

# Attention Athletes:

## DO YOU WANT TO PLAY A SPORT IN COLLEGE?

**In order to practice, compete and receive a scholarship as a freshman in college, you must pass the NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE standards, which change every year.**

### **What Do You Need To Do?**

- **Grade 9**
  - Verify with your high school guidance counselor and the online core-course listing to make sure you are on track.
  
- **Grade 10**
  - Verify with your high school guidance counselor and the online core-course listing to make sure you are on track.
  
- **Grade 11**
  - Register with the eligibility center.
  - Make sure you are still on course to meet core-course requirements (verify you have the correct number of core courses and that the core courses are on your high school's 48-H with the eligibility center).
  - After your junior year, have your high school guidance counselor send a copy of your transcript. If you have attended any other high schools, make sure a transcript is sent to the eligibility center from each high school.
  - When taking the ACT or SAT, request test scores to be sent to the eligibility center (the code is "9999").
  - Begin your amateurism questionnaire.
  
- **Grade 12**
  - When taking the ACT or SAT, request test scores to be sent to the eligibility center (the code is "9999").
  - Complete amateurism questionnaire and sign the final authorization signature online on or after April 1 if you are

- expecting to enroll in college in the fall semester. (If you are expecting to enroll for spring semester, sign the final authorization signature on or after October 1 of the year prior to enrollment.)
- Have your high school guidance counselor send a final transcript with proof of graduation to the eligibility center.

### **Helpful links:**

<https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/index.html>

<https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/hs/wksheet.pdf>

<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/portal>

### **HERE IS ONLY PART OF THE NCAA FRESHMAN ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS QUICK REFERENCE SHEET**

The rest is online at:

<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/af238a804e0b869285bcf51ad6fc8b25/Quick+Reference+Sheet+for+IE+Standards+-+6-18-09.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=af238a804e0b869285bcf51ad6fc8b25>

**“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.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).

**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 nondoctrinal 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 nondoctrinal 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.”

\*\*\*\*More information at:

[http://www.ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/resources/file/eb1afe0c529230b/Quick\\_Reference\\_Sheet\\_for\\_IE\\_Standards-5-2-08.pdf?MOD=AJPERES](http://www.ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/resources/file/eb1afe0c529230b/Quick_Reference_Sheet_for_IE_Standards-5-2-08.pdf?MOD=AJPERES)