

# How to Navigate the NCAA Process

Olathe School District

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Eligibility Center

# The Game Plan.....

- ▶ General overview of initial-eligibility rules
- ▶ Certification Process
- ▶ Roles and Responsibilities
- ▶ Where are the bumps in the road?
- ▶ Help! (and contact information)

# 2.3 or take a Knee: GRADES MATTER!!!

- ▶ <http://www.adforum.com/creative-work/ad/player/34496129/talking-bench/ncaa>



# NCAA Division I Eligibility

Students will need to meet the following requirements to receive **athletics aid, practice** and **compete** their first year:

- ▶ 16 Core Courses in the following areas:
  - 4 years of English
  - 3 years of math at Algebra I level or higher
  - 2 years of natural or physical science (one lab class required)
  - 1 year of additional English, math or natural/physical science
  - 2 years of social science
  - 4 years additional coursework from areas above or foreign language
- ▶ Minimum required GPA
  - Minimum GPA of 2.300 in those 16 core courses

# Standardized Tests Waived for 23-24 Enrollment

- ▶ As of January 2023, standardized test scores are **not required** for **all** student-athletes who initially enroll full time on or after August 1, 2023. During the 2023 NCAA Convention, **Divisions I and II** adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores for these students. Last year, NCAA research found that about 23% of Division I schools have adopted test-optional policies for at least one year in their admissions process. Another 19% have permanent test-optional policies.
- ▶ Check with the NCAA school you plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements.

# Division I Eligibility Reminders

- ▶ Minimum core GPA = 2.3.
- ▶ Ten core courses required prior to beginning of **seventh semester**.
  - ▶ Seven of the 10 courses must be English, math or science.
  - ▶ Ten core courses are “locked in” for GPA purposes.



# Three Possible Academic Outcomes for Division I Eligibility

- ▶ Full Qualifier
  - ▶ Access to practice, competition and athletics aid in the first year
  - ▶ Meets all academic requirements of the rule.
- ▶ Academic Redshirt
  - ▶ Access to practice and athletics aid only in the first year;
  - ▶ No competition in the first year;
    - Lacks the 10/7; and/or
    - Lacks 2.3 GPA.

# Three Possible Academic Outcomes for Division I Eligibility Cont.

- ▶ Non-qualifier
  - ▶ No practice, no competition, no athletics aid in first year; and
  - ▶ Three seasons of competition; may earn fourth season back.
- ▶ Remember that these rules govern the college-bound student-athlete's first academic year in residence. Student-athletes may gain or lose their eligibility each term based on institutional, conference and NCAA rules.



# Division II Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Complete the required 16 core courses
- ▶ Earn a minimum 2.20 GPA or better in your core courses



# Classes to be aware of for NCAA

**The following classes are core classes in Olathe, but do not count for NCAA Eligibility:**

- Applied Algebra
- Applied Geometry
- Intermediate Algebra
- Horticulture
- Earth & Space Science

There may be other core classes that are building specific to check for. See your school's list of approved classes at:

<https://web3.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction?hsActionSubmit=searchHighSchool>



# NCAA RECRUITING FACTS

College sports create a pathway to opportunity for student-athletes.

**480,000**  
Student-athletes

**19,000**  
Teams

**3** Divisions  
**1** Association

## DIVISION I

Division I schools, on average, enroll the most students, manage the largest athletics budgets, offer a wide array of academic programs and provide the most athletics scholarships.

### PARTICIPATION

- 176,000 student-athletes
- 346 colleges and universities

### ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

56 percent of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid

### ACADEMICS

2014 Graduation Success Rate: 83 percent\*

### OTHER STATS

**Median Undergraduate Enrollment:** 9,205  
**Average Number of Teams per School:** 19  
**Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports:** 4 percent  
**Division I National Championships:** 26 (1 out of every 8.5 student-athletes participates)

## DIVISION II

Division II provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, high-level athletics competition and community engagement. Many participants are first-generation college students.

### PARTICIPATION

- 118,800 student-athletes
- 307 colleges and universities

### ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

61 percent of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid

### ACADEMICS

2014 Academic Success Rate: 71 percent\*

### OTHER STATS

**Median Undergraduate Enrollment:** 2,530  
**Average Number of Teams per School:** 15  
**Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports:** 10 percent  
**Division II National Championships:** 25 (1 out of every 7 student-athletes participates)

## DIVISION III

The Division III experience provides an integrated environment that focuses on academic success while offering competitive athletics and meaningful non-athletics opportunities.

### PARTICIPATION

- 187,800 student-athletes
- 439 colleges and universities

### FINANCIAL AID

82 percent of all student-athletes receive some form of academic grant or need-based scholarship; institutional gift aid totals \$17,000 on average

### ACADEMICS

2014 Academic Success Rate: 87 percent\*

### OTHER STATS

**Median Undergraduate Enrollment:** 1,860  
**Average Number of Teams per School:** 18  
**Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports:** 21 percent  
**Division III National Championships:** 28 (1 out of every 10 student-athletes participates)

Want to play NCAA sports? Visit [www.NCAA.org/playcollegesports](http://www.NCAA.org/playcollegesports)

\*Graduation rate for student-athletes, including those who transfer from one school to another.



# Facts about NCAA sports

## Does the NCAA award athletics scholarships?

Individual schools award athletics scholarships. Divisions I and II schools provide \$2.7 billion in athletics scholarships annually to more than 150,000 student-athletes. Division III schools, with more than 180,000 student-athletes, do not offer athletically related financial aid, but most student-athletes receive some form of academic grant or need-based scholarship.

## Do many high school athletes earn athletics scholarships?

Very few, in fact. About 2 percent of high school athletes are awarded some form of athletics scholarship to compete in college.

**Do NCAA student-athletes have difficulty meeting graduation requirements with the time demands of their sport?** While competing in college does require strong time-management skills and some thoughtful planning with academic advisors, on average NCAA student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than the general student body.

## Do many NCAA student-athletes go on to play professionally?


Fewer than 2 percent of NCAA student-athletes go on to be professional athletes. In reality, most student-athletes depend on academics to prepare them for life after college. Education is important. There are nearly half a million NCAA student-athletes, and most of them will go pro in something other than sports.

### ESTIMATED PROBABILITY OF COMPETING IN NCAA ATHLETICS BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Student-Athletes	All Sports	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Baseball	Men's Ice Hockey	Men's Soccer
High School Student-Athletes	7,800,000	541,500	429,500	1,083,600	486,600	35,900	432,600
NCAA Student-Athletes	480,000	18,700	16,600	72,800	34,200	4,100	24,500
Percentage Moving from High School to NCAA	6%	3.5%	3.9%	6.7%	7%	11.3%	5.7%
Percentage Moving from NCAA to Major Professional*	2%	1.1%	0.9%	1.6%	9.7%	6.6%	1.4%

\*Percent NCAA to Major Professional figures are based on the number of draft picks made in the NFL, NBA, WNBA, MLB, NHL and MLS drafts.





# NAIA Eligibility – another great opportunity for student athletes

Initial eligibility for incoming college freshmen is simple. The NAIA does not have any core course requirements and can be determined as early as the summer following your junior year.

To participate in athletics in the NAIA, you must be admitted to the college or university under admission standards equal to or higher than those applied to the general student body.

# Division II, Division III, NAIA, Junior College

- ▶ Each division has different rules governing their athletes.
- ▶ Refer to each website:
  - Division 2: <http://www.ncaa.org/d2>
  - Division 3: <http://www.ncaa.org/d3>
  - NAIA:  
<http://www.playnaia.org/page/process.php>
  - Junior College:  
<https://www.njcaa.org/landing/index>

# NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

- 1. Create an account at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org)**
- 2. Register with a valid email address you will have access to after high school (personal email NOT school email!)**
- 3. Enter student information, education history, student sport participation history**
- 4. Payment - \$90 (fee waiver available for Students eligible for free or reduced lunch)**

# Contact Information

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