the PSA's senior year in HS
 - ◆ All sports (other than football, m/w Soccer, and M/W Track)
 - ◆ Early signing period- one week period beginning on the 2nd Wednesday of November
 - ◆ Late signing period- begins on the 2nd Wednesday in April

Athletic Scholarships: Terms and Conditions

- ◆ National Letter of Intent (NLI)
 - ◆ Binding one-year agreement/contract.
 - ◆ Prospect must attend institution for one year.
 - ◆ University must provide prospect with athletic financial aid in conjunction with the NLI.
 - ◆ Athletic aid is renewed on a year to year basis.

Athletic Scholarships: Terms and Conditions

- ◆ Student athlete scholarship may be immediately reduced or cancelled if:
 - ◆ Misrepresentation by giving false information on your application, letter of intent, or financial aid agreement
 - ◆ Becoming academically ineligible for intercollegiate competition –not meeting APR standards
 - ◆ Engaging in serious misconduct warranting disciplinary action from the institution
 - ◆ Sign a professional sports contract.



Athletic Scholarships: Terms and Conditions

- ◆ Student athlete scholarship *should not* be reduced and/or cancelled during the term of the award on the basis of:
 - ◆ Athletic ability
 - ◆ Performance or contribution to your team's success
 - ◆ Injury or illness that prevents you from participating
- ◆ Note: During visit to campus, ask if an athletic scholarship has been terminated due to any of the above reasons!

Ask the Coach

- ◆ What is your coaching philosophy?
- ◆ What are the terms of your contract?
- ◆ What % of the players on scholarship graduate in 4 years? 5 years?
- ◆ What are your goals for the program?
- ◆ What are your expectations academically and athletically for your athletes?
- ◆ Under what circumstances have you rescinded an athletic scholarship?
- ◆ Hours per week required for training?
- ◆ Study hall required, or offered? What academic support do you offer for athletes?
- ◆ Tell me about your strength and conditioning program?
- ◆ What are your expectations for athletes over the summer?
- ◆ How do I earn an increase in scholarship?

Ask the Athletes

- ◆ What do you like about the program?
- ◆ Has the coach met your expectations?
- ◆ (For the athletes that do not play on game day)
 - ◆ What do you think about the program? Do you feel the coach is fair? Why are you still a member of the team?
- ◆ What is it like to be a student athlete on campus?
- ◆ How does the coach support your academic pursuits?
- ◆ What would you change about the program?



Recent Changes

- ◆ Increase the minimum grade-point averages and test scores for freshmen and athletes who transfer from 2 year colleges.
- ◆ Allow some new athletes to have an “academic red-shirt” year, in which they would be eligible to receive a scholarship and practice with a team, but unable to compete
- ◆ Stricter academic standards for freshman athletes and those who transfer in from 2 year colleges, and settle on a timeline for implementation a new policy that requires Division I teams to meet an academic cutoff before taking part in postseason play.
- ◆ Measure aimed at closing the gap between athletic scholarships and the cost of attendance- the new policy allows athletes to receive up to \$2,000 more a year in institutional aid.

Website Resources

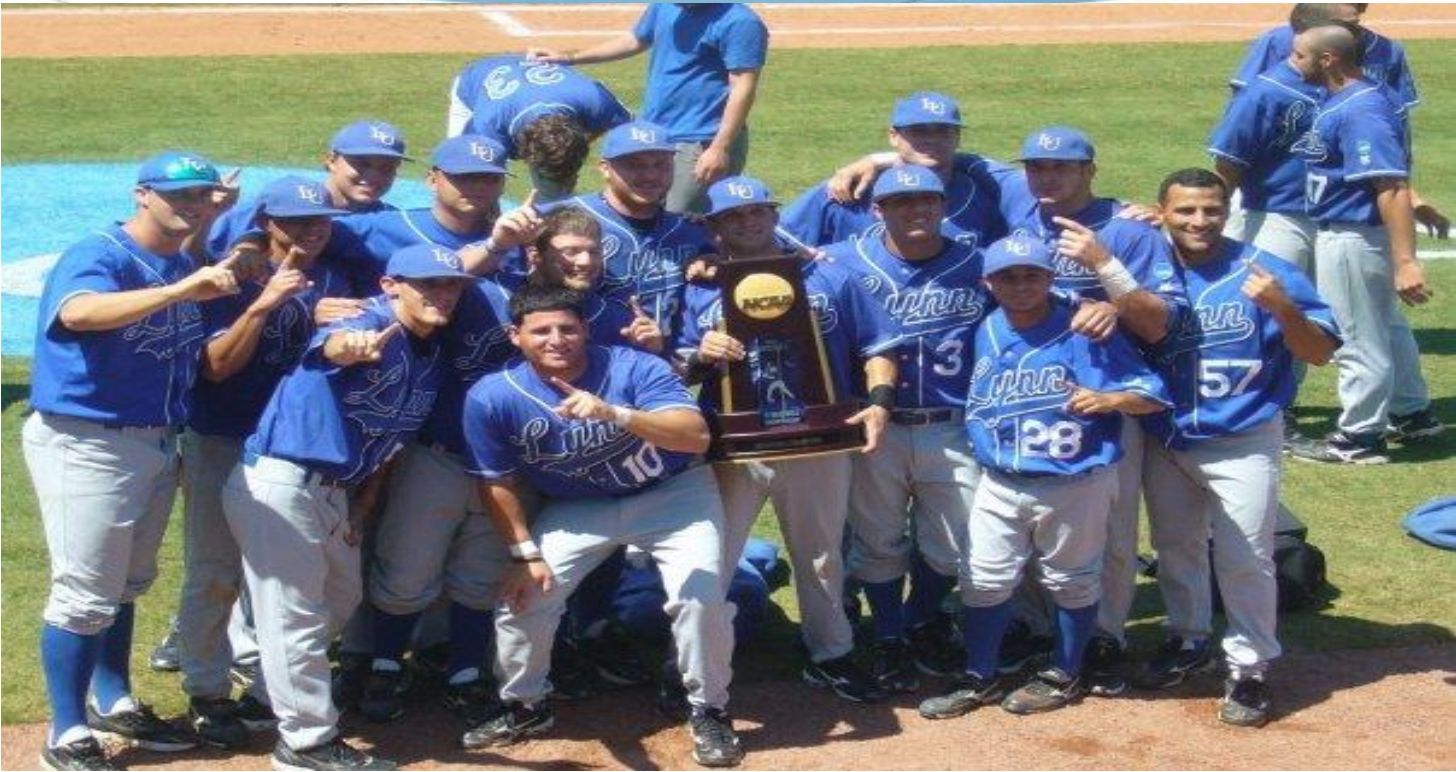
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- ◆ The National Collegiate Athletic Association

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