

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the NCAA Clearinghouse?

The NCAA Clearinghouse is an organization outside of the NCAA which performs academic record evaluations to determine if a prospective student-athlete is eligible to participate at an NCAA Division I or II college as a freshman student-athlete. Please see Division I Initial Eligibility Requirements for a breakdown of those minimum academic requirements.

Who needs to be certified by the NCAA Clearinghouse?

All freshman and two-year college transfers who do not have an associate degree and would like to participate in any sport at an NCAA member institution (Division I or II) must register for the academic portion of the Clearinghouse. Why do I need to be certified by the NCAA Clearinghouse if I'm going to attend a junior college? Dependent upon your NCAA Clearinghouse qualification status (qualifier or non-qualifier), there are different 2-year school transfer rules to be immediately eligible at the 4-year institution you transfer to. Please see Junior College Transfer Requirements for more information.

If I have never registered and/or never been certified by the NCAA Clearinghouse what is my NCAA qualification status?

If you have never registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse or never certified by the NCAA Clearinghouse, you are considered to be a non-qualifier and must meet non-qualifier transfer requirements should you decide to attend a junior college.

How do I register with the NCAA Clearinghouse?

The registration process is completed online by visiting www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. After your junior year, visit the above website and complete the Student Release Form (SRF) online and pay the registration fee (\$50 for domestic and \$75 for international students). Fees may be paid online by providing a credit or debit card number or by sending a check or money order to the clearinghouse. Please visit the clearinghouse website listed above for detailed payment instructions. To complete the registration process, print a copy of your completed registration form and both Copy 1 and Copy 2 of the transcript release form. Sign the transcript release forms and give both to you high school counselor. You can obtain a copy of the "NCAA Guide for the College Bound Student-Athlete" which contains more detailed instructions of the clearinghouse registration process by clicking here.

How can I find out if I am enrolled in approved core-courses which will meet NCAA eligibility requirements?

You may view your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses by visiting www.ncaaclearinghouse.net and **selecting List of Approved Core Courses** on the **General Information page** or by asking your high school counselor for the list.

How can I arrange for my test scores to be sent directly from the SAT or ACT testing agency to the NCAA Clearinghouse?

When you register to take the ACT or SAT, mark code 9999 so that the testing agency will send your scores to the clearinghouse. Test scores **must** be reported to the clearinghouse directly from SAT or ACT. The clearinghouse will not accept test scores reported on high school transcripts.

Once certified by the NCAA Clearinghouse, what is the difference between a qualifier and a non-qualifier?

Qualifier:

Eligible for athletically related financial aid, practice and competition during your first year of enrollment at a NCAA member institution.

You have 5 years to play 4 seasons in your sport if you maintain your eligibility from year to year.

Non-qualifier:

Ineligible for athletically-related financial aid, practice and competition during your first year at a NCAA member institution.

You have 4 years to play 3 seasons in your sport if you maintain your eligibility from year to year.*

* Non-qualifiers have the ability to gain back a year of eligibility if they complete at least 80 percent of their degree prior to the beginning of their fifth year of college.