

# NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Many college sports are regulated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), an organization founded in 1906 that has established rules on eligibility, recruiting, and financial aid. The NCAA has three membership divisions—Division I, Division II, Division III. Institutions are members of one or another division according to size and scope of their athletic programs and whether they provide athletic scholarships.

If you are planning to enroll in college and you wish to participate in Division I or II sports, you must be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.

The Clearinghouse will analyze your academic information and determine if you meet the NCAA's initial-eligibility requirements.

## STEPS TO USE CLEARINGHOUSE

- Step 1: Students can register at their web site at [www.ncaa.org/eligibility.org](http://www.ncaa.org/eligibility.org)
- Step 2: Fill out the student release form/NCAA Initial Eligibility.
- Step 3: Send this copy to the Clearinghouse with payment.
- Step 4: Give copy 1 and copy 2 of the student release form to your high school guidance counselor. If you attended more than one high school, each high school must receive copies of your student release form..

\*This form authorizes each of your schools to send your transcript, including test scores to the NCAA Clearinghouse.

**Send form and fee to: NCAA Clearinghouse - Forms Processing  
P.O. Box 4043  
Iowa City, IA 52243-4043**

## **GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW FOR THE STUDENT ATHLETE**

1. Schedule appropriate core courses
2. Maintain a minimum "C" average in core courses
3. Consider taking the PSAT, SAT, or ACT early in junior year
4. Retake SAT or ACT in spring of junior year, if necessary
5. Submit Student Release Form to the Clearinghouse by beginning of senior year
6. You must have your SAT or ACT scores sent directly from the college board to the NCAA Clearinghouse. You can do this by entering **9999** in the section entitled college and scholarship choice **when you sign up!** If you fail to put **9999**, you will have to pay an additional fee to have them sent at a later time.

**NCAA's Web site: <http://www.ncaa.org/eligibility.org>**