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For college-bound student-athletes enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2015, there are three possible academic outcomes:

1. Full qualifier = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice the first year.
2. Academic redshirt = athletics aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term (semester or quarter).
3. Nonqualifier = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year.

Summary of Changes

- Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300 required;
- Change in GPA/test score index (sliding scale); and
- Ten core courses required before beginning of senior year.

The following slides explain these changes in further detail.

NCAA Division I Full Qualifier: Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

Students will need to meet the following requirements to receive **athletics aid, practice** and **compete** their first year:

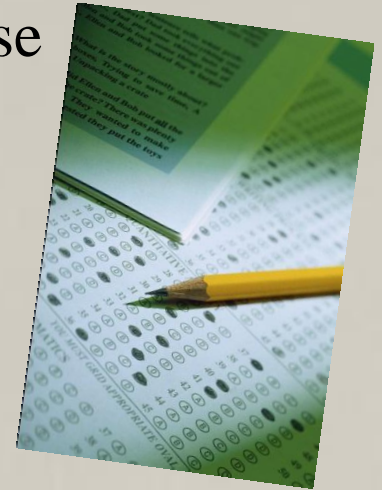
- 16 core courses in the following areas:
 - 4 years English;
 - 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher;
 - 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered at any high school attended);
 - 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
 - 2 years social science; and
 - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.
- Minimum required GPA:
 - Minimum GPA of **2.300** in those 16 core courses.



NCAA Division I Full Qualifier:

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

- Competition sliding scale. (*The full sliding scale can be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org under Resources.*)
 - Minimum sum ACT or SAT (critical reading and math only) score that matches the 16 core-course GPA.
 - Example: 2.500 core-course GPA requires 1000 SAT or 85 sum ACT.
 - Example: 820 SAT or 68 sum ACT requires core-course GPA of 2.950.



NCAA Division I Full Qualifier:

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

- Core-course progression.
 - Must complete **10** core courses before seventh semester of high school (e.g., senior year).
 - Of the **10** core courses completed, **seven** must be in the area of **English, math, or science**.
 - These 10 core courses become “locked in” for the purpose of GPA calculation.
 - A repeat of one of the “locked in” courses will not be used if taken after the seventh semester begins.

Sliding Scale for Competition (Abbreviated)

| GPA for Competition | SAT (critical reading/math only) | ACT Sum | | GPA for Competition | SAT (critical reading/math only) | ACT Sum |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| 4.000 | 400 | 37 | | 2.900 | 840 | 70 |
| 3.900 | 440 | 41 | | 2.800 | 880 | 73 |
| 3.800 | 480 | 43 | | 2.700 | 920 | 77 |
| 3.700 | 520 | 46 | | 2.600 | 960 | 81 |
| 3.600 | 560 | 48 | | 2.500 | 1000 | 85 |
| 3.500 | 600 | 50 | | 2.400 | 1040 | 88 |
| 3.400 | 640 | 53 | | 2.300 | 1080 | 93 |
| 3.300 | 680 | 56 | | | | |
| 3.200 | 720 | 59 | | | | |
| 3.100 | 760 | 62 | | | | |
| 3.000 | 800 | 66 | | | | |

The full sliding scale can be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org under Resources.

Academic Redshirt:

Requirements for Scholarship and Practice.

- 16 core courses in the following areas:
 - 4 years English,
 - 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher,
 - 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered by any school attended);
 - 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
 - 2 years social science; and
 - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.
- Minimum required GPA.
 - Minimum GPA of **2.000** in 16 core courses.
- Academic redshirt sliding scale.
 - Minimum sum ACT or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA.
 - Example: GPA of 2.50 requires SAT of 820 or ACT sum of 68.



Sliding Scale for Academic Redshirt (Abbreviated)

Athletics Aid and Practice Only

| GPA for Aid and Practice | SAT (critical reading/math only) | ACT Sum | | GPA for Aid and Practice | SAT (critical reading/math only) | ACT Sum |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| 3.550 or above | 400 | 37 | | 2.500 | 820 | 68 |
| 3.500 | 420 | 39 | | 2.400 | 860 | 71 |
| 3.400 | 460 | 42 | | 2.300 | 900 | 75 |
| 3.300 | 500 | 44 | | 2.200 | 940 | 79 |
| 3.200 | 540 | 47 | | 2.100 | 980 | 83 |
| 3.100 | 580 | 49 | | 2.000 | 1020 | 86 |
| 3.000 | 620 | 52 | | | | |
| 2.900 | 660 | 54 | | | | |
| 2.800 | 700 | 57 | | | | |
| 2.700 | 740 | 61 | | | | |
| 2.600 | 780 | 64 | | | | |

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Academic Redshirt:

Requirements for **Scholarship** and **Practice**

If a college-bound student-athlete meets these requirements, he/she can receive an **athletics scholarship** during his/her first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.

If he/she meets these requirements, he/she can **practice** during his/her first term (e.g., semester, quarter) at a Division I college or university.

- After the first semester or quarter is complete, in order to continue to **practice** for the rest of the year, the student must be academically successful at the collegiate level.



What If A Student Does Not Meet Either Set of Requirements?

If a college-bound student-athlete does not meet either set of requirements, he/she is a **nonqualifier**.

A **nonqualifier**:

- Cannot receive athletics aid during the first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.
- Cannot practice or compete during the first year at a Division I college or university.



Additional Information That May Assist Your Coaches and Students



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New NCAA Division I Two-Year College Transfer Academic Requirements

Information for student-athletes that attend a two-year college before enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university.



NEW Division I Two-Year College Transfer Academic Requirements

These new requirements apply to students enrolling in college full time on or after **August 1, 2012**.

Additional requirements for qualifiers and nonqualifiers:

- Increases the required two-year college GPA from 2.000 to 2.500.
- Students are limited to two physical education activity courses from the two-year college to meet requirements (all sports).

NEW Division I Two-Year College Transfer Academic Requirements

Additional requirement for **nonqualifiers** only:

- Students will be required to complete three transferrable credits in science from the two-year college.
- This is in addition to the current requirements of three transferrable credits of math and six transferrable credits of English.

Resources



Help

For more information or questions:

- NCAA Eligibility Center website at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- NCAA Eligibility Center Customer Service:
 - 877/622-2321 (high school administrators only); or
 - 877/262-1492 (public).