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Athletics in the United States: *How to Support Student Athletes*

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Agenda

- Major Governing Bodies
- Eligibility
- Amateurism
- Student Journey
- Resources





Major Governing Bodies



NCAA

- Division I – elite (900 members)
- Division II – very competitive
- Division III – merit scholarships only



NAIA

- 350 member schools
- Smaller schools; fewer sports
- Entry requirements less strict



NJCAA

- Start with an associates degree
- Transfer to a 4 year institution



NCAA: National Collegiate Athletic Association

Country	Registrants	Percentage
Canada	3154	27.40%
United Kingdom	1028	8.90%
Australia	618	5.40%
Germany	588	5.10%
Spain	456	4.00%
Sweden	369	3.20%
Brazil	307	2.70%
France	303	2.70%
New Zealand	216	1.90%
Netherlands	144	1.30%



- 195,224 registered student athletes
- 5.89% international



NCAA

Fall Sports	Winter Sports		Spring Sports		Emerging Sports
Cross Country (W)	Basketball (M)	Basketball (W)	Baseball (M)	Softball (W)	Equestrian (W)
Cross Country (M)	Fencing (M)	Fencing (W)	Golf (M)	Golf (W)	Rugby (W)
Field Hockey (W)	Gymnastics (M)	Gymnastics (W)	Lacrosse (M)	Lacrosse (W)	Triathlon (W)
Football (M)	Ice Hockey (M)	Ice Hockey (W)	Outdoor Track and Field (M)	Outdoor Track and Field (W)	
Soccer (W)	Indoor Track and Field (M)	Indoor Track and Field (W)	Tennis (M)	Tennis (W)	
Soccer (M)	Rifle (M)	Rifle (W)	Rowing (W)	Volleyball (M)	
Volleyball (W)	Skiing (M)	Skiing (W)	Water Polo (W)	Beach Volleyball (W)	
Water Polo (M)	Swimming and Diving (M)	Swimming and Diving (W)			
	Bowling (W)	Wrestling (M)			





NCAA Division I

Numbers

12,900	Average enrollment
18	Average number of sports
6%	Average number of students Participating in sports
26	National Championships

Participation

173,500	Student athletes
346	Member schools
53%	Receive some athletic aid

- Largest enrollment
- Largest budgets
- Diverse academic programs
- Diverse sports
- Highest Profile



NCAA Division II

- Growth opportunities through academic achievement
- High-level competition
- Community engagement

Numbers

4,200	Average enrollment
15	Average number of sports
14%	Average number of students participating in sports
25	National Championships

Participation

119,000	Student athletes
307	Member schools
56%	Receive some athletic aid



NCAA Division III

Numbers

2,643	Average enrollment
18	Average number of sports
24%	Average number of students participating in sports
28	National Championships

Participation

180,000	Student athletes
450	Member schools
75%	Receive some academic scholarship or need-based aid

- Focus on academic success
- No athletic scholarship
- “Meaningful” athletic opportunities



Eligibility Requirements



NCAA

- 16 core courses within 4 years (10-13)
- Division I uses sliding scale
- Minimum GPA 2.3/4.0



NAIA

- Minimum GPA of 2.0/4.0
- Minimum 18 on ACT / 860 on SAT
- Graduate in top half of class



NJCAA

- No minimum passing SAT score
- Only 25% of scholarships can be given to international students



NCAA Eligibility

Eligibility Center:

- Email address
- Demographic information
- Education history
- Additional coursework
- Athletic resume

Required items:

ACT or SAT scores

Official transcripts (including graduation dates)

Certified Translation

Amateurism questionnaire

Application fee



NCAA Registration

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

NCAA Eligibility Center

Student Email _____ Password _____ [Login](#) [Help](#) [High School Administrators](#)

[Forgot your password?](#)

WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

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

[↓](#)
REGISTER

NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?



NCAA Core Courses

- Academic, university preparatory courses
- Receive instruction at or above regular academic level
- Earn diploma program course credit that appears on official transcript

Core Courses:

English

Math (algebra I or higher)

Science (natural & physical)

Social science

Additional core courses (foreign language, religion, philosophy)

Transcript Requirements:

Course titles, grades, credits awarded

International Standards: Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility (Download from NCAA website)





NCAA Timeline

10th Grade

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Maintain coursework progress
- Send official transcripts to Eligibility Center

11th Grade

- Sit for ACT or SAT
(NCAA Eligibility Center code: 9999)
- Send official transcripts to Eligibility Center





NCAA Timeline



12th or 13th Grade

- Sit for ACT or SAT
(NCAA Eligibility Center code: 9999)
- Request final amateurism certificate
(on or after April 1st)
- Send official transcripts and proof of graduation to Eligibility Center



Amateurism

Dos

- Save all documents
(NCAA Eligibility Center code: 9999)
- Consult with NCAA institution coach or compliance officer regarding any benefits

Don'ts

- Sign for or accept benefits from an agent
- Accept payment from professional team in excess of expenses
- Accept prize money or training payments





National Letter of Intent

NLI NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT 2011-2012

Name of Prospective Student-Athlete _____
Last First Middle Initial

Permanent Address _____
City State Postal Code Country

Prospective Student-Athlete's NCAA ID _____ Date of Birth _____
(must be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center and on the Institutional Request List)

Submission of this NLI has been authorized by: _____
SIGNED Director of Athletics (or designee) Date Issued to Prospective Student-Athlete

For Institutional Use Only:
 Two-year college transfer
 Not Qualifier Non-qualifier
 Two-year college graduate Expected graduation date _____
Year

This is to certify my decision to enroll at _____
Name of Institution

I certify that I have read all terms and conditions included in this document. I have discussed them with the coach and/or other staff representatives of the institution named above, and I fully understand, accept and agree to be bound by them. I understand that signing this NLI is voluntary and I am not required to sign the NLI to receive athletics aid and participate in intercollegiate athletics. Additionally, I give my consent to the signing institution to disclose to authorized representatives of its athletic conference (if any), the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center and the NLI Office any documents or information pertaining to my NLI signing. Further, I give my consent to the NLI Office to disclose my name and personally identifiable information from my education records to a third party including but not limited to the media as necessary to correct any inaccuracies reported by the media or related to my NLI signing, without such disclosure constituting a violation of my rights, including my rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

If I identify any part of this NLI or if I have knowledge that my parent or legal guardian has identified any part of this NLI, I understand I shall forfeit the first year of my athletics competition at any NLI participating institution.

My signature on this NLI nullifies any agreement, oral or otherwise, which would release me from the conditions stated within this NLI.

SIGNED _____
Prospective Student-Athlete Signature Signing Date (MM/Day/YY) Time (A.M./P.M.) Do not sign prior to 7:00 a.m. (local time) on the actual signing date.

Parent/legal guardian signature is required if prospective student-athlete has not reached his or her 21st birthday.

SIGNED _____
Parent or legal Guardian Signature (check one) Signing Date (MM/Day/YY) Time (A.M./P.M.) Do not sign prior to 7:00 a.m. (local time) on the actual signing date.

Print Name of Parent/legal Guardian _____ Telephone Number (including area code) _____

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- Cannot sign before the initial signing date of chosen sport
- Must be within 7 days
- University must file letter within 14 days
- Intent is binding for one academic year





Scholarships

- Full:
 - Tuition & fees
 - Room & board
 - Books
 - Cost of attendance (power 5)
- Partial:
 - Tuition & fees
- Length:
 - One-year, renewable
 - Not typically four year or guaranteed





Scouting

- Athletic department identifies talent
- Scouting service providers must be NCAA approved





Sports Agents



Ask...

- How long have they been an agent?
- Do they charge universities for their prospect information? If so, who is the client?
- Will they provide direct referrals to past clients?
- Do they offer any guarantees?
- How much do they charge?
- What do they do with your money?
- Will they assist with university transfers for no extra fee?



Contacting Universities

Things to consider...

- Good-fit involves academics & athletics
- Creating an athletic CV
- Creating an online CV
- Athletic camps
- Promotion
 - athletic-scholarships.net
- Directly contacting university athletic coordinators and/or coaches





Supporting Student Athletes



- Be realistic about opportunity & athletic ability
- Subscribe to NCAA newsletter; visit site often
- Become familiar with Eligibility Center & timelines
- Sports are not the primary reason for university
- Watch for emerging sports
- Process doesn't end with the signing of the National Letter of Intent



What to tell student athletes

- Use your EducationUSA advising center
- Register with Eligibility Center(s)
- Use search engine to find the list of colleges/universities with your sport:
 - NCAA / NAIA / NJCAA
- Email coaches at colleges you are interested in: coaches may contact individual athletes but most international athletes initiate the first contact
- Talk to coaches, friends who are already in the U.S. on athletic scholarships, etc.
- Follow up every lead or suggestion
- Be persistent



Online Resources

www.eligibilitycenter.org

www.ncaa.com / www.ncaa.org

www.playnaia.org

www.njcaa.org

www.athleticscholarships.net

www.collegesportsscholarships.com

www.scholarshipstats.com

www.collegecoaches.com



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