

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

&

THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER
(aka The NCAA Clearinghouse)

[AND A FEW OTHER ITEMS THAT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES (& PARENTS) SHOULD
KNOW PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN COLLEGE ATHLETICS AS A FRESHMAN]

THE PROCESS

- The college recruiting process is a rare industry where both parties are the consumer and the product.
 - College programs are a consumer, as they are searching for the right student-athlete for their program.
 - College programs are also a product. They need to attract student-athletes to their program.
 - Prospective student-athletes are a product. You need to be marketed. As a product, you will be researched by the consumer!
 - You are also a consumer, as you are looking to select a product that meets your needs.

COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ORGANIZATIONS

- Junior College

- Division I

- Division II

- NAIA

- Division I

- Division II

- NCAA

- Division I

- Division II

- Division III



CHANCES OF BEING A PRO ATHLETE

	M Basketball	W Basketball	Football	Baseball
HS Student-Athletes (SAs)	549,500	459,900	983,600	455,300
HS Senior SAs	157,000	130,500	281,000	130,100
* NCAA SAs	15,700	14,400	56,500	25,700
* NCAA Freshman Roster Positions	4500	4100	16,200	7300
* NCAA Senior SAs	3500	3200	12,600	5700
* NCAA SAs Drafted	44	32	250	600
HS to NCAA	2.9 %	3.1 %	5.8 %	5.6 %
NCAA to Pro	1.3 %	1.0 %	2.0 %	10.5 %
HS to Pro	0.03 %	0.02 %	0.09 %	0.5 %

* Includes NCAA Division I, Division II, and Division III student-athletes at over 1280 NCAA schools

Quick Reference - Abbreviations

HS	High School
JC	Junior College
NCAA	National Collegiate Athletic Association
C-HOUSE	NCAA Clearinghouse (NCAA Eligibility Center)
PSA	Prospective Student-Athlete
SA	Student-Athlete
PRO	Professional Athlete
OV	Official Visit
UV	Unofficial Visit
MIN. or MAX.	Minimum or Maximum

What do College Coaches look for when Recruiting?

- Athletic Ability (and Potential)
- Ability to be Coached / Taught
- Work Ethic / Desire to Improve
- Mental Acuity
- Interaction w/ Teammates
- Character
- Academics/Grades

Getting the Attention of a College Coach

Some of things that a PSA can do to “get the attention” of a college coach include:

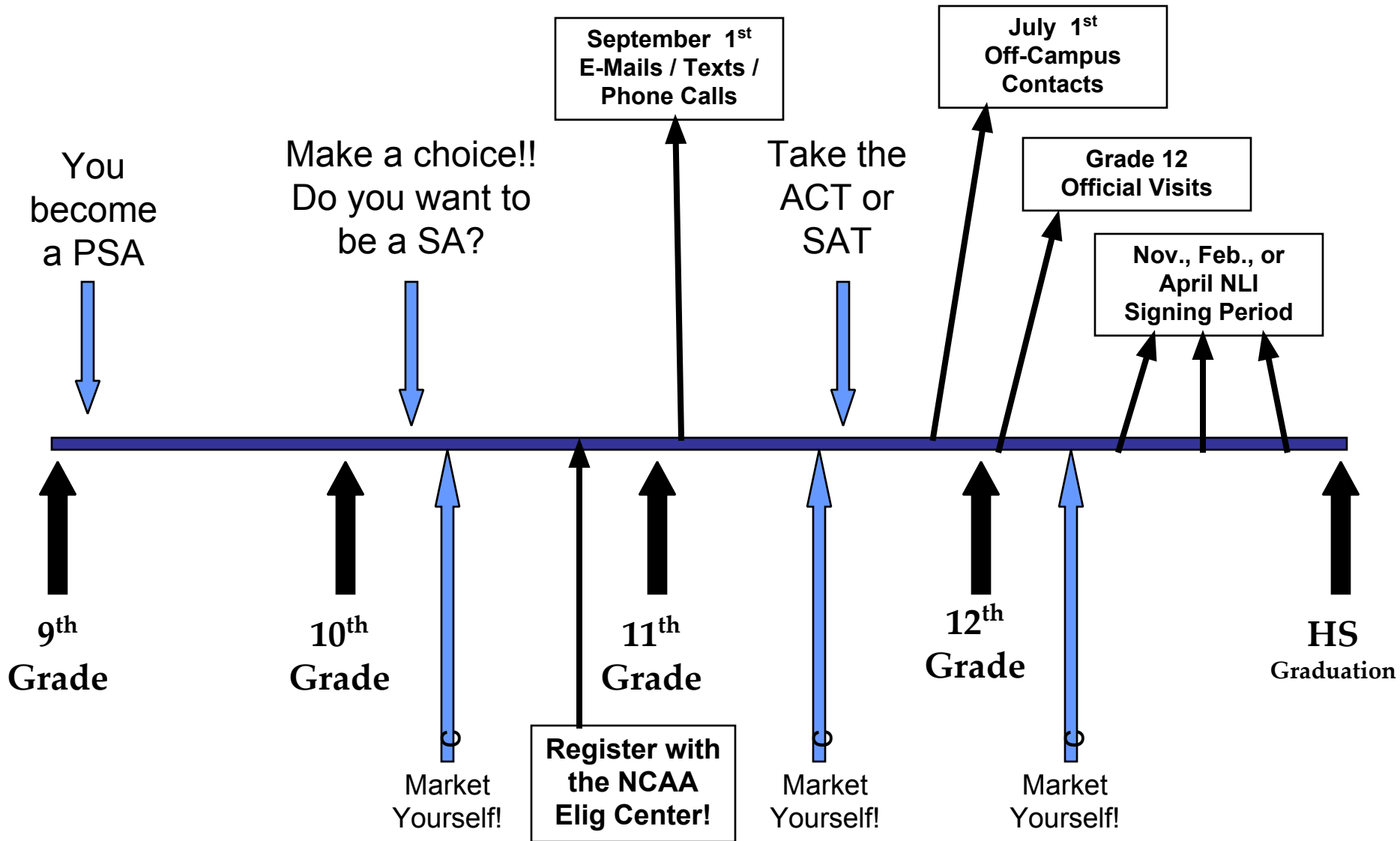
- Attend summer camps
- Meet with coaches on the college campus (Unofficial Visits)
- Send in a Videotape/DVD/YouTube of you in Game Action along with a letter of interest and a *resume*.
- Have your HS Coach or Club Coach call the college coach upon your behalf
- Call the College Coach directly – no restrictions on the # of times a PSA (or parent) can call a college coach
- Have a “Clean” Social Media Page (or pages)

Example of What NOT to Post On Social Media

- RT @Cordale10 Why should we have to go to class if we came here to play FOOTBALL, we ain't come to play SCHOOL classes are POINTLESS

10:32 AM - 5 Oct 2012

Recruiting Timeline



Recruiting – NCAA Rules

(Division I)

General Rule – A student becomes a PSA when he/she enters the 9th grade.

9th / 10th Graders

- Mailings – Camp brochures, questionnaires, NCAA published information
- Evaluations – Division I college coaches can observe PSAs in competition and/or practice a limited number of times
- Unofficial Visits (UVs) – PSAs can visit Division I campuses
- Camps – PSAs can attend summer camps

Recruiting – NCAA Rules

(Division I)

11th Graders

- Everything Applicable to 9th & 10th Graders
- Beginning Sept. 1st of the PSA Junior Year, a PSA can receive:
 - a) General Correspondence – Letters, etc.
 - b) E-Mails, Text Messages, and Instant MessagesM Basketball Exception – June 15th PRIOR to PSA's Junior Year
- Phone Calls – 1st Opportunity (All Sports except Football and Swimming)
 - M Basketball – JUNE 15th PRIOR to the Junior Year
 - All Other Sports – SEPT. 1st AT BEGINNING of the Junior Year
- Phone Calls – 1st Opportunity (Football, Swimming)
 - Football – One Phone Call between April 15 – May 31 of JUNIOR YEAR
 - JULY 1st AFTER COMPLETION of the Junior Year

Recruiting – NCAA Rules (Division I)

12th Graders

- Everything Applicable to 9th -11th Graders
- Off-Campus Contacts – On or after July 1st (Max. of 3, except Football is allowed 6)
- Official Visits – Allowable on or after the opening day of classes in the PSA's Senior Year:
 - a) Max. of 48 hours on campus
 - b) Max. of 5 official visits to 5 different schools
 - c) Schools must have academic credentials prior to the OV
- Phone Calls
 - Unlimited for all sports after 1st permissible date
 - Exception – Football
 - » Unlimited phone calls can be made during a Contact Period
 - » One Phone Call per Week outside of a Contact Period

Scouting Services

During HS, you might be contacted by a scouting service. NCAA rules prohibit scouting services from receiving payment based upon the amount of your college scholarship that you will receive during your collegiate career.

The NCAA does not sanction or endorse any scouting service.

Recruiting – Things to Ask

Athletics

- What positions will I play on your team?
- Describe the other players competing at the same position.
- Can I “redshirt” my first year in college?
- What are the physical requirements each year?
- How would you best describe your coaching style?
- When does the head coach’s contract end?
- Describe the preferred, invited, and uninvited walk-on situation. How many make it, compete, and earn a scholarship, etc.?

Recruiting – Things to Ask

Academics

- How good is the department in my major?
- What percentage of players on scholarship graduate in 4 years? 5 years?
- Are my grades good enough to pursue a specific major?
- How available are counselors and tutors?
- What resources are available to assist me with my studies?
- How often does your team miss class due to road contests?
- How does your team travel to road contests?

Recruiting – Things to Ask

College Life

- How do your student-athletes get acclimated with the rest of the student body?
- Describe the typical class size.
- Describe the typical day for a student-athlete, in-season and out-of-season?
- What are the residence halls like and where will I live as a Freshman?
- Will I be required to live on-campus during all 4-5 years?
- Do your student-athletes attend summer school?
- Where do students go to “hang out”?

Recruiting – Things to Ask

Financial Aid

- How long is the duration of my athletics scholarship?
- What items can't the school cover even if I will be on a "Full Scholarship"?
- What athletics aid is available for summer school?
- What happens if I become injured and cannot play anymore?
- Can I work during the school year? During the summer?

Financial Aid

- Athletics scholarships are awarded in a variety of amounts, ranging from full scholarships (i.e., tuition/fees, room/board, books and cost of attendance stipend) to very small scholarships (e.g., books only).
 - Head Count Sports – Football, M/W Basketball, Gymnastics, W Tennis, and Volleyball
 - Equivalency Sports – All other programs
- Athletics scholarships are generally awarded on a year-to-year basis
- Athletics scholarship awards may be renewed annually for a maximum of five years within a six-year period of continuous college attendance.
- The total amount of financial aid a student-athlete may receive and the total amount of athletics aid a team may receive can be limited. These limits can affect whether a student-athlete may accept additional financial aid from other sources. Ask financial aid officials at the college or university about any other financial aid your son or daughter might be eligible to receive, and how this aid impacts his or her athletics aid limit.

Financial Aid

Besides an Athletics Scholarship, there are other possible sources of financial assistance, including:

- University Academic Scholarships & Grants
 - Contact the University's Admissions and/or Financial Aid office for additional information
- Federal Grants & Loans
 - Complete a FAFSA Application (visit www.fafsa.ed.org to apply)
- Local Community Awards & Scholarship Programs
 - Check with your HS Guidance Counselor for additional information
- You must inform the college financial aid office about scholarships received from all sources, such as local civic or booster clubs.

NCAA Division I Initial Eligibility Standards

“QUALIFIER”

- Graduate from High School
- Complete a Min. # of Core Courses (16)
 - Prior to the Start of the Senior Year
 - Earn 10+ Total Core Courses
 - Earn 7+ Core Courses in English/Math/Science
- Earn a Min. Core Course GPA (Sliding Scale)
- Earn a Min. ACT or SAT Score (Sliding Scale)
- Certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center

NCAA Standards – Core Courses

Division I

Aug. 2008 & after

16 CORE COURSES

- ENGLISH 4 Years
- MATH 3 Years
[Note: Must be Algebra I or higher]
- SCIENCE 2 Years
[Note: Must have one course with a lab]
- Additional ENG/MATH/SCI 1 Year
- SOCIAL SCIENCE 2 Years
- Additional CORE 4 Years
[Note: Recommend 2+ Years of a Foreign Language]

NCAA Standards – Test Scores

(Sliding Scale – Division I, **AFTER** Aug. 2016)

Core GPA	SAT	ACT
3.550+	400	37
3.500	420	39
3.250	520	46
3.000	620	52
2.750	720	59
2.500	820	68
2.300 (min. GPA)	900	75

NCAA Division II Initial Eligibility Standards

“QUALIFIER”

- Graduate from High School
- Complete a Min. # of Core Courses (16)
- Have a 2.000+ Core Course GPA
- Earn a Min. ACT or SAT Test Score
- Certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Aug. 2018 and after – Revised standards

NCAA Standards – Core Courses, GPA, & Test Scores

Division II

16 CORE COURSES

- ENGLISH 3 Years
- MATH 2 Years
[Note: Must be Algebra I or higher]
- SCIENCE 2 Years
[Note: Must have one course with a lab]
- ADDITIONAL
Eng/Math/Sci 3 Years
- SOCIAL SCIENCE 2 Years
- Additional CORE 4 Years
[Note: Recommend 2+ Years of a Foreign Language]

Division II

MINIMUM CORE GPA

2.000

MIN. TEST SCORES

ACT 68 or

SAT 820

NCAA Eligibility Center

- What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?

The NCAA Eligibility Center is responsible for determining a student's academic eligibility for athletics participation in his/her 1st year of college enrollment. Any SA who wants to participate in a college sport at an NCAA Division I or Division II school MUST REGISTER WITH THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER.

NCAA Eligibility Center

Q: Essentially, what does the Eligibility Center do?

A: The Eligibility Center is charged by the NCAA with two primary functions:

- Verify that a PSA has met the NCAA's Academic Standards for Initial-Eligibility
- Verify that a PSA has not professionalized himself/herself (started in Aug. 2007)

NCAA Eligibility Center

Q: When is the best time for a PSA to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center?

A: The best time for a PSA to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center is anytime **PRIOR** to the completion of the **JUNIOR** year in HS

NCAA Eligibility Center

EXAMPLE HS ENGLISH – CORE COURSES

AMERICAN HUMANITIES
AMERICAN HUMANITIES/H
AMERICAN LIT /ENGLISH 3
AMERICAN LIT HONORS/ENG 3
AMERICAN LITERATURE
AP ENGLISH LIT/COMP
COLLEGE WRITING
COLL WRITING/AP LANG & COMP
ENGLISH 1
ENGLISH 1/H
ENGLISH 2
ENGLISH 2/H
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIONS
ENGLISH/AP

GLOBAL HUMANITIES (ENG L2
GLO)
GLOBAL HUMANITIES/H
HUMANITIES/GLOB STUDIES
HUMANITIES/GLOBAL STUDIES/H
INTRO TO LIT HONORS/ENGLISH
INTRO TO LITERATURE/ENGLISH 1
LITERATURE OF AMERICA
MYTHOLOGY
POETRY READING & WRITING
READING & CREATIVE WRITING/
POETRY
SHAKESPEARE
SHORT STORY WRITING
SURVEY TO LIT & LANG/INTRO
SURVEY TO LIT & LANG/INTRO/H
WORLD LIT/ENGLISH 2
WORLD LIT HONORS/ENG 2
WRITING/COLL

NCAA Eligibility Center Info.

NCAA Eligibility Center

P.O. Box 7136

Indianapolis, IN 46207

www.eligibilitycenter.org

Toll Free Telephone #: 1-877-262-1492

Note: Hours of Operation – 8am to 5pm EDT Monday – Friday

NCAA Guide for College Bound Student-Athlete – web link:

http://www.ncaa.org/wps/portal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/ncaa/ncaa/legislation+and+governance/eligibility+and+recruiting