



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

For College-Bound Student-Athletes



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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.



NCAA THREE DIVISIONS

DIVISION	 DIVISION I	 DIVISION II <i>MAKE IT YOURS</i>	 DIVISION III <small>DISCOVER DEVELOP DEDICATE</small>
NUMBER OF SCHOOLS*	351 (33%)	296 (27%)	433 (40%)
MEDIAN UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	8,449	2,300	1,655
STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES	1 in 22 	1 in 9 	1 in 6 
AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEAMS PER SCHOOL	19	16	19
PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION	 36%	 25%	 39%
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available 58% of athletes receive athletics aid	Partial athletics scholarship model 67% of athletes receive athletics aid	No athletics scholarships 80% of athletes receive nonathletics aid



CHOOSING AN NCAA SCHOOL



School Size



School Location



Majors
and Minors



Cost of Attendance



Admission
Requirements



Culture
and Affiliations



Student-to-Faculty
Ratio

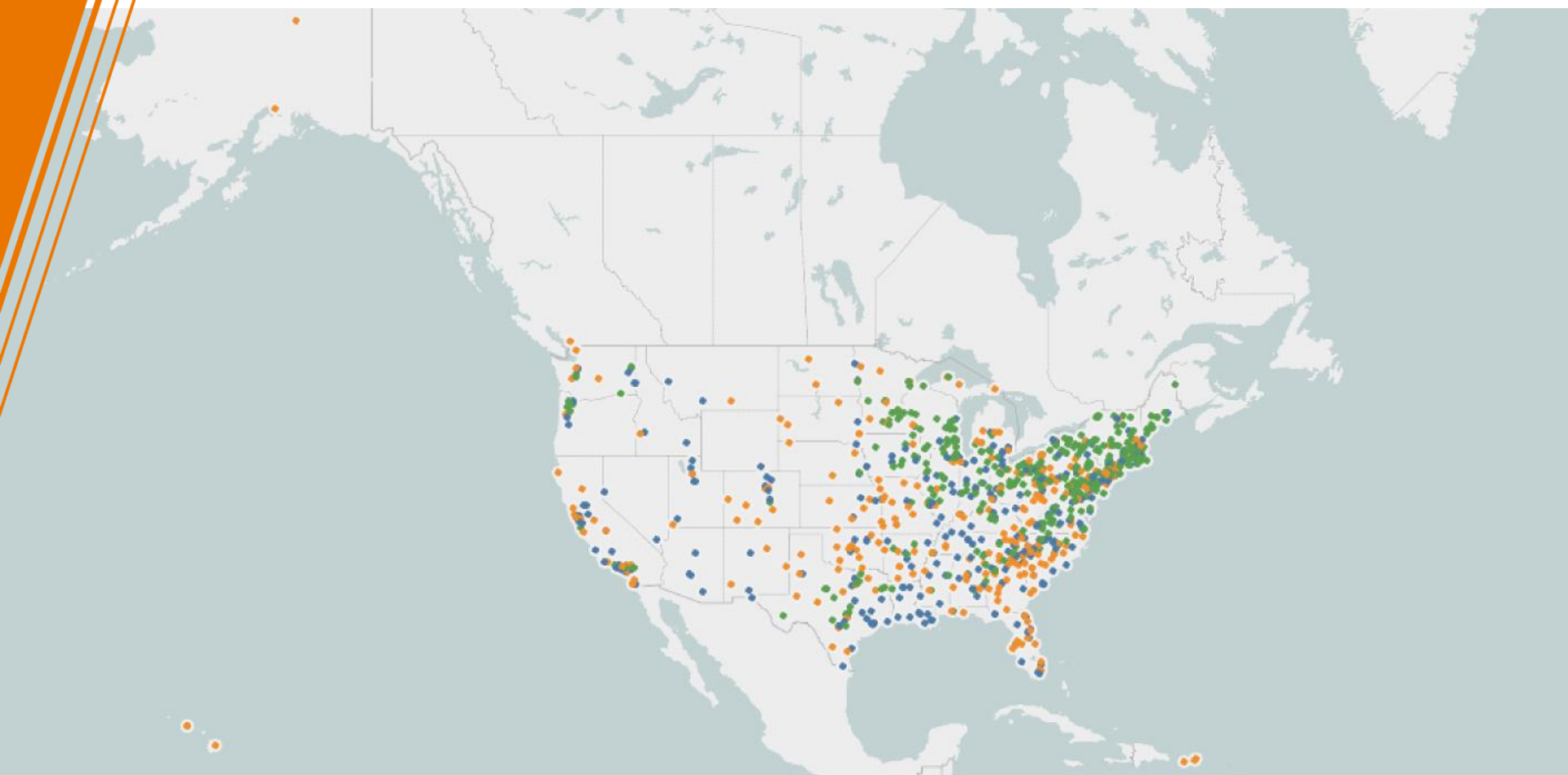


Playing Time

» Use this [interactive map](#) to locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.



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CHOOSING AN NCAA SCHOOL



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 you can compete.
 - NCAA certification does **NOT** include acceptance to the NCAA school recruiting you.
- » Ask college admission about:
 - Cost of attendance.
 - Financial aid.
 - 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.



SCHOLARSHIPS BY SPORT

Only about **2% of high school-athletes** are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.

- » Academic scholarships.
- » Athletics scholarships.
- » Expectations.
 - Annual scholarships.
 - Full scholarships.
 - Partial scholarships.
 - Scholarship renewals.



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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 IS REQUIRED

Register Before Freshman Year



NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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 you plan to compete.
- » Domestic students planning to compete at a [Division III school](#).
- » Registering in an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event ([BBCS](#), ECAG, AAU).



No registration fee.



[Transition](#) to the right [certification account](#) at any time.



ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #2



Required to compete at a Division I or II school.

- » Go on [official visits](#).
- » Sign a [National Letter of Intent](#).
- » Receive an athletics scholarship.



Registration fee:

- » [Domestic students](#): \$100.
- » [International students](#): \$160.



AMATEURISM-ONLY CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #3



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



Registration fee:
» \$70.



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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A close-up photograph of a person wearing a green athletic shirt, holding a pair of bright pink and black running shoes. The person's hands are visible, adjusting the laces. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in similar green shirts.

CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

Divisions I and II



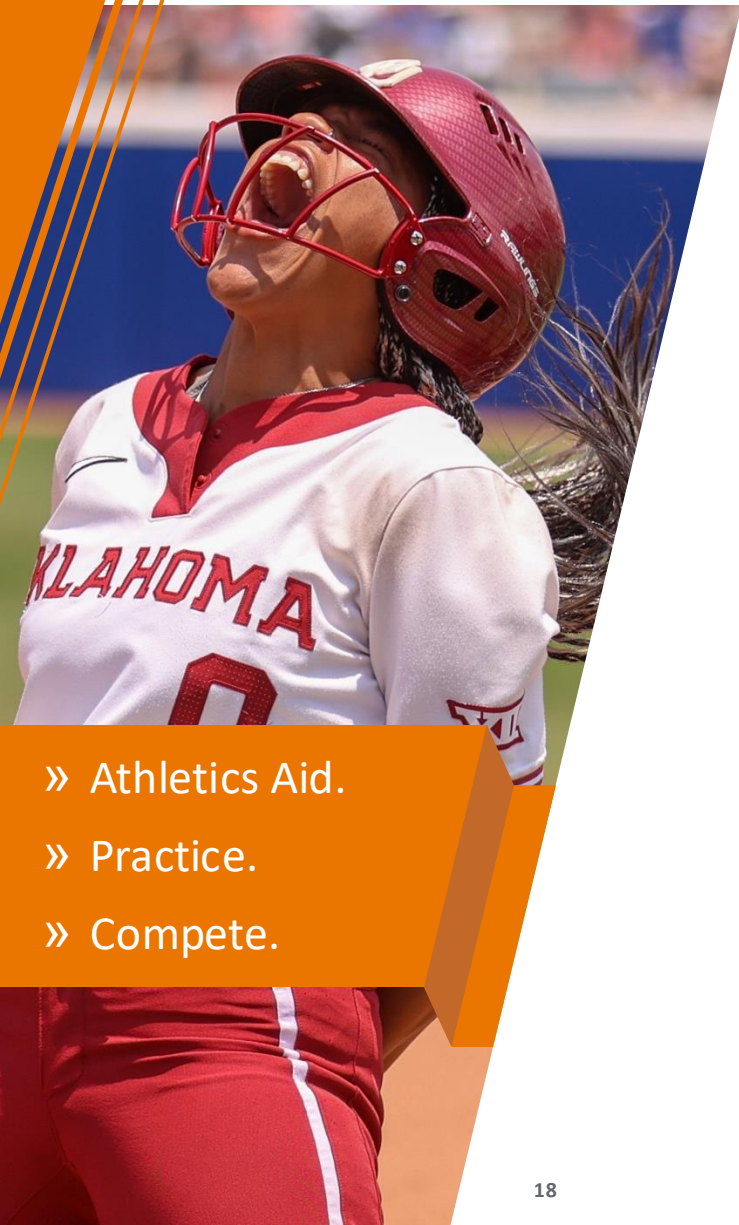


Division I

CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

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





DIVISION I: QUALIFIER



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Meet core-course progression before the seventh semester.

Note: Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.3 in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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



DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.0 in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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



DIVISION I: NONQUALIFIER



Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year at an NCAA Division I school.

» ~~Athletics Aid.~~

» ~~Practice.~~

» ~~Compete.~~



Division II CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

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



DIVISION II: QUALIFIER



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.2 in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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



DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

College-bound student-athletes that do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.



DIVISION III

» Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:

- Academic requirements.
- Admission.
- Financial aid.

» **International student-athletes**

who plan to compete at a Division III school must complete an NCAA Eligibility Center Amateurism-Only Certification account.

» Domestic student-athletes who plan to compete at a Division III school may register for a free Profile Page account, but it is not required.



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RECRUITING





ARE YOU BEING RECRUITED?

» You're being recruited if a college coach:



Calls



Texts



Emails



Messages via Social Media



Visits Your High School



Pays Expenses to Visit Campus



Issues National Letter of Intent



Writes Offer of Financial Aid

» Recruiting can begin as early as freshman year.

- In most cases, recruiting starts before junior year.



RECRUITING CALENDARS

NCAA Division I and II recruiting calendars promote your 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.

<i>Division, Sport and Grade Level Determines Recruiting Activities*</i>			
Contact Period	Evaluation Period	Quiet Period	Dead Period
College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.
College coaches may watch you compete.	College coaches may watch you compete.	College coaches may not watch you compete.	College coaches may not watch you compete.
College coaches may visit your high school.	College coaches may visit your high school.	College coaches may not visit your high school.	College coaches may not visit your high school.
College coaches may have face-to-face contact with you and your family.	College coaches may not have face-to-face contact with you or your family off the college's campus.	College coaches may only have face-to-face contact with you and your family on the college's campus.	College coaches may not have face-to-face contact with you or your family.

To view your division- and sport-specific recruiting calendar visit on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal.



OFFICIAL VS UNOFFICIAL VISITS

OFFICIAL VISITS

Official visits are any visit to a college campus paid for by the NCAA school you're visiting. Before a Division I or II official visit, you must:



Register for a Certification Account



Be on an IRL



Send Your High School Transcripts

UNOFFICIAL VISITS

Unofficial visits are any visit to a college campus paid by you or your family members.



QUESTIONS TO ASK NCAA COACHES

- » Additional team responsibilities.
- » Athletic training and medical expenses.
- » Coaching philosophy and style.
- » Degree completion support.
- » Injuries and rehabilitation.
- » Mental health resources.
- » Playing time.
 - Am I a top seed, five seed or standby recruit?
 - Are there any redshirt expectations?
- » Scholarship renewals.
 - Will I receive a full or partial scholarship?
 - If I'm injured will my scholarship remain?
- » Team time demands.



RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

- » Talk with your support system about what level of competition they think you should aim for.
- » Check your email often for open Eligibility Center tasks.
- » Use this [interactive map](#) to locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
 - Research admission requirements to NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
- » Research your division- and sport-specific recruiting periods.



RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

- » Consider elite travel teams and camps.
- » Email college coaches during your sport's contact period to share your achievements and your interest.
 - Include your name, position and [NCAA ID](#).

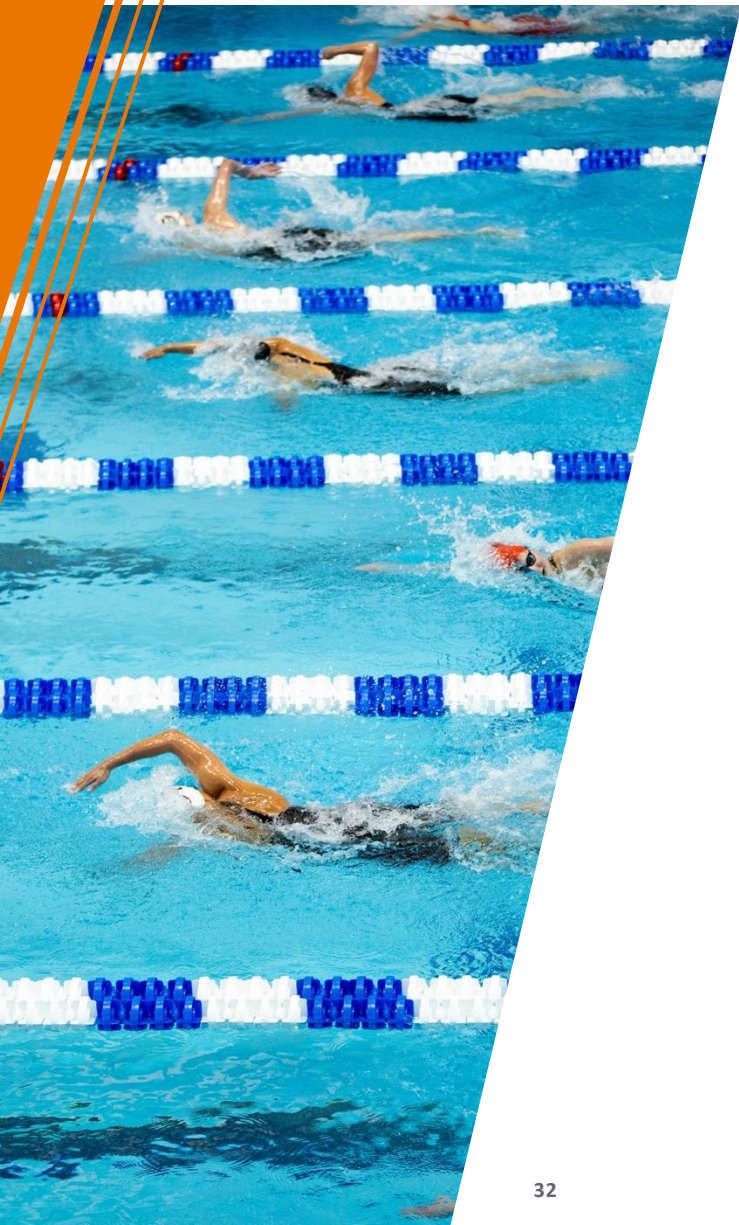


Your Name

NCAA ID: 1234567890

Grad: MM/YYYY | Enroll: SEASON YYYY

- » If possible, take official and unofficial visits.
 - Review school websites and take virtual campus tours to learn more about NCAA schools.
- » Conduct yourself in a positive manner in class, practices and games, at home, in your community and online.



NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

- » By signing a NLI, you're agreeing to attend a Division I or II school for one academic year.
- » NLI is voluntary and ends the recruiting process.
- » Athletics financial aid is provided for a minimum of one academic year.
 - You must be admitted to the NCAA school.
 - You must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.
- » For more NLI information, visit nationalletter.org.



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A large, stylized blue basketball with white lines is the central focus. The word "NCAA" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif letters across the middle of the basketball. The basketball is surrounded by a dark blue background with scattered confetti in shades of teal, orange, and yellow. The entire scene is framed by orange and red diagonal stripes on the left and right sides, and a white geometric pattern in the bottom right corner.

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RESOURCES



Registration Checklist

RESOURCES

- » [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.](#)
- » [Initial-Eligibility Flyer.](#)
- » [Home School Students.](#)
- » [International Students.](#)
- » [Education Impacting Disabilities.](#)
- » Register at [eligibilitycenter.org.](https://eligibilitycenter.org)



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THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

Contact the Eligibility Center



» College-bound student-athlete support line.

- 877-262-1492.
 - > Monday-Friday.
 - > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.

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Eligibility Center



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