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Academic Eligibility Basics

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Academic Eligibility is Required for:







 Scholarships

 Roster

 Competition

 Practice

 Admissions

						
	NAIA	NCAA DI	NCAA DII	NCAA DIII	NJCCA	CCCAA
# SCHOOLS	250	350	300	432	525	110
# STUDENT-ATHLETES	77,000	187,000	120,800	195,000	70,000	24,000
# SPORTS OFFERED	17	24	24	24	16	15
ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES (DI/DII) NO (DIII)	NO



Uses a combination of a student-athlete's high school coursework and their NCAA Core GPA as calculated using NCAA-approved Core Courses.

DI

Minimum 2.3 NCAA Core GPA in 16 NCAA-approved Core Courses (10 before the start of senior year)

DII

Minimum a 2.2 NCAA core GPA in 16 NCAA-approved Core Courses

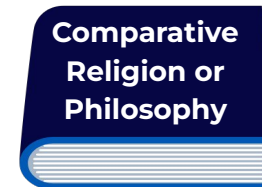
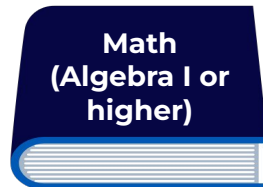
DIII

No NCAA course requirements. Must meet the admissions standards for the institution, with full eligibility in accordance with the NCAA academic requirements

What is an NCAA Core Course?

NCAA Core courses must meet the below requirements to be approved by the NCAA:

- ✓ Be an academic, four-year college preparatory course receiving high school graduation credit in one or more of these areas:

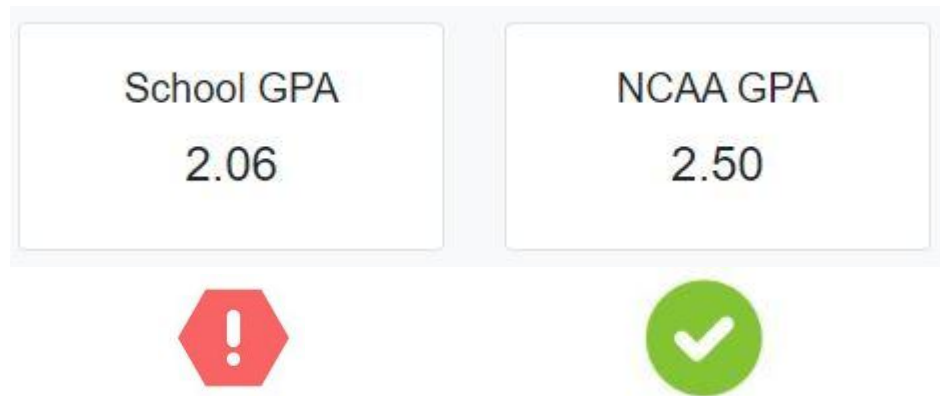


- ✓ Be at or above your high school's regular academic level
- ✓ Be taught by a qualified instructor

✗ Not all high school classes are NCAA core courses and each high school has its own list of NCAA-approved courses, which must be submitted and approved by the NCAA for each school.

What is an NCAA Core GPA?

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates student-athletes GPA (DI/DII level) based on the grades earned in the 16 NCAA-approved core courses that are completed in high school (32 semesters).

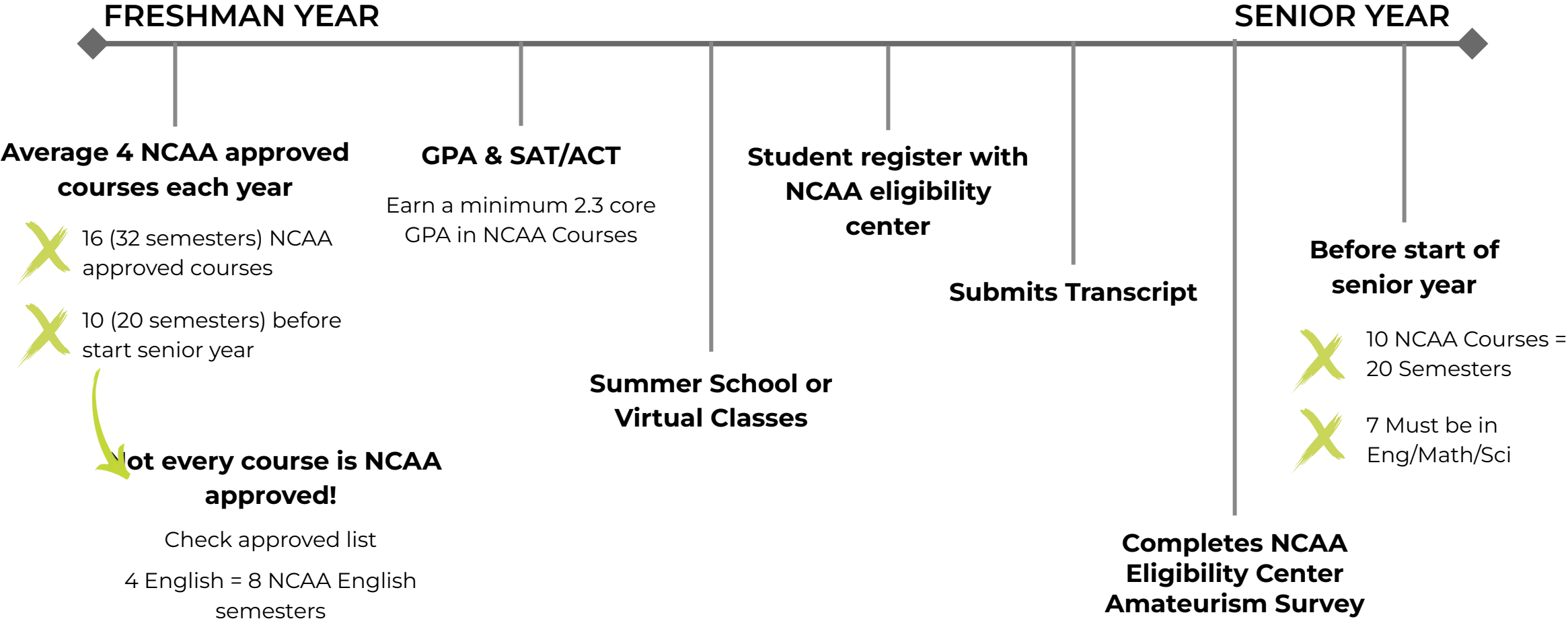


A real-life student who had a low school GPA but an eligible NCAA Core GPA



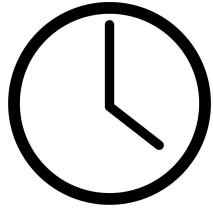
A real-life student who had a high school GPA but an ineligible NCAA Core GPA

NCAA DI QUALIFIER PLAN



NCAA DI QUALIFIER POINTERS

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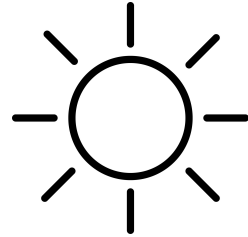


Each Semester Counts Equally

4 NCAA approved courses each year

In total 16 (32 semesters) NCAA approved courses

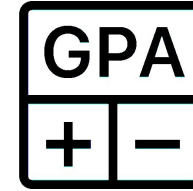
10 (20 semesters) NCAA courses must be completed before start senior year



Summer School or Virtual Courses

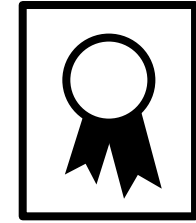
Catching up on courses during the summer or taking virtual courses is okay

Not every course is NCAA approved, check approved course list



Core GPA in NCAA courses

Earn a minimum 2.3 core GPA in NCAA courses, not using + or - signs



NCAA D1 Qualifier Status

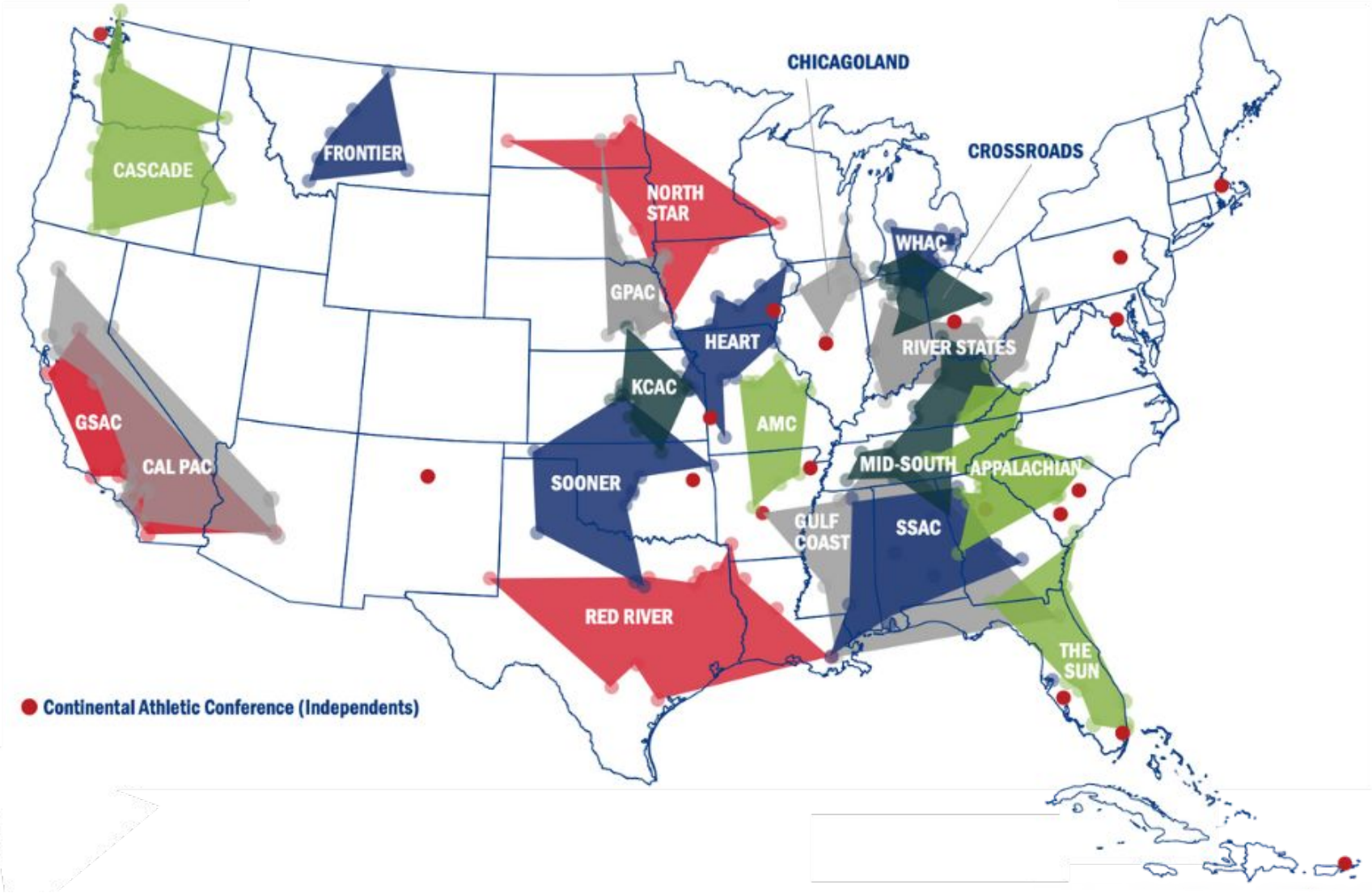
Student registers with NCAA eligibility center, submit Transcript, and completes NCAA eligibility center amateurism survey

Student have completed 16 NCAA approved courses:
**4 English | 2 Math | 1 Sci
1 Eng/Sci/Math | 2 History
4 Electives**



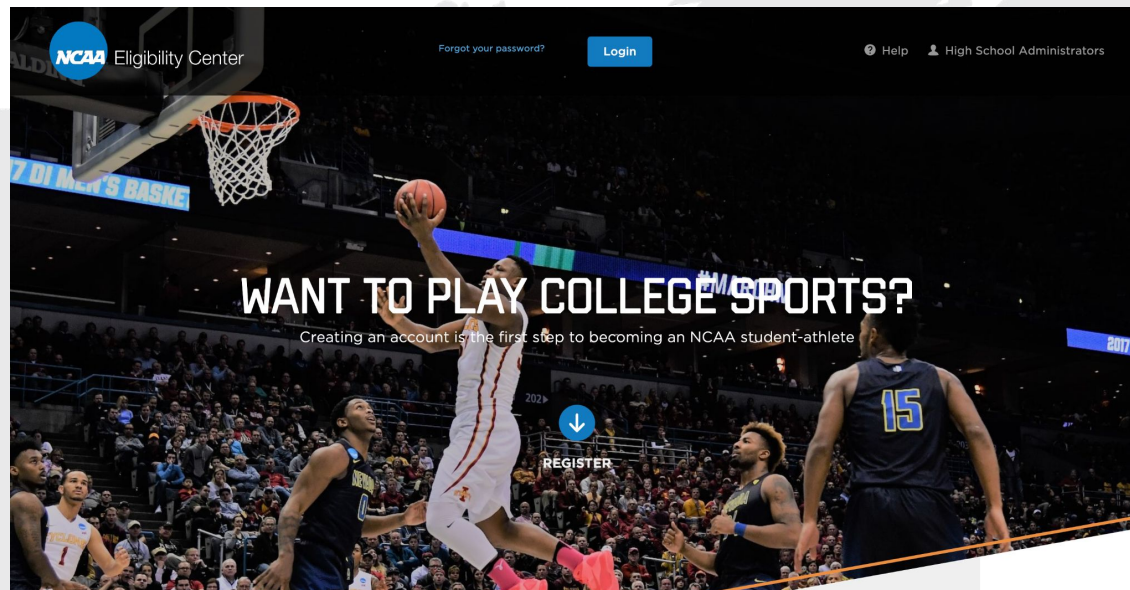
Students who do not meet the **2.3 minimum overall high school GPA requirement** upon graduation may still become eligible to compete at an NAIA school by meeting 2 of the following 3 criteria:

- ✓ Minimum overall high school GPA of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- ✓ Minimum test score of 18 on the ACT or 970 on the SAT.
- ✓ Graduate in the top half (50%) of their high school class.

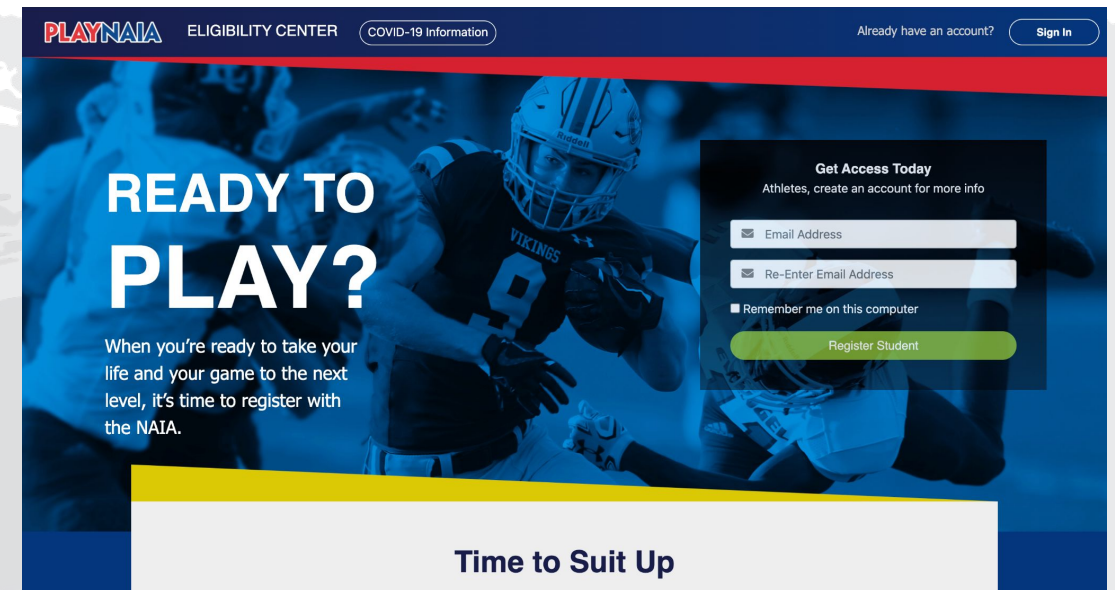


College-Bound Student-Athletes to Need to Register

ELIGIBILITYCENTER.ORG





PLAYNAIA.ORG




Increased Account Fee + Amateurism-Only Certification Account

Registration fees for college-bound domestic and international student-athletes have **increased** - effective Sept. 1, 2022.

-  For domestic student-athletes (those attending a U.S. high school, U.S. territory high school or Canadian High School) registering for a Certification account, the fee will be \$100.
-  For international students, the registration fee will be \$160. Please encourage your student-athletes who are planning to register soon to do so before the increase occurs.

New Amateurism-Only Certification Account required for prospective DIII international student-athletes

-  Starting September 2022, prospective international student-athletes (first time enrollees and transfers) initially enrolling on or after Aug. 1, 2023, at an NCAA Division III school will need the new NCAA Amateurism-Only Certification Account.

What Do You Need to Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center?

- Valid email address
- Basic education history
- Sports participation history (Certification Accounts only)
- Payment (Certification Accounts only)

MAKE A PLAN

Use Free Resources to Help

- ✓ Honest Game's blog, chatbot, Cleo the Counselor, and our support system for questions or solutions as needed.
- ✓ Get to know the NCAA and NAIA's Eligibility Center resources.

Understand special circumstances and what to do.

- ✓ Be aware of problems that may arise involving summer school registration, reclassification, repeat courses or how to deal with virtual classes.
- ✓ Avoid a course error that could derail your eligibility.
- ✓ Reach out to your school counselor for assistance.



Academic eligibility is the doorway to athletic success at the college level.







What many don't realize is that academic excellence can open doors that athletic ability alone cannot.

We focus on honing the skills needed for athletic success, getting in front of college coaches, and getting the big wins.

The reality is that academic success widens the pathway forward for an athlete or, if neglected, can narrow or eliminate those options altogether.

Stephanie Bernthal | Former NCAA DI Coach

Misconceptions About the College Athletic Recruiting Process

-  NCAA Division I is the only and best option
-  If you receive an email from a coach you are being recruited
-  College coaches don't want to hear from prospective athletes
-  Academics does not matter if you are a highly recruited athlete
-  If I'm good enough, the college coaches will find me
-  The recruiting process begins Junior year of high school

✓ **Follow NIL Regulations**

Check with both state high school athletic association and the college compliance office recruiting your student to assure they are following the ever-changing Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) legislation. One misstep and it could cost your student a year or more of eligibility.

✓ **Be Prepared for the Academic Conversation**

Leverage your academics in the recruiting conversation with college coaches - an academically eligible recruit can rise to the top of a pile of high schoolers very fast!




If a college coach asks for your transcript, attach the Honest Game compliance academic eligibility report with it to increase the your chances of receiving an offer.

✓ **Know the Recruiting Calendar**




Stay current with recruiting calendar dates and changes at [Division I and II Recruiting Calendars and Guides - NCAA.org](#).



The Calendar Matters! Watch the Date!

-  A DI coach may begin sending recruiting materials and electronic correspondence as early as **Sophomore year** in high school for some sports.
-  A DI coach may call students and families beginning **as early as Sophomore year** in high school.
-  A DI coach may have contact with students and families off the college's campus beginning **as early as Junior year** in high school. Contacts made during your junior year may occur at your educational institution or home.




Recruiting in Division III Schools

-  Coaches can contact and interact with athletes with no restrictions
-  Coaches can speak to student athletes at the end of a competition at any time
-  Official Visits can begin during January of Junior year





Recruiting at NAIA Schools

NAIA recruiting rules encourage coach-student and personal relationships.

Benefits of NAIA recruiting rules include:

-  No recruiting calendar restrictions of any kind
-  Ability to freely communicate with NAIA coaches directly
-  Direct interaction with NAIA coaches

Recruiting at Two Year/Junior Colleges

-  Junior Colleges can not offer inducements or gifts to attend
-  Junior colleges may pay for one visit to its campus (no more than 2 days and 2 nights)
-  A student-athlete must have completed his/her junior year in high school in order to receive an official recruiting visit by a member NJCAA college
-  While recruiting a potential athlete on campus, a college representative may purchase meals for the athlete

Honest Game Checklist for College Bound Student-Athletes

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CHECKLIST FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETES

FRESHMAN YEAR

- ☐ Confirm NCAA Core Course Registration
- ☐ Review the [NCAA's College-Bound Student-Athlete Guide](#) and [Honest Game's Academic Eligibility 101 Guide](#)
- ☐ Know Your NCAA Core GPA
- ☐ Plan for Summer School if Necessary

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- ☐ Ensure Freshman Class Items are Completed
- ☐ Register with the NCAA and NAIA Eligibility Centers
- ☐ Retake Core Courses If Necessary
- ☐ Make a Potential College List
- ☐ Submit Online Questionnaires for College Teams
- ☐ Contact College Coaches
- ☐ Plan Accordingly If You Decide to Reclassify

JUNIOR YEAR

- ☐ Ensure Sophomore Class Items are Completed

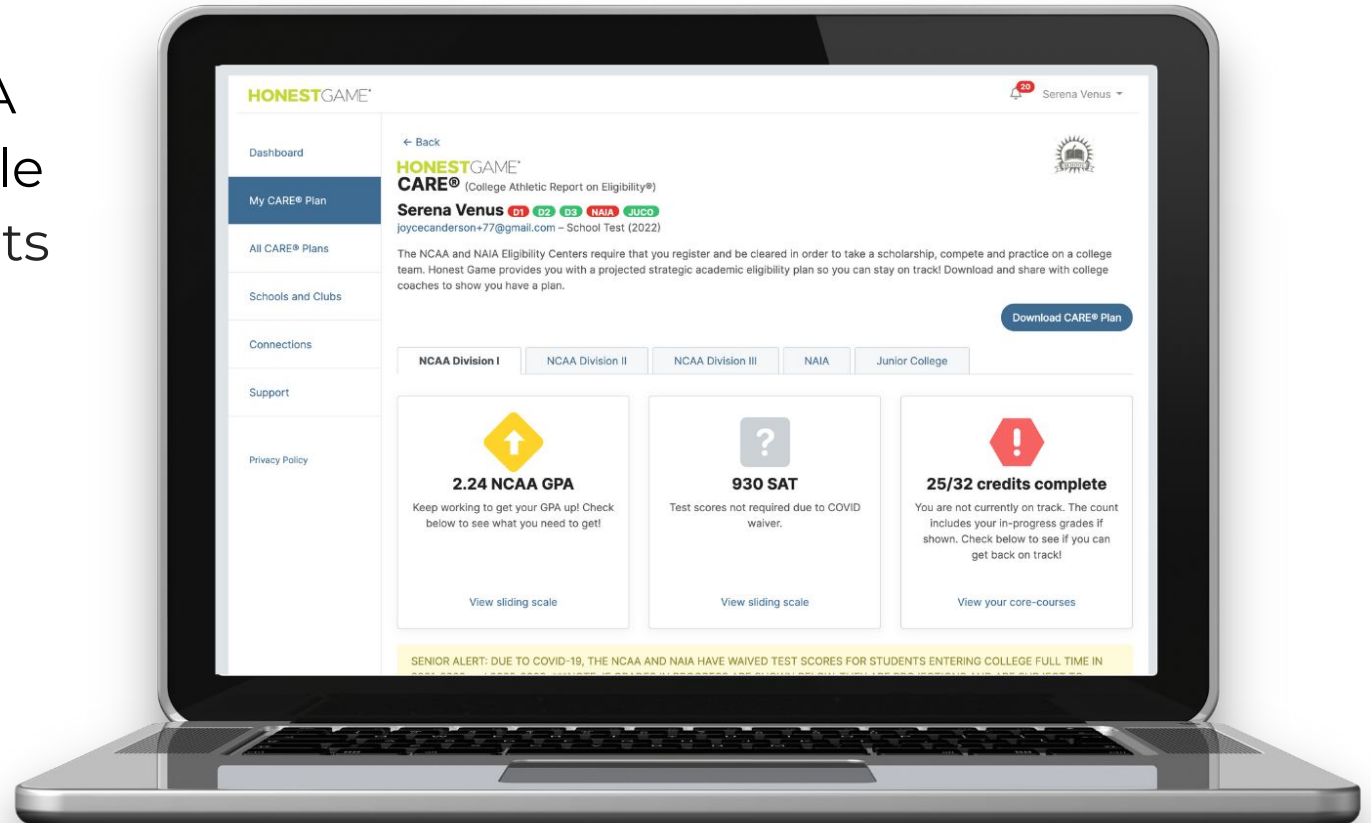
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download checklist



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Honest Game software takes the guesswork out of the complex NCAA requirements for college sports, while getting school departments, students and families on the same page.



INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY REPORTS

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CARE® (College Athletic Report on Eligibility®)
Serena Venus D1 D2 D3 NAIA JUCO


Download CARE® Plan

- NCAA Division I
- NCAA Division II
- NCAA Division III
- NAIA
- Junior College



2.27 NCAA GPA

Keep working to get your GPA up! Check below to see what you need to get!



1100 SAT

Test scores not required due to COVID waiver.

[View sliding scale](#)



31/32 credits complete

You are not currently on track. The count includes your in-progress grades if shown. Check below to see if you can get back on track!

[View your core-courses](#)

ALERT: The NCAA has waived test scores in the initial-eligibility certification process for EVERYONE. However, colleges and universities may require test scores for admission, so check with each college. Additionally, some academic scholarships, financial aid, grants, or loans may factor in standardized test scores.

Core-Course Requirements

College bound student-athletes need 16 NCAA units (or 32 core semesters) in the following areas to practice, receive athletic scholarships and/or compete during their first year in college. Not all courses in the required subject areas are NCAA approved, and it can vary from high school to high school.



Division I Required Credits Including Completed and In Progress course credits

INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY REPORTS

- ✓ Tracking 10/7 locked courses
- ✓ Showing in-progress courses
- ✓ Future product update:
projecting NCAA GPA by specific
course and grade
- ✓ Including transfer courses from
other schools
- ✓ International student transfers

Freshman Year 2019-2020

Core Subject	Course	Fall	Spring
English	English I	C-	C-
Mathematics	Algebra I 09	B+	C-
Natural Science	Biology I 09	C+	A-
Social Science	Anc World Hist H	C+	C+
Elective			
NA	Educ and Career Tech	B	
NA	High School Reading	C	C
NA	Prin of Entrepren	C	D
NA	PE I 1/2 Cr		A
NA	Health		B

Sophomore Year 2020-2021

Core Subject	Course	Fall	Spring
English	English II	B+	C-
English	Speech I		C+
Mathematics	Geometry	C	C
Natural Science	Chemistry I	B+	C
Social Science	Economics	C	
Social Science	Sociology		C+
Elective			
NA	Sophomore Reading	B	B
NA	Intro Culinary Arts	C	C
NA	Driver Ed	D	
NA	PE III/IV		B

Junior Year 2021-2022

Core Subject	Course	Fall	Spring
English	English 3	C	B-
Mathematics	Algebra 2	C-	C
Natural Science	Physics	C	C
Social Science	US History	C	C

Senior Year 2022-2023

Core Subject	Course	Fall	Spring
English	Literature and Film		
Mathematics	AB Calculus AP		
Natural Science	Environmental Science		
Social Science	AP US History		

Thank you!



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