

NCAA Initial Eligibility, Recruiting Rules & COVID Impacts

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Overview

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- RECRUITING RULES – FIRST OPPORTUNITIES
- HOT TOPICS



Division I Initial Eligibility Standards

- FINAL QUALIFIER
 - ELIGIBLE FOR ATHLETICS AID, PRACTICE AND COMPETITION
- REQUIREMENTS:
 - MINIMUM 2.3 GPA/MEET SLIDING SCALE
 - 4 UNITS OF ENGLISH
 - 3 UNITS OF MATH (ALGEBRA 1 OR HIGHER)
 - 2 UNITS OF NATURAL SCIENCE (INCLUDING 1 LAB, IF OFFERED)
 - 1 UNIT OF ADDITIONAL ENGLISH/MATH/NATURAL SCIENCE
 - 2 UNITS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
 - 4 UNITS OF ADDITIONAL CORE
 - 10/7 RULE – 10 UNITS BEFORE START OF SEVENTH SEMESTER/7 UNITS MUST BE FROM ENG/MATH/NS
 - PROOF OF GRADUATION



Division I Initial Eligibility Standards

- ACADEMIC REDSHIRT
 - ELIGIBLE FOR ATHLETICS AID AND PRACTICE
 - MUST SERVE 1 YEAR IN RESIDENCE BEFORE COMPETING
- REQUIREMENTS:
 - MINIMUM 2.0 GPA/MEET SLIDING SCALE
 - 4 UNITS OF ENGLISH
 - 3 UNITS OF MATH (ALGEBRA 1 OR HIGHER)
 - 2 UNITS OF NATURAL SCIENCE (INCLUDING 1 LAB, IF OFFERED)
 - 1 UNIT OF ADDITIONAL ENGLISH/MATH/NATURAL SCIENCE
 - 2 UNITS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
 - 4 UNITS OF ADDITIONAL CORE
 - PROOF OF GRADUATION



Division II Initial Eligibility Standards

- FINAL QUALIFIER
 - ELIGIBLE FOR ATHLETICS AID, PRACTICE AND COMPETITION
- REQUIREMENTS:
 - MINIMUM 2.2 GPA/MEET SLIDING SCALE
 - 3 UNITS OF ENGLISH
 - 2 UNITS OF MATH (ALGEBRA 1 OR HIGHER)
 - 2 UNITS OF NATURAL SCIENCE (INCLUDING 1 LAB, IF OFFERED)
 - 3 UNIT OF ADDITIONAL ENGLISH/MATH/NATURAL SCIENCE
 - 2 UNITS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
 - 4 UNITS OF ADDITIONAL CORE
 - PROOF OF GRADUATION



Division II Initial Eligibility Standards

- PARTIAL QUALIFIER
 - ELIGIBLE FOR ATHLETICS AID AND PRACTICE
 - MUST SERVE 1 YEAR IN RESIDENCE BEFORE COMPETING
- REQUIREMENTS:
 - MINIMUM 2.0 GPA/MEET SLIDING SCALE
 - 3 UNITS OF ENGLISH
 - 2 UNITS OF MATH (ALGEBRA 1 OR HIGHER)
 - 2 UNITS OF NATURAL SCIENCE (INCLUDING 1 LAB, IF OFFERED)
 - 3 UNIT OF ADDITIONAL ENGLISH/MATH/NATURAL SCIENCE
 - 2 UNITS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
 - 4 UNITS OF ADDITIONAL CORE
 - PROOF OF GRADUATION



COVID Initial Eligibility Updates

- COVID AUTOMATIC WAIVER FOR 2021-22 ENROLLMENT

COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Criteria—2021-22 Enrollment*		
Alternative Standard	Division I	Division II
Qualifier Athletics aid, practice and competition.	Complete Academic Record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core-course progression (10/7) before starting 7th semester;** • 16 core-course units in the required subject areas; • ≥ 2.300 core-course GPA; and • Proof of graduation. 	Complete Academic Record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 core-course units in the required subject areas; • ≥ 2.200 core-course GPA; and • Proof of graduation.
Early Academic Qualifier Athletics aid, practice and competition.	Pre-7th Semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 core-course units in the required subject areas; and • ≥ 3.000 core-course GPA. 	Pre-7th Semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 core-course units in the required subject areas; and • ≥ 2.500 core-course GPA.
Academic Redshirt Athletics aid (1st year) and practice (1st term).	Complete Academic Record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 core-course units in the required subject areas; • ≥ 2.000 core-course GPA; and • Proof of graduation. 	N/A
Partial Qualifier Athletics aid and practice.	N/A	Complete Academic Record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 core-course units in the required subject areas; • ≥ 2.000 core-course GPA; and • Proof of graduation.



COVID Initial Eligibility Updates

- INITIAL ELIGIBILITY UPDATES 2021-22 ENROLLMENT
 - TEST SCORES ARE OPTIONAL
 - SIX CORE COURSES MAY BE COMPLETED ANYTIME AFTER START OF 7TH SEMESTER (BEFORE FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT) DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR OR SUMMER TERM
- GPA CALCULATION FOR PASS/FAIL COURSES
 - IF A HIGH SCHOOL SWITCHED TO A P/F GRADING SCALE, THE NCAA ALLOWS 2.3 QUALITY POINTS TO BE USED IN A GPA CALCULATION OR EXCLUDED
 - BASED ON WHETHER 2.3 QUALITY POINTS WOULD BENEFIT A STUDENT
- COVID-19 VIRTUAL COURSES DO NOT NEED TO BE VERIFIED THROUGH THE NORMAL NONTRADITIONAL COURSE VERIFICATION PROCESS



Eligibility Buzz Words

- APPROVED CORE COURSE LIST (FORMERLY - 48H)
 - <https://web3.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction?hsActionSubmit=searchHighSchool>
- REPEATED COURSES/CREDIT RECOVERY STANDARDS
 - SCHOOL MUST FOLLOW ITS CREDIT RECOVERY POLICIES
 - CREDIT RECOVERY COURSES SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AS SUCH ON THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
 - REPEATED COURSES MUST BE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPARABLE, QUALITATIVELY AND QUANTITATIVELY, TO THE PREVIOUSLY ATTEMPTED COURSE
- DUPLICATIVE COURSEWORK/TITLE USAGE
 - AMERICAN HISTORY/US HISTORY



Eligibility Buzz Words

- NONTRADITIONAL COURSES/ONLINE COURSES
 - NEEDS TO HAVE REGULAR ONGOING TEACHER-INITIATED INTERACTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF TEACHING, EVALUATING, AND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH DURATION OF THE COURSE (EMAILS, VIDEOCONFERENCING, ONLINE CHATS, PHONE CALLS, FEEDBACK ON ASSESSMENTS)
 - NEEDS TO HAVE A DEFINED TIME PERIOD FOR COMPLETION
 - NEEDS TO BE APPROVED BY THE NCAA REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT IS TAUGHT DIRECTLY BY YOUR SCHOOL OR BY A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR (E.G., APEX)
- HOME SCHOOLING
 - TRADITIONAL PARENT-DIRECTED HOME SCHOOLING
- SPLIT FILE
 - AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FINISHES SCHOOL AT A US EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION
- EC REVIEW TRIGGER LIST
 - LOW GPA VS HIGH TEST SCORE
 - TWO OR MORE REPEATED COURSES IN AN ACADEMIC TERM



High School – Actions Items

- REGULARLY UPDATE CORE COURSE LIST
 - KEEP COURSE NAME/TITLES UPDATED
 - ADD NEW COURSES REGULARLY
 - UNARCHIVE COURSES THAT ARE STILL BEING TAUGHT
 - UPDATE HONORS/WEIGHTED COURSE SCALES
- FLAG POTENTIAL DIVISION I OR II ATHLETES AND ASK THEM TO CREATE ELIGIBILITY CENTER ACCOUNTS
- UPLOAD STUDENT’S TRANSCRIPTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH ACADEMIC YEAR SHOWING FINAL MARKS



Recruiting Rules - Definitions

- CORRESPONDENCE/PRIVATE MESSAGES
 - INCLUDES TEXT MESSAGES, RECRUITING LETTERS, E-MAIL, AND SOCIAL MEDIA DM'S
- OUTGOING VS. INCOMING TELEPHONE CALLS
 - PHONE CALLS MADE BY A COACH TO A PROSPECT OR HIS OR HER FAMILY MEMBERS (OR PSA TO COACH)
- UNOFFICIAL VISIT
 - AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT IS A SELF-FINANCED, ATHLETICALLY RELATED VISIT TO A NCAA MEMBER INSTITUTION
- OFFICIAL VISIT
 - AN OFFICIAL VISIT IS A VISIT TO A COLLEGE THAT CAN BE PAID FOR BY ATHLETICS
- OFF-CAMPUS CONTACT
 - AN OFF-CAMPUS INTERACTION BETWEEN A COACH AND A PROSPECT AND/OR THE PROSPECT'S FAMILY MEMBERS



Recruiting Rules - Philosophy

- NCAA WORKING GROUP PUSHES TO CURB EARLY RECRUITING
 - ALLOWS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO FOCUS ON BEING CHILDREN
- CREATED CONFUSION REGARDING PERMISSIBILITY OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN COLLEGIATE COACHES AND HS/CLUB COACHES



Division I Recruiting

Sport	Correspondence/ Private Messages	Incoming Telephone Calls	Outgoing Telephone Calls	Unofficial Visits	Official Visits	Off-Campus Contact	Verbal Offer
Men's Basketball	6/15 after sophomore year.	Anytime.	6/15 after sophomore year.	8/1 before sophomore year.	8/1 before junior year.	Opening day junior year.	Not legislated.
Women's Basketball	9/1 of junior year.	Anytime.	9/1 of junior year.	Anytime.	Thursday following the Women's Final Four of junior year.	3/1 of junior year.	Not legislated.
Football	9/1 of junior year.	Anytime.	4/15 of junior year.	Anytime.	4/1 of junior year.	7/1 after junior year.	Not legislated.
Men's Ice Hockey	1/1 of sophomore year.	1/1 of sophomore year.	1/1 of sophomore year.	1/1 of sophomore year.	8/1 before junior year.	8/1 before junior year.	8/1 before junior year.
Lacrosse & Softball	9/1 of junior year.	9/1 of junior year.	9/1 of junior year.	9/1 of junior year.	9/1 of junior year.	9/1 of junior year.	Not legislated. 9/1 of junior year is first recruiting interaction.
Baseball	9/1 of junior year.	Anytime.	9/1 of junior year.	9/1 of junior year.	9/1 of junior year.	7/1 after junior year.	Not legislated.
All Other Sports	6/15 after sophomore year.	6/15 after sophomore year.	6/15 after sophomore year.	8/1 before junior year.	8/1 before junior year.	8/1 before junior year.	Not legislated. 6/15 after sophomore year is first recruiting interaction.

COVID Recruiting Changes

- FOOTBALL CAN NOW CALL BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1ST OF JUNIOR YEAR (THIS WILL EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE COVID DEAD PERIOD)
- NO IN PERSON CONTACT (ON OR OFF CAMPUS) THROUGH AT LEAST MAY 31ST
- UNOFFICIAL VISITS – NCAA HOT TOPIC



Division II Recruiting

Sport	Correspondence/ Private Messages	Outgoing Telephone Calls	Unofficial Visits	Official Visits	Off-Campus Contact	Verbal Offer
All Other Sports	6/15 after sophomore year.	6/15 after sophomore year.	At any time.	6/15 after sophomore year.	6/15 after sophomore year.	At any time.

COVID Hot Topics

- ELIGIBILITY
 - NCAA GRANTED ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY TO STUDENT-ATHLETES
 - 2019-20 SPRING SPORTS
 - 2020-21 FALL & WINTER SPORTS
- RECRUITING LANDSCAPE
 - NO IN PERSON CONTACT SINCE MARCH 2020, CHALLENGING TO MEET RECRUITS
 - ZOOM CALLS WITH STUDENTS AND COACHES
 - CAMPS TO RESUME THIS SUMMER, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN



Name, Image, Likeness (NIL)

- NCAA HAS PROPOSALS FOR THE RULE CHANGES; HOWEVER THESE HAVE NOT BEEN VOTED ON YET AND **THERE ARE NO CHANGES**
- FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION CURRENTLY BEING VOTED ON AND ENACTED, THIS COULD CHANGE THE NCAA'S POSITION
- SUPREME COURT CASE



Transfer Updates

- WITH A NEW NCAA WAIVER, THERE IS ABILITY FOR ANY STUDENT ATHLETE IN ANY SPORT TO TRANSFER ONE TIME WITHOUT SITTING A YEAR IN RESIDENCE AT THE NEW SCHOOL
 - THIS IS CONTINGENT ON ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY AT THE NEW SCHOOL
 - THIS EXCEPTION IS ONLY APPLICABLE ONCE DURING THE STUDENT ATHLETE'S CAREER
- THE RULE IS NOT IN THE BYLAWS YET, THIS IS AN EXCEPTION FOR 2020-21 ONLY
- TAMPERING/3RD PARTY COMMUNICATION



Questions?

