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NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

For High School Athletic Directors



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WHAT IS THE NCAA?



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NCAA THREE DIVISIONS

DIVISION	 DIVISION I	 DIVISION II <i>MAKE IT YOURS</i>	 DIVISION III DISCOVER DEVELOP DEDICATE
ACTIVE SCHOOLS*	355 (32%)	293 (27%)	425 (39%)
MEDIAN UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	8,883	2,169	1,617
STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES	1 in 23 	1 in 7 	1 in 5 
AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEAMS PER SCHOOL	19	17	19
PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION	 37%	 24%	 38%
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available. 59% of athletes receive athletics aid.	Partial athletics scholarship model. 64% of athletes receive athletics aid.	No athletics scholarships. 80% of athletes receive nonathletics aid.



NCAA SPORTS

FALL SPORTS

MEN:

Cross
Country
Football
Soccer
Water Polo

WOMEN:

Cross
Country
Field Hockey
Soccer
Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

MEN:

Basketball
Fencing
Gymnastics
Ice Hockey
Indoor Track
and Field
Rifle
Skiing
Swimming
and Diving
Wrestling

WOMEN:

Basketball
Bowling
Fencing
Gymnastics
Ice Hockey
Indoor Track
and Field
Rifle
Skiing
Swimming
and Diving

SPRING SPORTS

MEN:

Baseball
Golf
Lacrosse
Outdoor Track
and Field
Tennis
Volleyball

WOMEN:

Beach
Volleyball
Golf
Lacrosse
Outdoor
Track
and Field
Rowing
Softball
Tennis
Water Polo

EMERGING SPORTS

WOMEN:

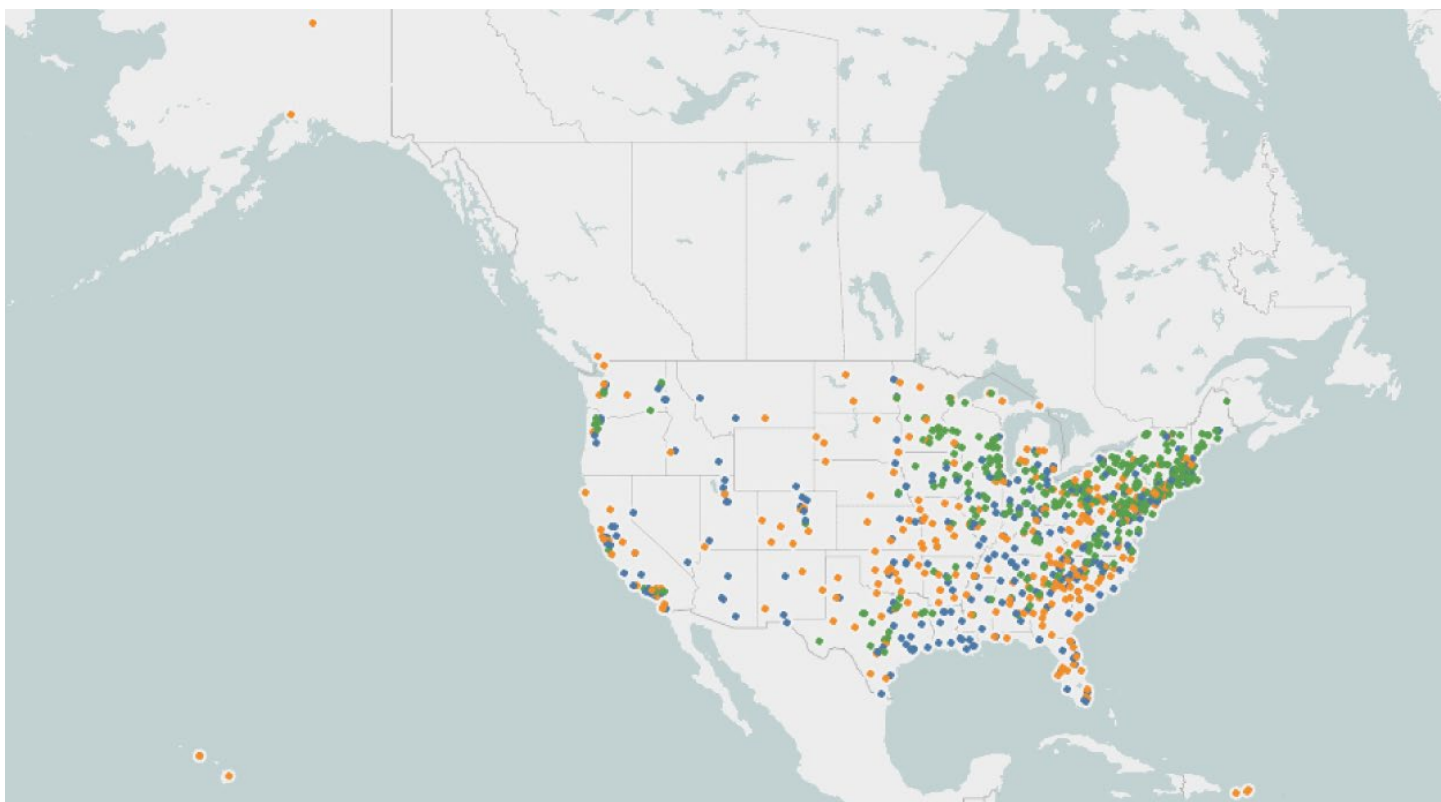
Acrobatics
and Tumbling
Equestrian
(Divisions I and II only)
Rugby
Stunt
Triathlon
Wrestling

Note: Student-athletes competing in [emerging sports](#) must register with the Eligibility Center and meet the same standards as all other students.



NCAA SCHOOLS

- » Encourage your students to use this [interactive map](#) to locate NCAA schools they're interested in attending.





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- » **Who are we?** A unit within the NCAA.
- » **What do we provide?** Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.
- » **What do we review?**
 - Academic requirements.
 - Amateurism requirements.
- » **Why do we review?** To create fair and equitable competition across NCAA schools and divisions.

THREE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS



High School
Graduation



NCAA
Initial Eligibility



College
Admission



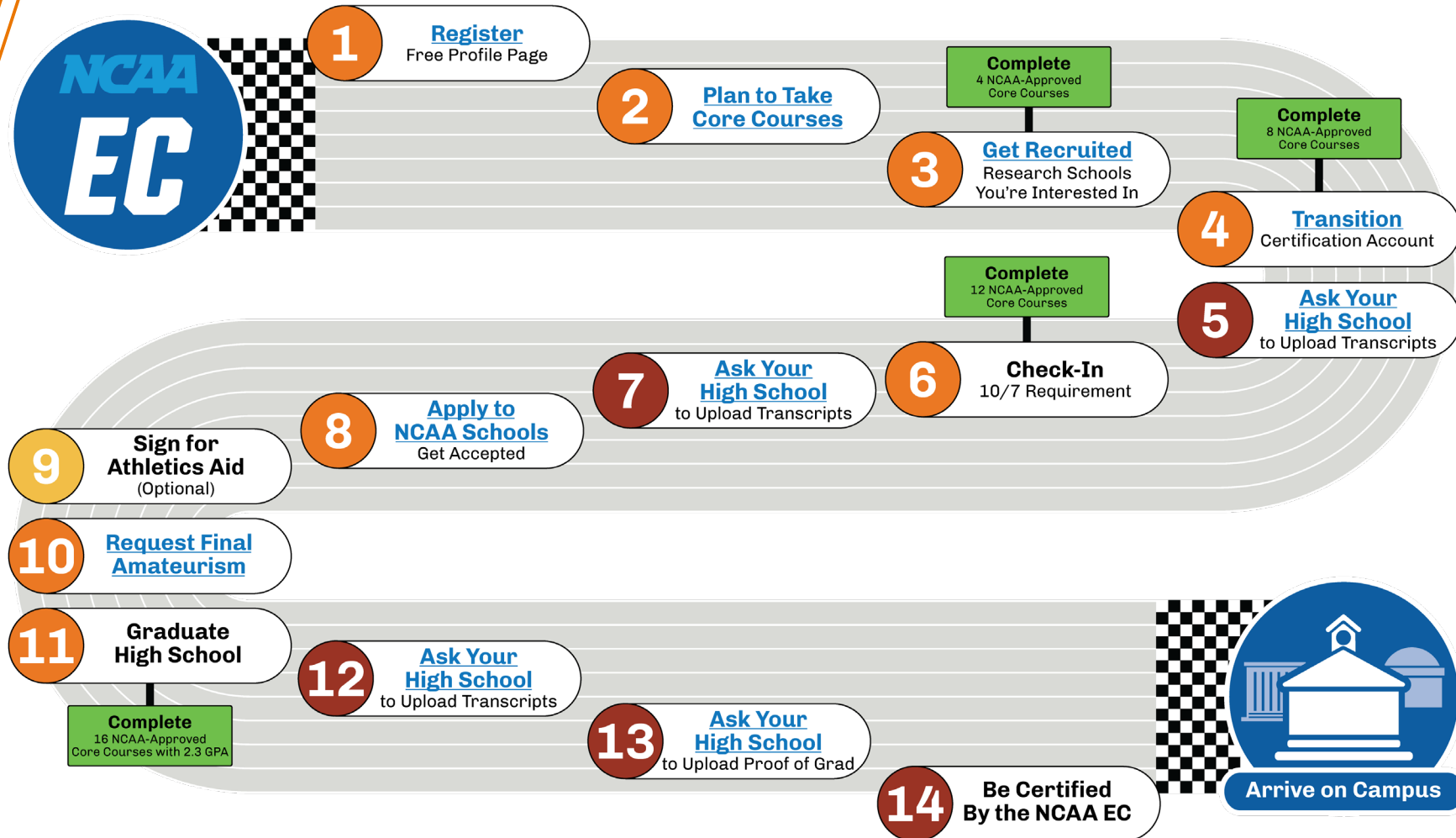
COLLEGE ADMISSION

- » Apply and be accepted to the NCAA school before they can compete.
 - NCAA certification does **NOT** include acceptance to the NCAA school.
- » Ask college admission about:
 - Cost of attendance.
 - > Financial aid and scholarships.
 - > [FAFSA](#).
 - Standardized test scores.
 - > May be required for college admission or scholarships.
 - > **NOT** required for NCAA certification.
 - For more questions to ask, visit on.ncaa.com/choosingcollege.





KEEP CERTIFICATIONS ON TRACK





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[Forgot your password?](#)

[Login](#)

[Help](#)

[High School Administrators](#)

WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

Creating an account is the first step toward becoming an NCAA student-athlete



REGISTER

NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR
SCHOOL IS IN?

[Learn more](#) or [search NCAA schools](#).

NCAA REGISTRATION

Best Practice: Register Before Freshman Year

NCAA REGISTRATION

Three Account Types



**Free Profile Page
Account**



**Academic
and Amateurism
Certification Account**



**Amateurism-Only
Certification Account**



FREE PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

Account Type #1



The right place to start for most students!

- » Not sure in which division they plan to compete.
- » [Domestic students](#) planning to compete at a [Division III school](#).
- » Registering in an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event.



[No registration fee.](#)



If they're being [actively recruited](#) by an NCAA Division I or II school, help them [transition](#) their Profile Page account to a [certification account](#).



ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #2



Required to compete at a Division I or II school:

- » Go on Division I [official visits](#).
- » Sign for athletics aid.
- » Receive an athletics scholarship.



Registration fee:

- » [Domestic students](#): \$100.
- » [International students](#): \$160.
- » Check to see if they meet [fee waiver criteria](#).



AMATEURISM-ONLY CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #3



Recommended for all [international student-athletes](#) planning to compete at a Division III school.



Registration fee:

» \$70.

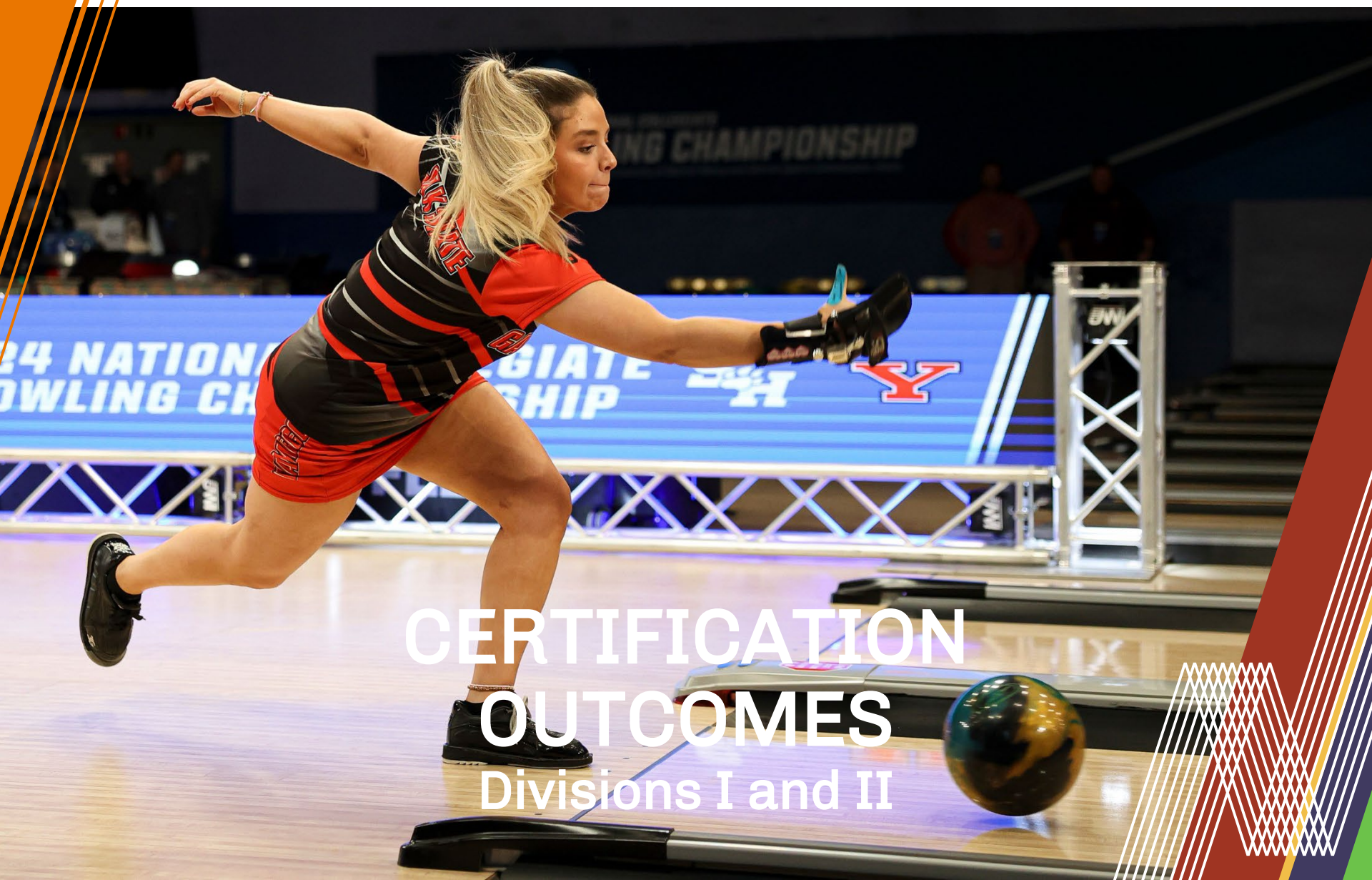
» Check to see if they meet [fee waiver criteria](#).



Student-athletes transferring from a two-year school to an NCAA Division I or II school who did not require an Eligibility Center academic certification.



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CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

Divisions I and II



Division I CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

1. [Early Academic Qualifier.](#)
2. [Qualifier.](#)
3. [Academic Redshirt.](#)
4. [Nonqualifier.](#)



- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.

Division I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

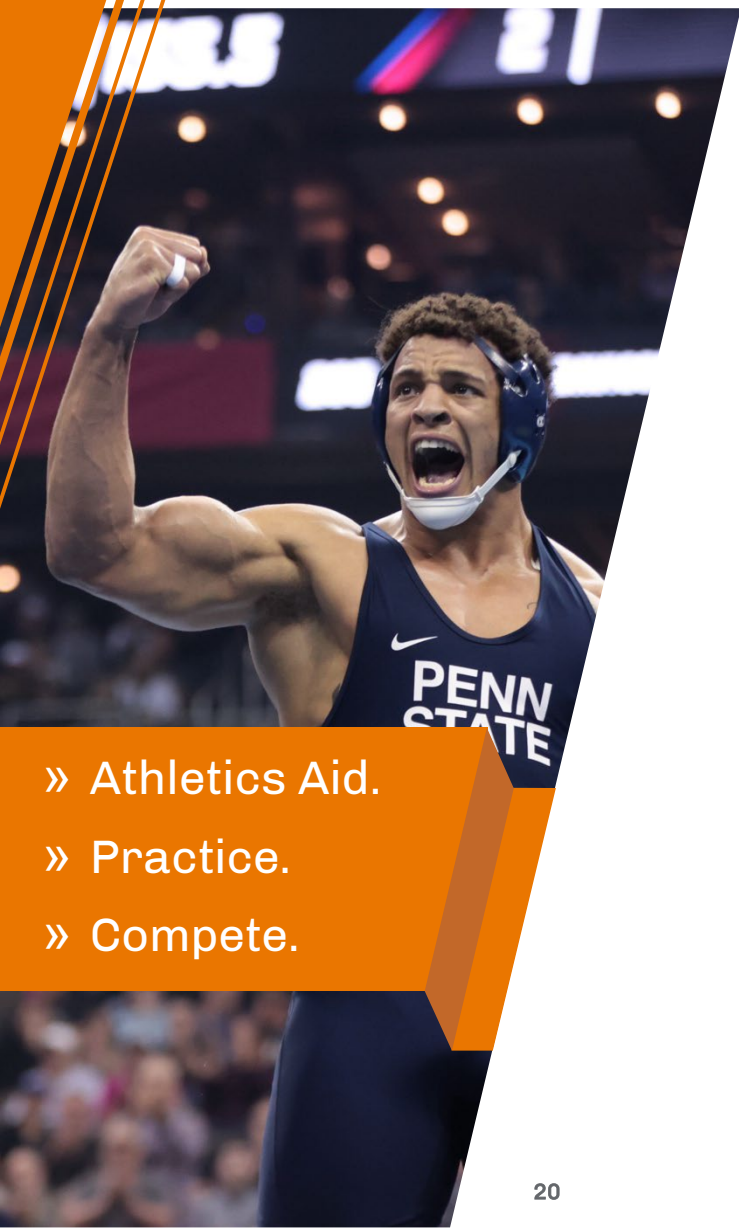
Note: Based on the student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Earn 14 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Earn a minimum 3.0 core-course GPA.



- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.

Division I QUALIFIER



Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Complete 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight semesters from their initial start of ninth grade.



Meet the [10/7 requirement](#) before the start of their seventh semester.

- » Not required for students with solely [international](#) academic credentials.



Earn a minimum 2.3 [core-course GPA](#).



Division I ACADEMIC REDSHIRT



Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Earn a minimum 2.0 core-course GPA.

- » First Year Athletics Aid.
- » First Term Practice.
- » ~~Compete.~~



Division I NONQUALIFIER



Not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete during their first year of full-time enrollment.



Encourage your students to check with the compliance office at the NCAA school they may attend to discuss their options.

- » ~~Athletics Aid.~~
- » ~~Practice.~~
- » ~~Compete.~~



Division II CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

1. [Early Academic Qualifier.](#)
2. [Qualifier.](#)
3. [Partial Qualifier.](#)



- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.

Division II EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Note: Based on the student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Earn 14 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Earn a minimum 2.5 [core-course GPA](#).



Division II QUALIFIER



Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Earn a minimum 2.2 core-course GPA.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



Division II PARTIAL QUALIFIER



May receive athletics aid and practice but may NOT compete during their first year of full-time enrollment.



Encourage your students to check with the compliance office at the NCAA school they may attend to discuss their options.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » ~~Compete.~~



DIVISION III

- » While Division III schools set their own academic standards on campus, the Eligibility Center certifies the amateur status of Division III international student-athletes.
 - All other Division III student-athletes are certified on campus.
- » [International student-athletes](#) enrolling at a Division III school must register with the Eligibility Center and receive their final amateurism certification before they can compete.
- » Domestic student-athletes enrolling at a Division III school may register for a free Profile Page account, but it is not required.

INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FLYERS

Scan the QR Codes Below



**Division I
Academic Standards**



**Division II
Academic Standards**



**Division III
Amateurism**



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A male tennis coach with a red headband and a blue shirt is instructing a female player in a green and white tennis outfit on a tennis court. The coach is holding the player's racket to demonstrate a technique. The background shows a green chain-link fence and trees.

RECRUITING



IS YOUR STUDENT BEING RECRUITED?

» A student is being actively recruited if an NCAA coach:



Calls



Texts



Emails



Messages via
Social Media



Visits Your
High School



Pays Expenses to
Visit Campus



Issues
Athletics Aid



Writes Offer
of Financial Aid

- » Recruiting can begin as early as ninth grade.
- In most cases, recruiting starts in eleventh grade.



INSTITUTIONAL REQUEST LIST

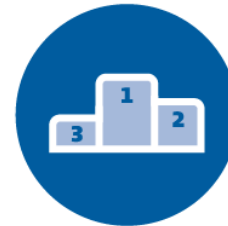
- » An [IRL](#) is a list of college-bound student-athletes an NCAA school is interested in recruiting.
- A student **must** be on an NCAA school's IRL to receive an academic and/or amateurism certification.



Receive
Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete



RECRUITING CALENDARS

[Recruiting calendars](#) promote student well-being and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

*Division, Sport and Grade Level Determines Recruiting Activities**

	CONTACT PERIOD	EVALUATION PERIOD	QUIET PERIOD	DEAD PERIOD	RECRUITING SHUTDOWN
College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
College coaches may watch you compete.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
College coaches may visit your high school.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
College coaches may have face-to-face contact with you and your family.	Yes	Yes, but only on the college's campus.	Yes, but only on the college's campus.	No	No



OFFICIAL vs UNOFFICIAL VISITS

OFFICIAL VISITS

» [Official visits](#): Any visit to a college campus paid for by the NCAA school student is visiting. Before a Division I or II official visit, they must:



Register with
the Eligibility Center



Be on the
NCAA School's IRL



Request Upload of Your
High School Transcript

UNOFFICIAL VISITS

» [Unofficial visits](#): Any visit to a college campus paid for by student or their family members.



OFFICIAL vs UNOFFICIAL VISITS

OFFICIAL VISITS

What can an NCAA school pay for during an official visit?

<i>Division I</i>	<i>Division II</i>	<i>Division III</i>
Your transportation to and from the NCAA school you're visiting (plus up to two family members).	Your transportation to and from the NCAA school you're visiting.	Your transportation to and from the NCAA school you're visiting.
Your lodging.	Your lodging.	Your lodging.
Up to three meals per day for you and up to four family members.	Your meals.	Up to three meals per day for you.
Reasonable entertainment expenses (including up to \$60 per recruited student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying you, including five tickets to a home sports event).	Reasonable entertainment expenses (including up to \$50 per recruited student-athlete and any family member accompanying you, including tickets to a home sports event).	Reasonable entertainment expenses (including up to \$40 per recruited student-athlete and any family member accompanying you, including tickets to home sports events).



OFFICIAL vs UNOFFICIAL VISITS

UNOFFICIAL VISITS

What can an NCAA school pay for during an unofficial visit?

<i>Division I</i>	<i>Division II</i>	<i>Division III</i>
No complimentary meals.	One meal for you and your family members.	One meal for you at the on-campus dining facility or one meal for you off campus if the on-campus dining facility is closed and the NCAA school provides meals to all prospective students, including nonathletes.
Complimentary admission (including three tickets for a home athletics contest).	Complimentary admission (including tickets for a home athletics contest).	Complimentary admission (including tickets for you and those accompanying you).



QUESTION TOPICS

For Students to Discuss with NCAA Coaches

- » Academic resources.
- » Additional team responsibilities.
- » Athletic training and medical expenses.
- » Coaching philosophy and style.
- » Degree completion support.
- » Injuries and rehabilitation.
- » Mental health resources.
- » [Name, image and likeness.](#)
- » Playing time.
- » Scholarship renewals.
- » Team time demands.

Visit on.ncaa.com/choosing for more suggestions of questions for students to ask NCAA schools.



RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

Encourage your student to:

- » Talk with their support system about what level of competition they think the student should aim for.
- » Register for an Eligibility Center account before ninth grade.
- » Check their email often for Eligibility Center [tasks](#).
- » Work as hard in the classroom as they do in their sport! Earn the best NCAA [core-course GPA](#) possible.
- » Use this [interactive map](#) to research the admission requirements of NCAA schools they're interested in attending.
- » Research when their [division- and sport-specific recruiting activity periods](#) are throughout each year.
- » If possible, play on elite travel teams and attend camps or showcases in their area.



RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

Encourage your student to:

- » Conduct themselves in a positive manner in class, practices and games, at home, in their community and online.
- » Email college coaches during their sport's [contact period](#) to share their achievements and their interest.
 - Include their name, position and [NCAA ID](#).
- » If they're being [actively recruited](#) by an NCAA school, help them [transition](#) their Profile Page account to the right [certification account](#).
- » Take [unofficial and official visits](#) to NCAA schools they're interested in attending.
 - If they're unable to visit campus, review school websites and take virtual campus tours to learn more.



ATHLETICS AID (NEW SIGNING MODEL)

- » By signing for athletics aid, a student agrees to attend that Division I or II school.
- » Athletics aid is:
 - Voluntary and ends the recruiting process.
 - Provided for a minimum of one academic year.
 - > Student must be admitted to the NCAA school.
 - > Student must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.





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A large, stylized NCAA logo in white on a blue background, surrounded by colorful confetti (blue, orange, yellow, green) and a dark blue background with white lines. The logo is the central focus of the image.

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RESOURCES



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Connect with the
Eligibility Center

RESOURCES

- » [Coaches Newsletter.](#)
- » [Registration Checklist.](#)
- » [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.](#)
- » [Initial-Eligibility Flyer.](#)
- » [Homeschooled Students.](#)
- » [International Students.](#)
- » [Education-Impacting Disabilities.](#)



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THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

Contact the Eligibility Center



Take a Short
Survey on How We
Did Today

- » Coach and college-bound student-athlete support line.
 - 877-262-1492.
 - > Monday-Friday.
 - > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.



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