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SOPHOMORE YEAR

SOPHOMORE YEAR - DIVISION I				
Recruiting Method	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Other Sports
Recruiting materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may receive brochures for camps, questionnaires, NCAA materials, and nonathletics recruiting publications. You may begin receiving recruiting materials June 15 after your sophomore year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may receive brochures for camps, questionnaires, NCAA materials, and nonathletics recruiting publications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may receive brochures for camps, questionnaires, NCAA materials, and nonathletics recruiting publications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may receive brochures for camps, questionnaires, NCAA materials, and nonathletics recruiting publications. Men's Ice Hockey—You may begin receiving recruiting materials January 1 of your sophomore year.
Telephone calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense only. College coach can make unlimited calls beginning June 15 after your sophomore year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense only. College coach cannot call you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense only. College coach cannot call you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense only. College coach cannot call you. Women's Ice Hockey—A college coach may call international college-bound student-athletes once on or after July 7 through July 31 after sophomore year. Men's Ice Hockey—May not be made before January 1 of sophomore year.
Off-campus contact	None allowed.	None allowed.	None allowed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. Men's Ice Hockey—May not be made before June 15 after sophomore year.
Official visit	None allowed.	None allowed.	None allowed.	None allowed.
Unofficial visit	You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits, except during a dead period.	You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits, except during a dead period.	You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits, except during a dead period.	You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits, except during a dead period.

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JUNIOR YEAR

JUNIOR YEAR - DIVISION I				
Recruiting Method	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Other Sports
Electronic correspondence (e.g., text messaging, instant messenger, email)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may begin receiving electronic correspondence June 15 after your sophomore year. Correspondence must be private between you and the coach until you provide a written commitment to the NCAA school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may begin receiving electronic correspondence September 1 of your junior year. Correspondence must be private between you and the coach until you provide a written commitment to the NCAA school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email and fax permissible September 1 of your junior year. All other forms of electronic correspondence is impermissible. All forms of electronic correspondence are permissible after you provide a written commitment to the NCAA school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All forms of electronic correspondence permissible September 1 of your junior year. Correspondence must be private until you provide a written commitment to the NCAA school. Swimming & Diving, Cross Country, Track & Field— Only electronic mail and faxes are permissible until you provide a written commitment to the NCAA school.
Recruiting materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed. You may begin receiving recruiting materials June 15 after your sophomore year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may begin receiving September 1 of your junior year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may begin receiving September 1 of your junior year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may begin receiving September 1 of your junior year. Men's Ice Hockey— You may begin receiving recruiting materials January 1 after your sophomore year.
Telephone calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to the coach at your expense.
College coaches may call you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited beginning September 1 of your junior year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One call from April 15 to May 31 of your junior year. Additional calls may not be made before September 1 of your senior year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May not be made before September 1 at the beginning of your junior year. Swimming & Diving, Cross Country, Track & Field—May not be made before July 1 following completion of junior year, or the opening day of classes of your senior year, whichever is earlier. Women's Ice Hockey—Once per week beginning July 7 after your junior year.
Off-campus contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed beginning opening day of classes. Contacts other than April period may only occur at your school. Contacts in April may occur at your school or residence. No contact on the day of a competition. Contacts may not occur during the time of day when classes are in session. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed September 1 at the beginning of your junior year. No contact on the day of a competition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed starting July 1 after your junior year. Women's Gymnastics—Allowed beginning July 15 after your junior year. Women's Ice Hockey—Allowed beginning July 7 after your junior year.
Official visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed January 1 of your junior year. You may make only one official visit per college and up to a maximum of five official visits to Division I colleges. There is no limit to official visits to Division II colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed April of your junior year beginning Thursday following the Women's Final Four. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed.
Unofficial visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits, except during a dead period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits, except during a dead period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits, except during a dead period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits, except during a dead period.

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SENIOR YEAR

SENIOR YEAR - DIVISION I

Recruiting Method	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Other Sports
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Recruiting materials	Allowed.	Allowed.	Allowed.	Allowed.
Telephone calls	You may make calls to the coach at your expense.	You may make calls to the coach at your expense.	You may make calls to the coach at your expense.	You may make calls to the coach at your expense.
College coaches may call you	Unlimited.	Unlimited.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once per week beginning September 1 outside contact period. Unlimited calls after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR after the college receives a financial deposit from you. Unlimited during contact period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's Ice Hockey—Once per week beginning July 7 after your junior year. Unlimited calls after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR after the college receives a financial deposit from you.
Off-campus contact	Allowed.	Allowed.	Allowed beginning July 1 prior to your senior year.	Allowed.
Official visit	You may make only one official visit per college and up to a maximum of five official visits to Division I colleges. There is no limit to official visits to Division II colleges.	You may make only one official visit per college and up to a maximum of five official visits to Division I colleges. There is no limit to official visits to Division II colleges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed beginning opening day of classes your senior year. You may make only one official visit per college and up to a maximum of five official visits to Division I colleges. There is no limit to official visits to Division II colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed beginning opening day of classes your senior year. You may make only one official visit per college and up to a maximum of five official visits to Division I colleges. There is no limit to official visits to Division II colleges.
Unofficial visit	You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits, except during a dead period.	You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits, except during a dead period.	You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits, except during a dead period.	You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits, except during a dead period.
How often can a coach see me or talk to me off the college's campus?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A college coach may contact you or your parents/legal guardians (including evaluating you off the college's campus) seven times. Unlimited number of contacts and evaluation after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR after the college receives a financial deposit from you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A college coach may contact you or your parents/legal guardians (including evaluating you off the college's campus) seven times. Unlimited number of contacts and evaluation after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR after the college receives a financial deposit from you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A college coach may contact you or your parents/legal guardians (including evaluating you off the college's campus) six times. One evaluation during September, October and November. Two evaluations—April 15 through May 31 (once to evaluate athletics ability and once to evaluate academic qualifications). Unlimited number of contacts and evaluation after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR after the college receives a financial deposit from you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A college coach may contact you or your parents/legal guardians not more than three times. Unlimited number of contacts and evaluation after you sign an NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid; OR after the college receives a financial deposit from you.

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RECRUITING DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 1st**
Off-campus contact begins
- 1st Day of Class**
May begin taking official visits
- August 1st**
May receive a written offer of aid
- No more than five official visits total and no more than one at each school.**

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RECRUITING RULES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ A recruit may **initiate** a phone call to a college coach at any age and at any time.
- ◆ A recruit may make unlimited **unofficial** visits
- ◆ A college coach may call a recruit's coach at any age and at any time

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INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

*Note: These are the new initial eligibility requirements
for students graduating after May 2016*

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Core
Courses

2.3*

GPA

10

Core Courses
before
Senior Year

7 of 10

English,
Math, or
Science

** GPA remains a 2.0 for Division II
student-athletes*

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ELIGIBILITY DATES TO REMEMBER

Grade 9

- ◆ *Start planning. Take the right courses and work hard to earn the best grades.*
- ◆ *Ask your counselor (or go to eligibilitycenter.org) for your list of approved courses and make sure to take the right ones.*

Grade 10

- ◆ *Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org*
- ◆ *If you fall behind in classes, ask your counselor how you can catch up. Don't fall behind!*

Grade 11

- ◆ *Check with your counselor to make you are on time to graduate with approved classes.*
- ◆ *Take the ACT or SAT and send your scores to NCAA using code 9999.*
- ◆ *At the conclusion of the year, ask you counselor to send your transcript to the NCAA.*
- ◆ *Make sure you are on time to graduate*

Grade 12

- ◆ *Complete your final courses.*
- ◆ *Take the SAT or ACT again, if necessary.*
- ◆ *Request your final amateurism after April 1st.*
- ◆ *After you graduate, request a transcript be sent to NCAA.*

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What are Core Courses?

 **4 years of English (3 years for Division II)**

 **3 years of Math (2 years for Division II)**

 **2 years of natural/physical science**

 **1 year of additional English, Math, or Science (3 years for Division II)**

 **2 years of social science**

 **4 years of additional courses in any of the above areas or foreign languages**

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CORE COURSE GPA CALCULATION



Only core courses taken will be included in the student's NCAA GPA



Only core courses on your high school's list of approved courses will be used

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SLIDING SCALE REQUIREMENTS

Sliding Scale for Division I beginning August 1, 2016

Core GPA	SAT	ACT
3.950 & above	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	48
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	60
2.700	740	61
2.675	750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840	70
2.425	850	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.299	910	76
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	81
2.125	970	82
2.100	980	83
2.075	990	84
2.050	1000	85
2.025	1010	85
2.000	1020	86

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

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AMATEURISM

- ◆ *Every student-athlete must have their amateurism certified by the NCAA*
- ◆ *Student-athlete must complete a series of questions upon registration and again after April 1st prior to enrollment*
- ◆ *The following activities may impact your amateur status:*
 - *Signing a contract with a professional team*
 - *Any involvement with a professional team*
 - *Accepting payments or preferential benefits for playing sports*
 - *Accepting prize money*
 - *Accepting benefits from an agent*
 - *Agreeing to be represented by an agent*
 - *Delaying your full-time enrollment to participate in organized sports*

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INITIAL ELIGIBILITY FAQS

Question: When should a student register with the Eligibility Center?

Answer: Students should register during their junior year

Question: Do credit-by-exam courses count as a core course? Credit Recovery?

Answer: No. The course must be repeated again in full.

Question: May courses taken in 8th grade count?

Answer: Courses taught in 8th grade can be used as a core course provided the course is an approved course and it appears on the high school transcript with credit awarded

Question: Will courses taken after graduation count?

Answer: Yes, a high school graduate may use one core course taken after graduation. Students with a diagnosed learning disability may use up to three additional courses.

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FAQS, CONTINUED

Question: Does the NCAA accept dual enrollment classes as core courses?

Answer: Yes, the course must either appear on the high school transcript and be accepted as credit at the high school or the NCAA must receive an official transcript from the college offering the course.

Question: After my junior year, can I retake a class to improve my GPA?

Answer: Maybe. This will depend on whether the course is considered "locked in." The NCAA will use a student's best grades to fulfill the 7/10 core course requirement prior to the start of a student's senior year. Those that are locked-in should not be repeated in an attempt to earn a higher grade.

Question: What if I meet the old initial eligibility requirements?

Answer: Students who do not meet the 2.3 minimum GPA requirement or the 7/10 core course requirement, but meet the old eligibility standards (2.0 GPA, 16 core courses) will be an academic redshirt. They are eligible for athletically-related financial aid and practice, but not competition. A student-athlete who does not meet either of the requirements is not eligible for financial aid, practice, or competition.

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FINANCIAL AID

◆ NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

- *Binding agreement between a prospect and an institution*
- *Voluntary, not required to receive financial aid or participate in sports*
- *Institution guarantees athletic aid and prospect guarantees they will attend the institution*
- *May only be declared null and void for specific reasons*
- ◆ *Signing a NLI ends the recruiting process. Once signed, other schools are prohibited from contacting you.*
- ◆ *Penalty for not fulfilling NLI Provisions: sit a year and lose a year (unless released by the signing institution)*
- ◆ *For more information, visit www.national-letter.org*

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FINANCIAL AID

◆ **Athletic aid (scholarship) covers the cost of attending the institution**

- **Tuition and fees**
- **Room and board**
- **Books**
- **Transportation**
- **Miscellaneous expenses (became effective August 1, 2015)**

◆ **FAFSA**

- **Every student should apply**
- **Based on parents' last federal income tax return**
- **Students could be eligible for Pell Grant and other federal loans**
- **Apply online at fafsa.ed.gov**

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DIFFERENT SCHOLARSHIPS

- ◆ ***Head count sports:*** If you receive a scholarship, it must be a full scholarship
- ◆ ***Equivalency sports:*** Coaches may divide their scholarship limits imposed by the NCAA and award different percentages to student-athletes
 - ***Note:*** In Division II all sports are equivalency.

In Division III, there are no athletic scholarships. All financial aid is based on academic work and need.

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QUESTIONS?



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