



# COACHES NEWSLETTER November 2019

## High School Timeline

Initial-eligibility standards help ensure your student-athletes are prepared to succeed in college. It's vital that your student-athletes plan ahead, take their high school classes seriously and protect their amateur status. Encourage your student-athletes to use our [high school timeline](#) as a way to stay on track for meeting initial-eligibility requirements.

### HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**PLAN**

- Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades possible.
- Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at [eligibilitycenter.org/courselist](http://eligibilitycenter.org/courselist).
- Sign up for a free Profile Page at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) for information on NCAA requirements.

#### 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**REGISTER**

- If you fall behind academically, ask your counselor for help finding approved courses you can take.
- Register for a Profile Page or Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).
- Monitor your Eligibility Center account for next steps.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your NCAA Eligibility Center account.

#### 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**STUDENT**

- Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses and graduate on time with your class.
- Take the ACT or SAT and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Ensure your sports participation information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your NCAA Eligibility Center account.

#### 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**GRADUATE**

- Complete your final NCAA-approved core courses as you prepare for graduation.
- Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Request your final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (fall enrollment) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollment) in your NCAA Eligibility Center account at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).
- After you graduate, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to your NCAA Eligibility Center account.
- Reminder:** Only students on an NCAA Division I or II school's institutional request list will receive a certification.



## DI and DII Academic Requirements

The Division I and II Academic Requirements sheets have been updated. As you assist college-bound student-athletes and their families, use these documents to help them better understand the required academic standards students must meet.

- [Division I Academic Requirements](#)
- [Division II Academic Requirements](#)

*Have questions regarding an international student-athlete? [Click here](#) to view information and academic requirements specific to international student-athletes.*

## Presentation Resources and Support

When discussing options for students after graduation, many coaches participate in informational meetings about playing college sports during their local school's "College Nights" or other events through their sport's association. The Eligibility Center can assist with these events in two ways:

### Presentation Resources

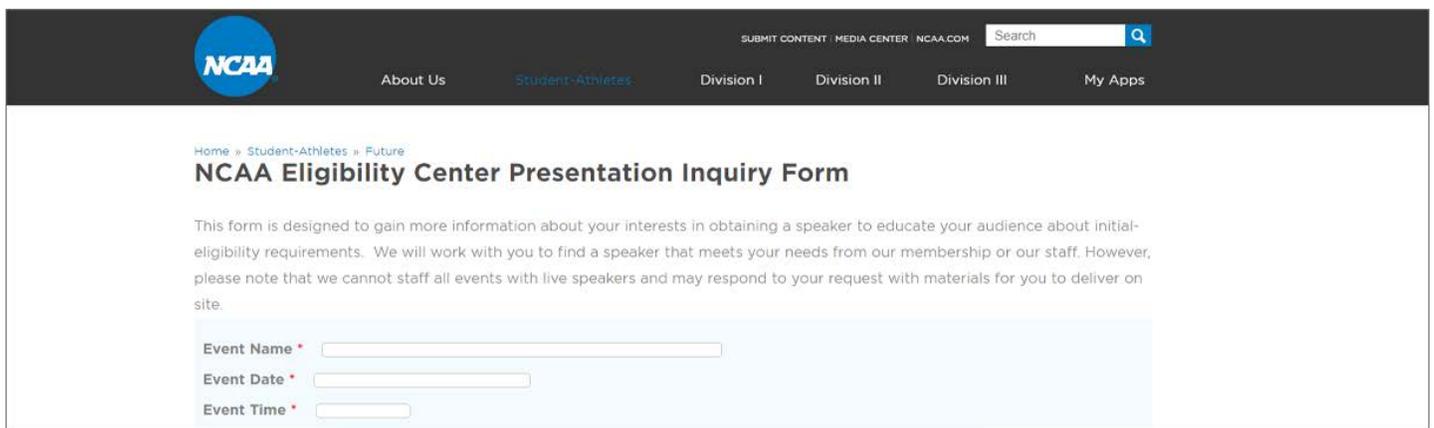
We have prepared [presentation resources](#) to assist with these events and empower coaches and other administrators to give a detailed presentation about meeting academic and amateurism requirements.

## Speaker Presentations

Some schools invite speakers who are experts in initial eligibility to assist with these presentations. Due to the volume and range of speaking requests received, the NCAA is unable to send staff members to most events. We may, however, be able to assist by connecting you with someone in your area knowledgeable about initial eligibility.

If a coach is not comfortable giving their own presentation, we will do our best to connect them with an NCAA member school in their area that has a compliance staff member available to present at their event. If a staff member at a local school is unavailable, we will work with the coach to ensure they have access to the available materials and assistance to put together a presentation for their audience.

To submit a speaker request, please complete our online [Presentation Inquiry Form](#) with as much detail as possible. We will respond to your request within 10 business days with next steps.



The screenshot shows the top of a web page with the NCAA logo on the left and navigation links for 'About Us', 'Student-Athletes', 'Division I', 'Division II', 'Division III', and 'My Apps'. A search bar is located in the top right. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home » Student-Athletes » Future'. The main heading is 'NCAA Eligibility Center Presentation Inquiry Form'. Below the heading is a paragraph of text explaining the form's purpose. At the bottom of the form, there are three input fields labeled 'Event Name', 'Event Date', and 'Event Time', each with a red asterisk indicating a required field.

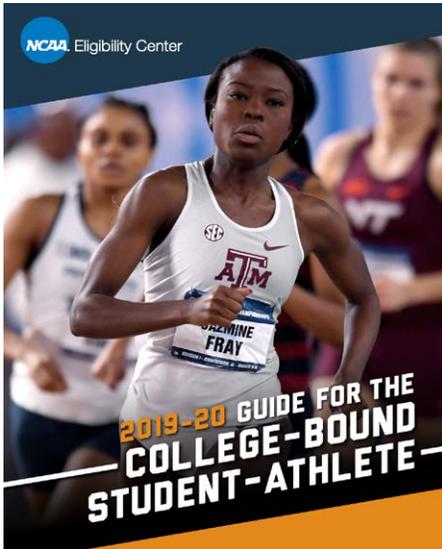
## Name, Image and Likeness

In the Association's continuing efforts to support college athletes, the NCAA's top governing board voted unanimously to permit students participating in athletics the opportunity to benefit from the use of their name, image and likeness in a manner consistent with the collegiate model. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## Emerging Science on Cannabis/Marijuana: Implications for Student-Athletes

by Jason R. Kilmer, Ph.D., University of Washington

When Washington and Colorado legalized marijuana for non-medical/personal reasons, it was clear that the research needed to "catch up" with what people were using. Now, as the end of 2019 approaches, the research is catching up, and tells a pretty compelling story related to marijuana use and the health and well-being of student-athletes. [Click here](#) to read more about the changing landscape and the impact on student-athletes.



**ONE OPPORTUNITY. LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES.**

If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, start by registering for a Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org). If you want to play Division III sports or you aren't sure where you want to compete, start by creating a Profile Page at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**  
To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses, earn a minimum GPA and earn an ACT or SAT score that matches your core-course GPA.

**CORE COURSES**  
Only courses that appear on your high school's list of NCAA core courses will count toward the 16 core-course requirement. Visit [eligibilitycenter.org/core-courses](http://eligibilitycenter.org/core-courses) for a full list of your high school's approved core courses. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

DIVISION I					
ENGLISH 4 years	MATH 3 years	NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE 2 years	ADDITIONAL COURSES 1 year	SOCIAL SCIENCE 2 years	ADDITIONAL COURSES 4 years
DIVISION II					
ENGLISH 3 years	MATH 2 years	NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE 2 years	ADDITIONAL COURSES 3 years	SOCIAL SCIENCE 2 years	ADDITIONAL COURSES 4 years

**GRADE-POINT AVERAGE**  
The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your grade-point average based only on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses.  
\* DI requires a minimum 2.3 GPA.  
\* DII requires a minimum 2.2 GPA.

**SLIDING SCALE**  
Division I and II use sliding scales to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. Visit [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) for more information about test scores at [ncaa.org/test-scores](http://ncaa.org/test-scores).

**TEST SCORES**  
You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in college. Every time you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code 9999 to send your scores directly to us from the testing agency. We accept official scores only from the ACT or SAT, and won't use scores shown on your high school transcript. If you take either test more than once, the best subscore from different tests are used to give you the best possible score.

**Our Three Divisions**

The NCAA's three divisions were created in 1973 to align like-minded campuses in the areas of philosophy, competition and opportunity.

DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3
351 SCHOOLS	308 SCHOOLS	443 SCHOOLS
9,895 UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	2,514 UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	1,736 UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT
1 in 25 STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES	1 in 11 STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES	1 in 6 STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES
19 AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS PER SCHOOL	16 AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS PER SCHOOL	18 AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS PER SCHOOL
26% ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS	26% ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS	26% ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

**What are the eligibility requirements in each division?**  
College-bound students who want to compete at a Division I or Division II school must meet standards set by NCAA members. For Division III, athletes must meet the admissions standards set by the school. Eligible students can be found at [ncaa.org/student-athletes/future](http://ncaa.org/student-athletes/future).

**How is each division governed?**  
NCAA schools develop and approve legislation for their own division. Groups of presidents and chancellors lead each division in the form of committees with regularly scheduled meetings.

**Did you know?**  
Division I student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than the general student body.  
Division II is the only division with schools in Alaska, Puerto Rico and Canada.  
Division III's largest school has 24,702 undergraduates. The smallest? 294.  
Learn more at [ncaa.org/about](http://ncaa.org/about).

The Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete is our most comprehensive student resource.

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Our Initial-Eligibility Brochure provides a general overview of the NCAA Eligibility Center requirements.

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Students can learn which NCAA division may be right for them by comparing the three NCAA divisions.

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