COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT
~ ATHLETICS ~

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BACKGROUND

- Former Collegiate Student-Athlete - St. John’s University (NY)
  - Full Scholarship (50% Academic & 50% Athletic)
  - Track & Field
  - Graduated in 3 years

- Masters Degree - Florida State University
  - Graduate Assistantship - Athletic Academic Support

- 15+ Years in College Athletics
  - Athletic Academic Advisor
  - Director of Player Development
  - Adjunct Professor

- BMC
  - Dean of Students
  - Associate Director for Student Success
COLLEGE ATHLETICS

• It’s a BUSINESS
  • Head Count Vs Full Ride
    • Scholarships, Grants, etc
    • Various Levels/Opportunities (D1, 2, 3, NAIA, JUCO, etc)

• Equivalent to TWO Full-Time Jobs
  • Practice
  • Strength & Conditioning
  • Film Study
  • Treatment
  • Classes
  • Study Hall/Tutoring/Mentoring
  • Team Meetings
  • Games/Competitions
  • Team Travel

• High Expectations = High Rewards
NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Student athletes hoping to compete within the NCAA Division I or II must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

- The Eligibility Center is responsible for reviewing Academic Initial Eligibility Requirements, as well as Amateurism.
- Register for a Profile Page or a Certification account at eligibilitycenter.org.
- Registration fee is $90.
  - Before you can take an Official Visit and/or sign an NLI, you must be registered.
  - Your future school must place you on their IRL (Institutional Request List) in order for you to be certified.
WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?
Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete.

DIVISION I | II
You need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA-Division I or II school. Create a Certification Account and we'll guide you through the process.

DIVISION III | UNDECIDED
You need to create a Certification Account to make official visits to Universities. Talk to coaches or visit a National Center of Interest.

Create a Profile Page if you plan to compete at a Division III school or are not yet sure where you want to compete.

You'll get an NCAA ID and we will send you important reminders as you complete high school.

Create an Account
Create a Profile Page
NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

• CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS
  • Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:
    • English 4 years
    • Math (Algebra I or higher) 3 years
    • Natural/Physical Science (Including one year of lab, if offered) 2 years
    • Social Science 2 years
    • Additional Courses (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy) 4 years
  • Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (Senior Year) of high school
  • Seven of the 10 core courses must be in English, math or natural/physical science
  • Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.300
  • **Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale
  • Division 1 Early Academic Qualifier - Complete 14 core-courses AND have core-course GPA <3.0
• **Standardized test scores are excluded from NCAA initial eligibility criteria for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2020-21, 2021-22 and/or 2022-23 academic years.**

• **Colleges and/or scholarships may still require test scores.**

• **BMC will submit your official transcript to NCAA/NAIA upon request**

• **You are responsible for sending your SAT/ACT scores (college code 9999)**
NCAA – NAME, IMAGE, & LIKENESS (NIL)

• NCAA student-athletes now have the opportunity to benefit from their name, image and likeness

• All three divisions have adopted a uniform, interim policy suspending NCAA NIL rules for all incoming and current student-athletes in all sports

• For more NIL resources: Visit ncaa.org/nil
NAIA

- **Typically Smaller Colleges - 250 institutions**

- **No communication restrictions between coaches and high school athletes**

- **Student athletes hoping to compete within the NAIA must register with the NAIA Eligibility Center**

- **Register for a Certification account at play.myNAIA.org**
  - Registration fee is $90

- **Early Decision is available for students who meet the following criteria:**
  - **Test Score 18+ ACT or 970+ SAT (NAIA test score code: 9876)**
  - **GPA 3.0+ after Junior Year or 2.5+ midway through Senior Year or 2.0 for graduates**
READY TO PLAY?

When you’re ready to take your life and your game to the next level, it’s time to register with the NAIA.

Get Access Today
Athletes, create an account for more info

Email Address

Re-Enter Email Address

Remember me on this computer

Register Student
JUCO - 2 Year Colleges

- Each institution decides if they want to compete at Div 1 or 2
  - Can receive full athletic scholarships for Div 1
  - May receive more athletic scholarships than if attending NCAA Div 1 or 2

- Can be a great stepping stone to 4-year colleges

- Good for students who:
  - Need more time to develop as a student
  - Need more time to develop as an athlete - may have better prospects after attending JUCO
  - Not sure what they want to study
  - Want more immediate playing time
  - Financial circumstances make it difficult to afford a 4-year college

- If non-qualifier for NCAA, can still compete immediately at a JUCO
RECRUITING REALITIES

- **Market Yourself**
  - Emails should come from Student Athlete, not parent
  - Highlight film, including Abilities, Skill Work, Other Sports, etc
  - Complete *FREE* recruiting profiles
  - Official Visit Vs. Unofficial Visit

- **Not a Secret If You are Being Recruited**
  - No Answer IS an Answer

- **Coaches are always watching**
  - Attitude
  - Sportsmanship (including on the bench behavior)
  - Parents’ behavior
  - Social media
  - Grades, Attendance, & Character Matter
RECRUITING REALITIES

• USE THE BUSINE$$ TO YOUR ADVANTAGE

• FIND THE BEST FIT
  • ACADEMICALLY
  • ATHLETICALLY
  • FAMILY
  • SOCIA LLY
  • COST
  • IF ATHLETICS WERE OFF THE TABLE, WOULD YOU STILL CHOOSE THAT SCHOOL?

• MAKING A COMMITMENT
  • NOT A HOTEL RESERVATION
  • THANK YOU, BUT NO THANK YOU
Questions?
Comments?

THANK YOU

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