**WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?**

If you want to compete in **NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association)** at the Division 1, Division 2, or Division 3 level in sports, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to make sure you stay on track to meet initial-eligibility standards.

If you want to compete in **NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics)** sports at the college level, you need to register with the NAIA to make sure you’re on track to meet the NAIA eligibility standards.

If you want to compete in **NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association)** sports at the college level, you can look over the eligibility checklist provided below.

**NCAA Eligibility:**

The advantages of competing in college sports are both immediate and lifelong. Participating in college sports provides opportunities to learn, compete and succeed. Student-athletes receive top-notch academic support, quality medical care and regular access to outstanding coaching, facilities and equipment. Student-athletes as a group graduate at higher rates than their peers in the general student body and feel better prepared for life after college.

College-bound student-athletes preparing to enroll in a Division I or II school need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to ensure they have met amateurism standards and are academically prepared for college coursework. International college-bound student-athletes planning to enroll at a Division III school must also receive an amateurism-only certification from the Eligibility Center.

**NCAA - High School Student Time Line:**

<http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Tutorials/High_School_Timeline.pdf>

**Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete:** <http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Student_Resources/CBSA.pdf>

**Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center:**

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/??links.ncaa-play-college-sports_en_US>??

**Video – “What High School Athletes Need to Know About the NCAA and the Eligibility Center”:**

<https://youtu.be/PFOykiw57p4?si=18JIrhPknZxfbkM6>

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**NAIA Eligibility:**

* 1st Step - Register with the NAIA by going to [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)
* 2nd Step - Next, click Register Now to play. Get in the Game!
* 3rd Step - Make sure you complete the Big Three! Sign-in above to get in the game:
* 4th Step - Submit your profile at PlayNAIA.org.
* 5th Step - Send all required documents to the NAIA Eligibility Center (double-check they are received).\* Secure a spot on your school’s Short List.

**Video – “Play NAIA- Eligibility”:**

<https://youtu.be/kAzAs92kSgA?si=1KzE97EErvIuck1M>

**NJCAA Eligibility:**

<https://www.njcaa.org/compete/faqs>