



Spring 2010 NCAA Information

The following information was recently given out by Blue Star Basketball to satisfy the NCAA mandate requiring that all NCAA Certified Events hold an NCAA Initial Eligibility Session. I have highlighted some important parts in red.

To Qualify for a Division 1 Scholarship you must meet the following items.

- Graduating from HS with a min. of 2.0 GPA in your 16 core classes - check with your guidance counselor in September to see what you have as core and what other courses you may need to qualify.
 - **Your GPA & your ACT/SAT scores are based on a sliding scale - the higher your GPA, the lower your ACT/SAT score can be.**
- If you meet all requirements you are a **Qualifier**. This means you can practice and compete and receive an athletics scholarship during 1st year and may participate in 4 seasons
 - **The NCAA no longer acknowledges a Partial Qualifier status as in years past.**
- If you do not have the 16 core, a qualifying GPA, or SAT/ACT score you're a **Non-Qualifier**. This means you cannot practice or compete or receive an athletics scholarship during 1st year and may participate in 3 seasons or 4 if you graduate by beginning of 5th year. Check with your guidance counselor to assist you.
- Athletic Scholarships are awarded only on a year-to-year basis and can be reduce or cancelled after the one-year period for any reason. *There is no such thing as a guaranteed 4-year full-ride.*
- The **National Letter of Intent (NLI)** is a binding agreement between a student athlete and their anticipated college institution to provide the athlete with athletic aid in exchange for their enrollment in 1 academic year. Division 1 institutions may not give out an NLI or scholarship until you have registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Early signing periods can take place in November and April of your HS Senior year.
- **Phone calls** initiated by the college can occur in April of your Junior Year, and then again in May, another between June 1-21, then from June 21-30 they can make one more. During July the can only make one July 1-6 & 16-21. Starting Aug. 1, it is one per week. **No calls/emails/letters are permitted during the month of July to prospects/parents/coaches/HS coaches while you are competing. Text messaging and instant messaging are PROHIBITED during the recruiting process.**
- You must take the SAT or ACT AND be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center **prior to an official visit**. You cannot visit a school unless you have taken the test at least once. You do not have to be a Qualifier to take the official visit but you must present a HS transcript and valid test score on your visit. **You're allowed 1 visit per college and an overall maximum of 5 official visits**. These visits cannot exceed 48 hours and can be taken no earlier than your first day of classes during your junior year.
 - take the test at the end of your sophomore year to know where you stand, not later



- Division 2 has less stringent Qualifier index requirements.
 - Division 3 does not have Qualifier index requirements.
 - Remember, your overall GPA is different from the 16-core NCAA required GPA
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- **All students wishing to seek a D1 or D2 scholarship MUST register with the NCAA Eligibility Center** (formerly known as the Clearinghouse). This booklet is available at your Guidance Counselor office.
 - This should be done immediately after completion of your Junior HS year.
 - There are special situations and waivers available for students with various hardships and disabilities. Consult your counselor and/or the NCAA. Learn more at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
 - **Amateurism/Gambling:** College Eligibility is lost when an athlete accepts gifts/benefits based on athletic ability, (including gifts to friends/family) when an athlete participates professionally, receives payment for more than necessary expenses from a pro team, or receives payment for educational expenses from an agent, pro organization/team or booster. **Also if an athlete bets on college or pro sports, is involved with an internet /bookie gambling, or participates in sports “pools”/“Fantasy Leagues” where there’s an entry fee and prize awarded.**
 - **Drug Use:** Student-athletes may not use NCAA banned drugs. The use of such drugs may result in a loss of one or more season of competition. Some over-the-counter drugs may contain banned substances such as andro or **ephedrine** (check with your trainer before using any over-the-counter drugs). **Ignorance does not excuse violations of the NCAA drug policy.**
 - **Agents:** You can not receive any financial inducements or agree to representation during your High School or college eligibility from an agent. You can lose your eligibility.

Clearinghouse information is now found under - NCAA Eligibility Center www.ncaa.org

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