

NCAA Clearinghouse 101

Overview

- What is the NCAA and the NCAA Clearinghouse?
- What are the Academic Eligibility Requirements?
- How do students register with the Clearinghouse?
- What happens after they register?

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

- History of its creation with the Flying Wedge
- Voluntary organization through which the nation's colleges and universities govern their athletic programs
- The mission is to govern competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner

NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse

- Commonly referred to as “The Clearinghouse”
- An organization that works with the NCAA to determine a student’s eligibility for athletics participation in college sports during their first year of college enrollment
- Follows NCAA bylaws and regulations in analyzing and processing a student’s high school academic records, ACT or SAT scores and key information about amateurism participation

Academic Eligibility Requirements

Division I

- Graduate from high school
- Complete the **16** core courses
- Earn a minimum GPA in core courses
- Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core course GPA and test score sliding scale

Division II

- Graduate from high school
- Complete the **14** core courses
- Earn a 2.000 GPA or better in your core courses
- Earn a combined SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

Core Courses

Division I

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math
- 2 years of natural or physical science
- 1 extra year of English, math, or natural or physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of extra core courses from any category above, or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy

Division II

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of math
- 2 years of natural or physical science
- 2 extra years of English, math, or natural or physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 3 years of extra core courses from any category above, or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy

Core Courses (cont.)

- Must be an academic course in one or a combination of these areas: English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy
- Must be designated “college preparatory”
- Must be at or above the student’s high school’s regular academic level

Calculating the GPA

- Done on a traditional 4.000 scale with an A = 4pts, B = 3, C = 2, etc.
- Schools that use numeric grades (e.g. 82, 93) will be changed to letter grades
- Plus and minus grades are not used to calculate a student's core-course GPA
- If the high school normally weights honors or advanced courses, these courses may improve the student's core-course GPA

ACT and SAT Tests

- Students must achieve the required score on an ACT or SAT test before their full-time college enrollment
- Students may take either test more than once as their best subscores from the different tests will be used to meet the minimum test score requirement
- ALL SAT and ACT test scores must be sent directly to the clearinghouse by the testing agency.
- When registering for either test, students should enter the code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported directly to the clearinghouse

Students With Disabilities

- A student with a disability must meet the same requirements as all other students, but is provided certain accommodations
- Students with diagnosed disabilities must let the NCAA know if they plan on using core courses after their 8th semester and plan on attending a Division I college.
- Students with a disability may also use a course that their high school has designed for students with disabilities if it appears on the high school's list of approved core courses
- Such students may also take a non-standard test to satisfy test score requirements and would need to follow the normal protocol for non-prospective student athletes

Division I Sliding Scale

GPA	SAT	ACT
3.550 & Above	400	37
3.300	500	44
3.000	620	52
2.500	820	68
2.000	1010	86

Registering with the Clearinghouse

- Students can register with the NCAA Clearinghouse by filling out the Student Release Form (SRF) online after their junior year and submitting their payment online (\$50 domestic, \$75 international)
 - www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
 - Click on Prospective Student-Athletes
 - Select Domestic or International Student Release Form
 - Complete the SRF online, print two copies of the transcript release form and give both to their high school counselor

Amateurism

Clearinghouse

- Created in response to the NCAA membership's concerns about amateurism issues related to both international and domestic prospective and transfer student-athletes
- Prospective student athletes will utilize the same website, www.ncaaaclearinghouse.net as no hard copies will be available
- Things that would raise red flags with the clearinghouse include:
 - Contract with a professional team
 - Salary for participating in athletics
 - Prize money
 - Play with professionals
 - Tryouts, practices or competition with a professional team
 - Benefits from an agent or prospective agent
 - Delayed initial full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized sports competition

Questions?

- www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
- NCAA Clearinghouse
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