

# Play Division II Sports

If you want to compete in NCAA sports at a Division II school, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to make sure you stay on track to meet initial-eligibility standards.

If you have questions about your eligibility or the registration process, call us toll free at 1-877-262-1492. International students should call 317-917-6222.

[Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center](#)

## Get Ready. Get Set. Go!

### Grade 9

- Ask your counselor for a list of your high school's [NCAA core courses](#) to make sure you take the right classes.

### Grade 10

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).

### Grade 11

- Check with your counselor to make sure you will graduate on time with the required number of [NCAA core courses](#).
- Take the [ACT or SAT](#) and submit your scores to the NCAA using code 9999.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor to upload your [official transcript](#) to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

### Grade 12

- Finish your last [NCAA core courses](#).
- Take the [ACT or SAT](#) again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the NCAA using code 9999.
- Complete all academic and [amateurism](#) questions in your NCAA Eligibility Center account at [eligibilitycenter.org](#).
- After you graduate, ask your counselor to submit your final [official transcript](#) with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

## Division II Academic Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in NCAA sports during your first year at a Division II school, you must meet academic requirements for your core courses, grade-point average (GPA) and test scores.

You must graduate high school and meet **ALL** the following requirements:

- Complete [16 core courses](#):
  - Three years of English.
  - Two years of math (Algebra 1 or higher).
  - Two years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if your high school offers it).
  - Three additional years of English, math or natural or physical science
  - Two years of social science
  - Four additional years of English, math, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy
- Earn at least a [2.2 GPA](#) in your core courses.
- Earn an [SAT combined score or ACT sum score](#) matching your core-course GPA on the Division II sliding scale, which balances your test score and core-course GPA. If you have a

low test score, you need a higher core-course GPA to be eligible. If you have a low core-course GPA, you need a higher test score to be eligible.

## What if I don't meet the requirements?

If you enroll full-time at a Division II school, and you have not met all the Division II academic requirements, you may not compete in your first year. However, if you meet the requirements to be a partial qualifier, you may practice and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year at college. To be a partial qualifier, you must graduate high school and meet **ALL** the following requirements:

- Complete [16 core courses](#):
  - Three years of English.
  - Two years of math (Algebra 1 or higher).
  - Two years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if your high school offers it).
  - Three additional years of English, math or natural or physical science
  - Two years of social science
  - Four additional years of English, math, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy Earn at least a [2.0 GPA](#) in your core courses.
- Earn an [SAT combined score or ACT sum score](#) matching your core-course GPA on the Division II sliding scale.

If you are concerned you may not meet the Division II academic requirements, consider taking the following actions:

- Ask for advice and accountability from your high school counselor. Check in with the admissions or compliance office at the college you hope to attend.
- Get tutoring or other study help.

- Graduate on time. Division I schools allow college-bound student-athletes who graduate on-time to take one core course during the year after they graduate high school.
- Avoid quick fixes through credit recovery programs. These courses may not be accepted by the NCAA.
- Keep your coursework. If the NCAA Eligibility Center needs to review your record due to irregularities, you may be asked to provide your coursework.
- Follow your high school's policies. The best thing to do is work within the rules.

## **Amateurism**

The NCAA promotes amateurism to create a level playing field for all student-athletes. The young men and women who play college sports are students first, athletes second. If you want to play NCAA sports at a Division II school you must be an amateur athlete.

[Learn more about amateurism](#)