



NCAA FRESHMAN-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

KNOW THE RULES:

Core Courses

- **NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses as of August 1, 2008.** This rule applies to any student first entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008. See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.
- **NCAA Division II requires 14 core courses.** See the breakdown of core-course requirements below. Please note, Division II will require 16 core courses beginning August 1, 2013.

Test Scores

- **Division I** has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average. The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on page two of this sheet.
- **Division II** has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes only the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a sum of the four sections on the ACT: English, mathematics, reading and science.
- **All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the Eligibility Center code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the Eligibility Center.**

Grade-Point Average

- Only core courses are used in the calculation of the grade-point average.
- **Be sure** to look at your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses on the Eligibility Center's Web site to make certain that courses being taken have been approved as core courses. The Web site is www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- **Division I** grade-point-average requirements are listed on page two of this sheet.
- **The Division II** grade-point-average requirement is a minimum of 2.000.

DIVISION I 16 Core-Course Rule

16 Core Courses:

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

DIVISION II 14 Core-Course Rule

14 Core Courses:

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

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning August 1, 2013, students planning to attend an NCAA Division II institution will be required to complete 16 core courses.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Division II has no sliding scale. The minimum core grade-point average is 2.000. The minimum SAT score is 820 (verbal and math sections only) and the minimum ACT sum score is 68.
- 14 core courses are currently required for Division II. However, beginning 2013, students will be required to complete 16 core courses.
- 16 core courses are required for Division I.
- The SAT combined score is based on the verbal and math sections only. The writing section will not be used.
- SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Scores on transcripts will not be used.
- Students enrolling at an NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time need to also complete the amateurism questionnaire through the Eligibility Center Web site. Students need to request final amateurism certification prior to enrollment.

For more information regarding the rules, please go to www.NCAA.org. Click on "Academics and Athletes" then "Eligibility and Recruiting." Or visit the Eligibility Center Web site at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Please call the NCAA Eligibility Center if you have questions:

Toll-free number: 877/262-1492.

NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE CORE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE/ TEST-SCORE New Core GPA / Test Score Index		
Core GPA	SAT Verbal and Math ONLY	ACT
3.550 & above	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	59
2.700	730	60
2.675	740-750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
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

Summary of Recruiting Rules for Each Sport—Division I

	RECRUITING METHOD	MEN'S BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	FOOTBALL	OTHER SPORTS
	Recruiting materials	• Allowed.	• Allowed.	• Allowed.	• Allowed.
	Telephone calls	• You may make calls to the coach at your expense.	• You may make calls to the coach at your expense.	• You may make calls to the coach at your expense.	• You may make calls to the coach at your expense.
	College coaches may call you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice per week beginning August 1. • (Beginning August 1, 2011) Unlimited calls the day after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR the day after the college receives a financial deposit from you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice per week beginning August 1. • (Beginning August 1, 2011) Unlimited calls the day after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR the day after the college receives a financial deposit from you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once per week beginning September 1. • (Beginning August 1, 2011) Unlimited calls the day after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR the day after the college receives a financial deposit from you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice per week beginning August 1. • Men's Ice Hockey—Once per week beginning August 1. • Women's Ice Hockey—Once per week beginning July 7 after your junior year. • (Beginning August 1, 2011) Unlimited calls the day after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR the day after the college receives a financial deposit from you.
	Off-campus contact	• Allowed beginning September 9.	• Allowed beginning September 16.	• Allowed beginning Sunday following the last Saturday in November.	• Allowed.
	Official visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed beginning opening day of classes your senior year. • You are limited to one official visit per college up to a maximum of five official visits to Divisions I and II colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed beginning opening day of classes your senior year. • You are limited to one official visit per college up to a maximum of five official visits to Divisions I and II colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed beginning opening day of classes your senior year. • You are limited to one official visit per college up to a maximum of five official visits to Divisions I and II colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed beginning opening day of classes your senior year. • You are limited to one official visit per college up to a maximum of five official visits to Divisions I and II colleges.
	Unofficial visit	• You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits.	• You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits.	• You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits.	• You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits.
	Evaluation and contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to seven times during your senior year. • (Beginning August 1, 2011) Unlimited number of contacts and evaluation the day after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR the day after the college receives a financial deposit from you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Beginning August 1, 2011) Up to seven times during your senior year. • Unlimited number of contacts and evaluation the day after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR the day after the college receives a financial deposit from you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to six times during your senior year. • (Beginning August 1, 2011) Unlimited number of contacts and evaluation the day after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR the day after the college receives a financial deposit from you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to seven times during your senior year. • (Beginning August 1, 2011) Unlimited number of contacts and evaluation the day after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR the day after the college receives a financial deposit from you.
	How often can a coach see me or talk to me off the college's campus?	• A college coach may contact you or your parents/legal guardians not more than three times during your senior year.	• A college coach may contact you or your parents/legal guardians not more than three times during your senior year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A college coach may contact you or your parents/legal guardians (including evaluating you off the college's campus) six times. • One evaluation during September, October and November. • Two evaluations—April 15 through May 31 (once to evaluate athletics ability and once to evaluate academic qualifications). 	• A college coach may contact you or your parents/legal guardians not more than three times during your senior year.

SENIOR YEAR

Summary of Recruiting Rules for Each Sport—Division I

	RECRUITING METHOD	MEN'S BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	FOOTBALL	OTHER SPORTS
SOPHOMORE YEAR	Recruiting materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may receive brochures for camps and questionnaires. You may begin receiving recruiting materials June 15 after your sophomore year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may receive brochures for camps and questionnaires. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may receive brochures for camps and questionnaires. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may receive brochures for camps and questionnaires. Men's Ice Hockey—You may begin receiving recruiting materials June 15 after your sophomore year.
	Telephone calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense only. College may accept collect calls from you at end of your sophomore year. College coach cannot call you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense only. College coach cannot call you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense only. College coach cannot call you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense only. College coach cannot call you. Women's Ice Hockey—A college coach may call international college-bound student-athletes once on or after July 7 through July 31 after sophomore year.
	Off-campus contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed.
	Official visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed.
	Unofficial visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits.

	RECRUITING METHOD	MEN'S BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	FOOTBALL	OTHER SPORTS
JUNIOR YEAR	Recruiting materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed. You may begin receiving recruiting materials June 15 after your sophomore year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may begin receiving September 1 of your junior year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may begin receiving September 1 of your junior year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may begin receiving September 1 of your junior year. Men's Ice Hockey—You may begin receiving recruiting materials June 15 after your sophomore year.
	Telephone calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense.
	College coaches may call you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once per month beginning June 15, before your junior year, through July 31 after your junior year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once per month in April (on or after the Thursday following the Women's Final Four) and May. Once between June 1 and June 20 after your junior year. Once between June 21 and June 30 after your junior year. Three times in July after your junior year (maximum of one call per week). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once from April 15 to May 31 of your junior year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once per week starting July 1 after your junior year. Men's Ice Hockey—Once per month beginning June 15, before your junior year, through July 31 after your junior year. Women's Ice Hockey—Once per week beginning July 7 after your junior year.
	Off-campus contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed starting July 1 after your junior year. Gymnastics—Allowed beginning July 15 after your junior year. Women's Ice Hockey—Allowed beginning July 7 after your junior year.
	Official visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed.
	Unofficial visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits.

Summary of Recruiting Rules—Divisions II and III

	DIVISION II	DIVISION III
Recruiting materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A coach may begin sending you printed recruiting materials September 1 of your junior year in high school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may receive printed materials any time.
Telephone calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A college coach may call you once per week beginning June 15 between your junior and senior year. You may make calls to the coach at your expense. Unlimited number of calls the day after the college receives a financial deposit from you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No limit on number of calls or when they can be made by the college coach. You may make calls to the coach at your expense.
Off-campus contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A college coach can have contact with you or your parents/legal guardians off the college's campus beginning June 15 after your junior year. A college coach is limited to three in-person contacts off campus. Unlimited number of contacts and evaluations the day after the college receives a financial deposit from you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A college coach may begin to have contact with you and your parents/legal guardians off the college's campus after your junior year.
Unofficial visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits any time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits any time.
Official visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make official visits starting the opening day of classes your senior year. You may make only one official visit per college and up to a maximum of five official visits to Division I colleges. There is no limit to official visits to Division II colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make official visits starting the opening day of classes your senior year. You may make only one official visit per college.

LIST OF NCAA-SPONSORED SPORTS

Fall Sports

Cross Country (W)
 Cross Country (M)
 Field Hockey (W)
 Football (M)
 Soccer (W)
 Soccer (M)
 Volleyball (W)
 Water Polo (M)

Winter Sports

Basketball (W)
 Basketball (M)
 Bowling (W)
 Fencing (M&W)
 Gymnastics (W)
 Gymnastics (M)
 Ice Hockey (W)
 Ice Hockey (M)
 Rifle (M&W)
 Skiing (M&W)
 Swimming and Diving (W)
 Swimming and Diving (M)
 Indoor Track and Field (W)
 Indoor Track and Field (M)
 Wrestling (M)

Spring Sports

Baseball (M)
 Golf (W)
 Golf (M)
 Lacrosse (W)
 Lacrosse (M)
 Rowing (W)
 Softball (W)
 Tennis (W)
 Tennis (M)
 Outdoor Track and Field (W)
 Outdoor Track and Field (M)
 Volleyball (M)
 Water Polo (W)

Emerging Sports

Equestrian (W)
 Rugby (W)
 Sand Volleyball (W)