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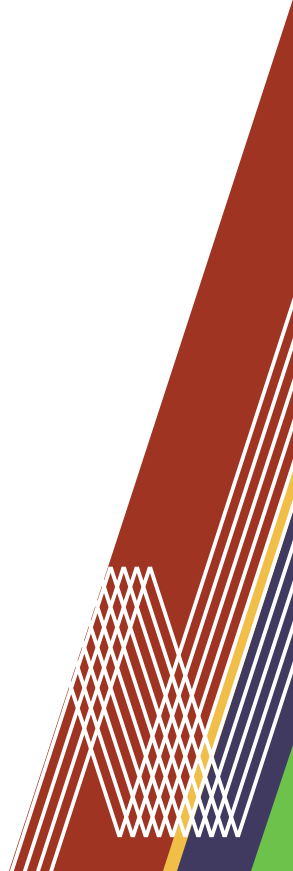
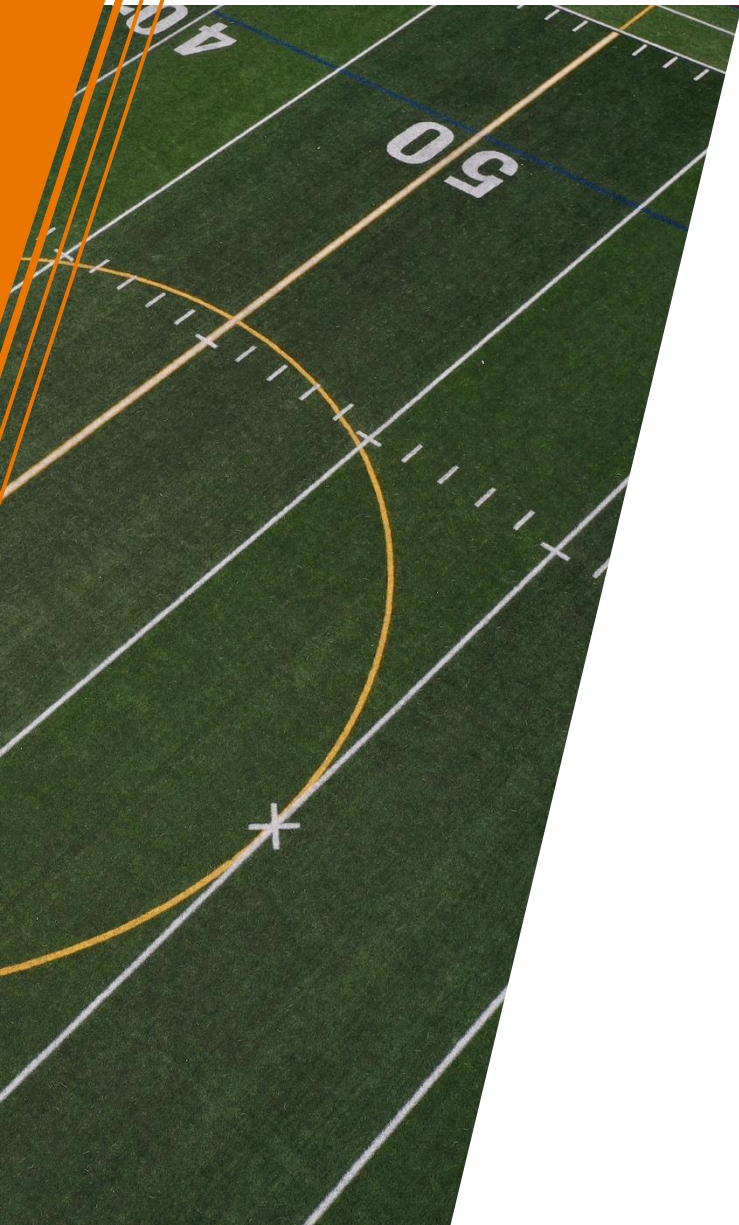
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# AGENDA

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# THREE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY UNIVERSITY SPORTS



**Secondary School  
Graduation**



**NCAA  
Initial Eligibility**



**University  
Admission**



## UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

- » Apply and be accepted to the NCAA school before you can compete.
  - NCAA certification does **NOT** include acceptance to the NCAA school recruiting you.
- » Ask university admission about:
  - Cost of attendance.
  - Financial aid.
  - Standardized test scores.
    - > May be required for college admission or scholarships.
    - > NOT required for NCAA certification.
  - For more questions to ask, visit [on.ncaa.com/ChoosingCollege](https://on.ncaa.com/ChoosingCollege).





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## WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

Creating an account is the first step toward becoming an NCAA student-athlete



REGISTER

NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR  
SCHOOL IS IN?

[Learn more](#) or [search NCAA schools](#).

# NCAA REGISTRATION

**Best Practice: Register Before Year Nine**



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# NCAA REGISTRATION

## Three Account Types



**Academic  
and Athletics  
Certification Account**



**Athletics Certification  
Account**



**Profile Page Account**



# ACADEMIC AND ATHLETICS CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

## Account Type #1



Required to compete at a Division I or II school:

- » Go on Division I [official visits](#).
- » Sign for athletics aid.
- » Receive an athletics scholarship.



Registration fee:

- » [International students](#): \$170.
- » [Domestic and Canadian students](#): \$110
- » Check to see if you meet [fee waiver criteria](#).





# ATHLETICS CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

## Account Type #2



Recommended for all [international student-athletes](#) planning to compete at a Division III school.



Registration fee:

» \$75.

» Check to see if you meet [fee waiver criteria](#).



Student-athletes transferring from a two-year school to an NCAA Division I or II school who did not require an Eligibility Center academic certification.



# PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

## Account Type #3



The right place to start for most students!

- » Not sure in which division you plan to compete.
- » [Domestic students](#) planning to compete at a [Division III school](#).
- » Registering in an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event.



[No registration fee.](#)



If you're being [actively recruited](#) by an NCAA Division I or II school, [transition](#) your Profile Page account to a [certification account](#).



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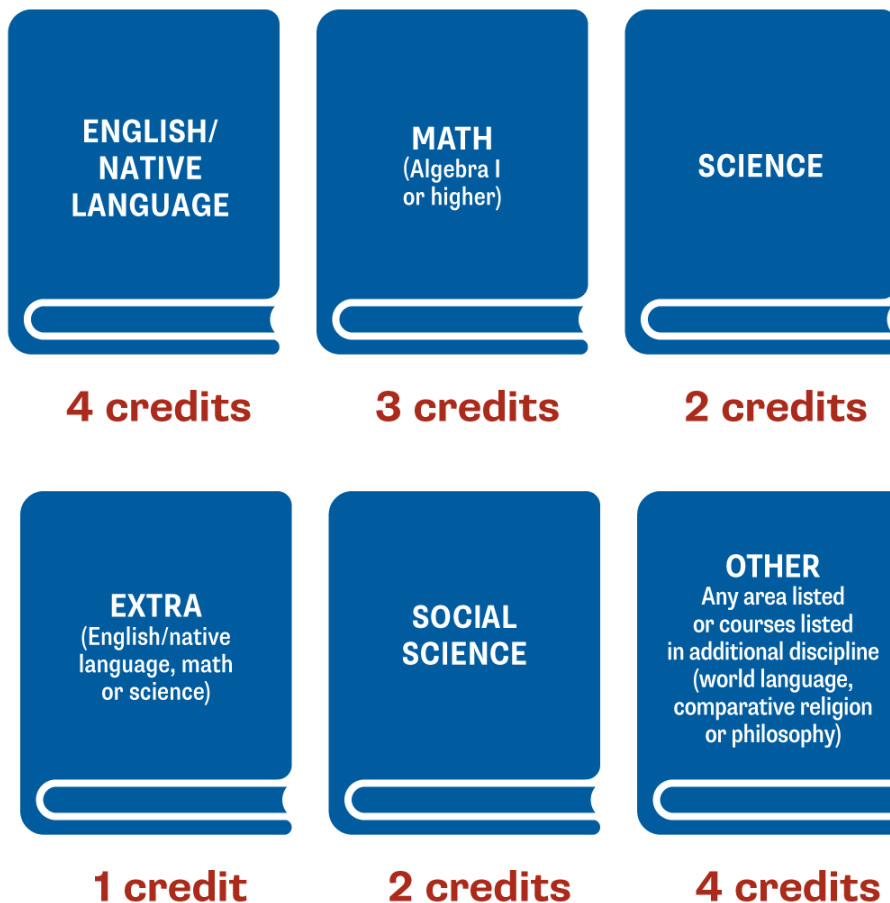


CORE COURSES



# DIVISION I: 16 CORE-COURSE CREDITS

Complete 16 core-course units in eight academic semesters.





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# COUNTRY-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

Scan the QR Code Below



Find Your  
Country-Specific  
Webpage





**STUDENT-ATHLETES**

## International Country-Specific Information

This page has been designed to provide specific NCAA initial-eligibility information for more than 150 individual countries. Countries are listed below by their region alphabetically. Click on the desired country to view the available information, resources and student profiles.

For a comprehensive resource that includes the academic requirements and documentation for all the countries listed here, please refer to the [NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility \(PDF\)](#).

- [Africa](#)
- [Asia](#)
- [Caribbean](#)
- [Central America](#)
- [Europe](#)
- [Middle East](#)
- [North America](#)
- [Oceania](#)
- [South America](#)



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## ONTARIO (CANADA)

BACKGROUND	
Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Grade 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Varies
Native Language(s)	English, French
GRADUATION TIMELINE	
$8 + 4 = 12$	12 years: Eight years primary and four years upper secondary

### Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation

#### 1. Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ontario Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

#### 2. Diplôme d'Études Secondaires (DES) [Diploma of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ontario Ministry of Education
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June

### NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation

#### 1. Certificate of Education or Nursing Assistant Certificate

### Crediting Policies

GRADE 9-12 CORE-COURSE CREDITS	U.S. EQUIVALENT CREDITS
Civics (CHV20)	0.50 Units
All other Core Courses	1.00 Unit

**Note:** See the "Important Information" section below for more information on Ontario's course codes.

## Important Information

- » The following course titles are **approved** for use in an academic certification:

ENGLISH/NATIVE LANGUAGE	MATH	SCIENCE
Canadian Literature EAT3M	Adv Functions & Intro Calculus MCB4U	Biology SBI3U
Canadian Literature ETC3M	Advanced Functions MHF4U	Biology SBI4U
English 9 ENG1D/EAE1D	Calculus & Vectors MCV4U	Chemistry SCH3U
English 10 ENG2d/EAE2D	Functions & Relations MCR3U	Chemistry SCH4U
English 11 ENG3U/EAE3U	Functions MCF3M	Earth & Space Science SES4U
English 12 ENG4U/EAE4U	Geometry & Discrete Math MGA4U	Environmental Science SVN3M
English Literature EAL4U	Grade 9 Mathematics MTH1W	Physics SPH3U
English: Contemp Aboriginal Voices NBE3U	Mathematics & Data Management MDM4U	Physics SPH4U
French 9 (Native Language) FRA1D	Principles of Math 9 MPM1D	Science 9 SNC1D
French 10 (Native Language) FRA2D	Principles of Math 10 MPM2D	Science 10 SNC2D
French 11 (Native Language) FRA3U	Introduction to Computer Science ICS3U	Science 11 SNC3M
French 12 (Native Language) FRA4U	Computer Science ICS4U	Science 12 SNC4M

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ENGLISH/NATIVE LANGUAGE	MATH	SCIENCE
Studies In Literature ETS4U		Science 9 SNC1W
The Writer's Craft EWC4U		Introduction to Computer Science ICS3U
		Computer Science ICS4U

SOCIAL SCIENCE				
Aboriginal Governance NDG4M	Canadian History 20th Century CHC2D	Equity And Social Justice: Theory to Practice HSE4M	Ind & Families in a Div Society HHS4M	Understanding Canadian Law CLU3M
American History CHA3U	Challenge & Change in Society HSB4M	Families in Canada HHS4U	International Business BBB4M	World Cultures HSC4M
Analyzing Current Econ Issues CIA4U	Challenge & Change in Society HSB4U	Gender Studies HSG3M	Intro to Anthro, Psych & Soc HSP3M	World Geog: Human Patterns CGU4U
Canada: Hist, Identity, Culture CH14U	Civics CHV20 (5 Units)	Geography of Canada CGC1D	Intro to Anthro, Psych & Soc HSP3U	World Hist: The West & the World CHY4U

## NCAA COURSE TITLES

» BEGINNING ON PAGE 3 OF ONTARIO RESOURCE

» COURSE CODES

» SUBJECT AREAS

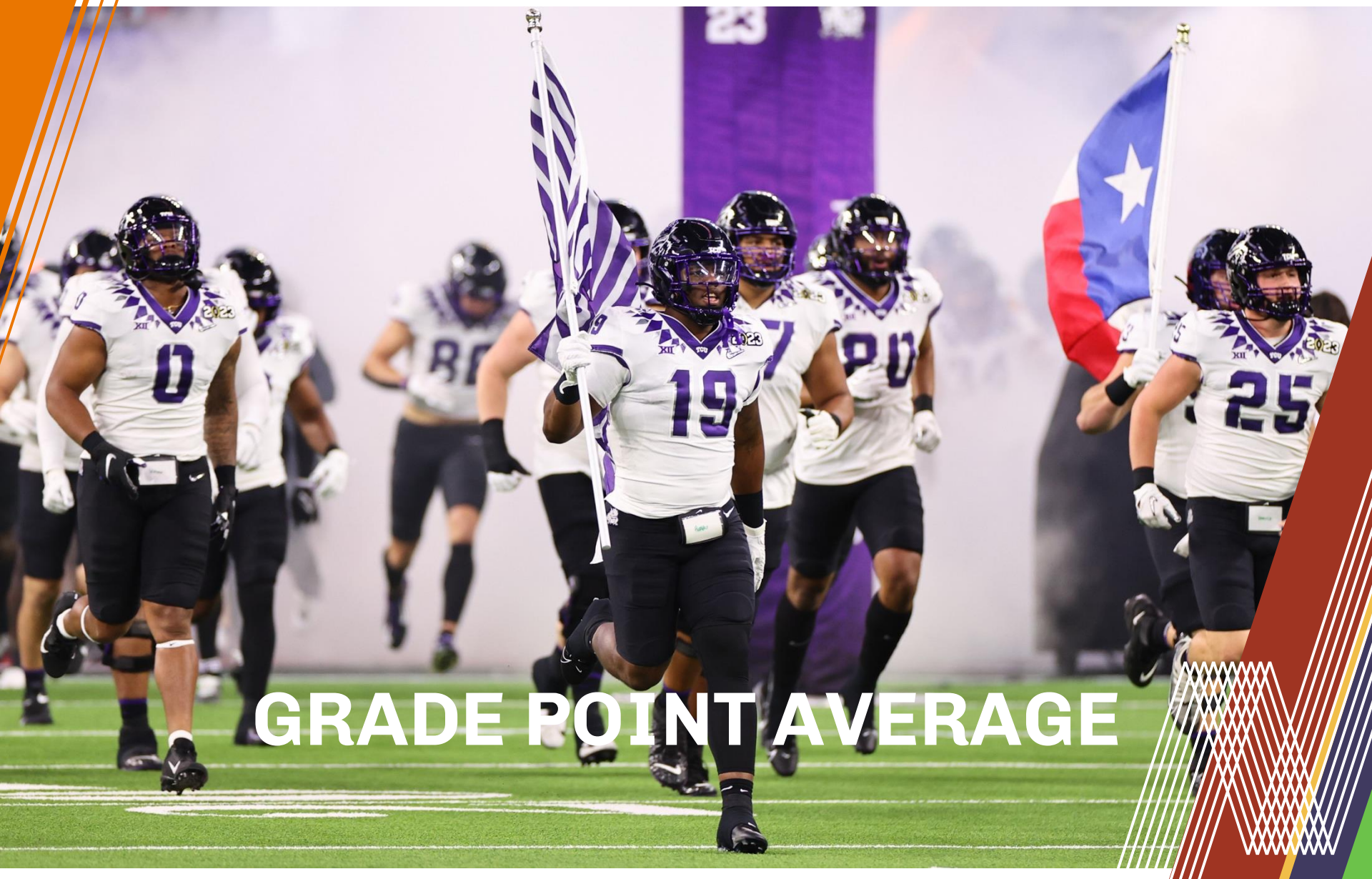
» CREDITING

» (EXAMPLE: ONTARIO)





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GRADE POINT AVERAGE



# UNDERSTANDING U.S. GRADE POINT AVERAGE

## U.S. GPA SCALE

A = 4.0

B = 3.0

C = 2.0

D = 1.0

F = 0.0







### Grading Scale

GRADE	NUMERIC GRADE	U.S. GRADE EQUIVALENT	QUALITY POINTS
A	80-100	A	4
B	70-79	B	3
C	60-69	C	2
D	50-59	D	1
F	0-49	F	0

**Example: Ontario Grading Scale.**

**Each Provincial Grading Scale can be found in the appropriate province/territory resource.**



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# SUBMITTING ACADEMIC RECORDS

What to Know





## WHAT TO SUBMIT (VIA EMAIL)

- » Official Ontario Transcript for 9-12
- » **Emailed from a school officials school email address**
- » Include the student's Name and NCAA ID in the subject line.
  
- » Proof of graduation:
  - Graduation date (month date and year)/ Diploma date at bottom of OSSD / transcript
  - See the [Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility](#) for a list of acceptable options from your country/system.
  - Also linked on your [country-specific webpage](#).



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# HOW/WHERE TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS

## Submission Methods



### Email:

[ec-processing@ncaa.org](mailto:ec-processing@ncaa.org)

Only for international high schools, ministry offices and issuing bodies; translation services.



[Mail](#): Only for school, governing body or entity, NCAA school or translation service.





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A close-up photograph of a coach in a green polo shirt adjusting a bright pink and black athletic shoe on an athlete's foot. The athlete is also wearing a green shirt. The image is partially framed by orange diagonal lines on the top left and a red and white geometric pattern on the bottom right.

# **CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES**

**Divisions I and II**





## Division I CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

1. [Early Academic Qualifier.](#)
2. [Qualifier.](#)
3. [Academic Redshirt.](#)
4. [Nonqualifier.](#)





## DIVISION I: QUALIFIER



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Meet core-course progression before the seventh semester.

**Note:** Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.3$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



## Division II CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

1. [Early Academic Qualifier.](#)
2. [Qualifier.](#)
3. [Partial Qualifier.](#)



## DIVISION II: QUALIFIER



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.2$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.





## DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

College-bound student-athletes that do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.





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# INTERNATIONAL INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FLYER

Scan the QR Codes Below



**International  
Initial-Eligibility  
Requirements**



## DIVISION III

- » Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
  - Academic requirements.
  - Admission.
  - Financial aid.
- » **International student-athletes** who plan to compete at a Division III school must complete an NCAA Eligibility Center Athletics Certification account.
- » Domestic student-athletes who plan to compete at a Division III school may register for a free Profile Page account, but it is not required.



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**RECRUITING**





# ARE YOU BEING RECRUITED?

» You're being recruited if a university coach:



**Calls**



**Texts**



**Emails**



**Messages via  
Social Media**



**Visits Your  
Secondary School**



**Pays Expenses  
to Visit Campus**



**Issues National  
Letter of Intent**



**Writes Offer  
of Financial Aid**

» Recruiting can begin as early as year 9.

- In most cases, recruiting starts before year 11.





# RECRUITING CALENDARS

NCAA Division I and II recruiting calendars promote your well-being and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

Division, Sport and Grade Level Determines Recruiting Activities*			
Contact Period	Evaluation Period	Quiet Period	Dead Period
College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.
College coaches may watch you compete.	College coaches may watch you compete.	College coaches may not watch you compete.	College coaches may not watch you compete.
College coaches may visit your high school.	College coaches may visit your high school.	College coaches may not visit your high school.	College coaches may not visit your high school.
College coaches may have face-to-face contact with you and your family.	College coaches may not have face-to-face contact with you or your family off the college's campus.	College coaches may only have face-to-face contact with you and your family on the college's campus.	College coaches may not have face-to-face contact with you or your family.

To view your division- and sport-specific recruiting calendar visit [on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal](https://on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal).



## RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

- » Talk with your support system about what level of competition they think you should aim for.
- » Check your email often for open Eligibility Center tasks.
- » Use this [interactive map](#) to locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
  - Research admission requirements to NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
- » Research your division- and sport-specific recruiting periods.



## RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

- » Consider elite travel teams and camps.
- » Email college coaches during your sport's contact period to share your achievements and your interest.
  - Include your name, position and [NCAA ID](#).



Your Name

**NCAA ID: 1234567890**

Grad: MM/YYYY | Enroll: SEASON YYYY

- » If possible, take official and unofficial visits.
  - Review school websites and take virtual campus tours to learn more about NCAA schools.
- » Conduct yourself in a positive manner in class, practices and games, at home, in your community and online.



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# NCAA

## RESOURCES





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Subscribe to the  
International  
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- » [Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.](#)
- » [International Initial-Eligibility Flyer.](#)
- » [Course Title Usage Guide.](#)
- » [Policy for Awarding Credit for International Academic Certification.](#)
- » Register at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org).
- » Visit [country-specific webpages.](#)



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**Connect with the  
Eligibility Center**

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

## Contact the Eligibility Center

- » International students (including Quebec).
  - [Ec-international@ncaa.org](mailto:Ec-international@ncaa.org).
- » U.S. and Canadian students.
  - 877-262-1492.
    - > Monday-Friday.
    - > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard time.



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