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ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY:
BECOMING A RECRUITABLE STUDENT-ATHLETE



OVERVIEW

Before trying to attract college coaches, student-athletes must first ensure they are prepared to be evaluated academically. This session focuses on academics and eligibility and what student-athletes must do to build the foundation needed to become a recruitable prospect.

- **Navigating the Path to Becoming an Academically Eligible Student-Athlete**
  - Mrs. Colleen Martinolich, College Counselor, Brother Martin High School
- **A Guide to NCAA Regulations for the College-Bound Student-Athlete**
  - Mr. Phillip Pinkston, Associate Athletics Director for Student Athlete Services, LSU New Orleans

Navigating the Path to Becoming an Academically Eligible Student-Athlete

All Brother Martin students take the required CORE classes to be eligible

- What are CORE classes?
  - English
  - Math (Algebra I and higher)
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - World Language

- Division I = 2.3 CORE GPA
- Divison II = 2.2 CORE GPA
- Divison III = set their own standards

- NCAA Eligibilty GPA Worksheet fo DI and DII
- NCAA will accept weighted grades for courses designated as Honor/AP (NOT Dual Enrollment)

Test Scores

- In January 2023, NCAA Divisions I and II adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements for all student-athletes who initially enroll full time on or after August 1, 2023. Please note that test scores may still be required by colleges and universities for admissions or scholarship purposes.

High School Timeline

9th Grade:

- Create an NCAA Student Profile Page
- NCAA Student Athlete Guide

10th grade:

- If your son is being recruited and has an NCAA Profile Page he should transition to the Academic and Athletics Certification Account.

11th grade:

All juniors meet with Mrs. Martinolich during their 2nd semester.

- Discuss future goals
  - NCAA information and can/will walk them through the process of registering with the NCAA (as much as possible)
  - NCAA Fee Waiver - work study program ($110-$120)
  - Recruiting apps - HUDL, X, Instagram, TikTok
  - Coaches
  - Junior College Option
  - NAIA - recruiting rules are different, typically small institutions, mostly private or religious affiliations,some public

- Send transcript (Mrs. Martinolich)

12th grade:

- After graduation send final transcript (Mrs. Martinolich)

A Guide to NCAA Regulations for the College-Bound Student-Athlete

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Overview

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Colleges Overview

- NCAA Division I (FBS/ FCS) – athletics scholarship
  - 350 Members (180,000 + student-athletes)
    - 57% of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid
- NCAA Division II – athletics scholarship
  - 302 Members (122,000 + student-athletes)
    - 63% of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid
- NCAA Division III – no athletics scholarship
  - 439 Members (190,000 + student-athletes)
    - 80% of all student-athletes receive some form of academic grant or need-based scholarship – no athletic scholarships
- NAIA
- NJCAA
- Club
- Intramural

Athletics Scholarships

- NCAA Scholarships - awarded from 1-5 years
- Division I – renewable up to 5 years
  - Full Grant-In-Aid
    - Tuition & Fees, Room, Board, Allowance for Books, up to COA
  - Partial Scholarships
- Division II – renewable up to 10 semesters
  - Do not need to be consecutive semesters
  - Only Partial Scholarships
- Financial Aid Agreement
  - Issued for Division I and Division II; one year commitment to the school
  - Recruiting ban once signed

NCAA Eligibility Center

- Certification of Academic and Athletic status of Div. I and Div. II prospects
- Must register to participate in Division I or II
  - Register by your junior year to start the academic evaluation process
- Fees
  - $90 (Domestic) $150 (International) one time fee;
    fee waiver available

NCAA Eligibility Center

- ALL official high school transcripts
  - School must send transcript directly
    - Can be uploaded, sent electronically or by mail
    - Must send transcripts from all schools from which you take classes
  - Any coursework taken
    - Summer School, Dual Enrollment, Distance Learning

- ALL official test scores ACT/ SAT (optional)
  - Scores must come directly from testing agency
  - Code 9999

NCAA Eligibility Center Core Courses

- 16 core courses (in eight semesters)
  - English: 4 units
  - Math: 3 units (Algebra I or higher)
  - Natural/Physical Science: 2 units
  - Social Science: 2 units
  - Additional English/Math/Science: 1 unit
  - Additional Core (Foreign Language, etc.) : 4 units
- 2.3 GPA in core courses required
  - Non-core courses (Phys Ed, Business, Religion) do not count towards the core GPA

- Qualifier = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice in first year.
- Academic Redshirt = athletics aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term (semester or quarter).
- Nonqualifier = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year.

Initial Eligibility Requirements

- Core-Course Progression
  - Must complete **10** core courses before seventh semester of high school (senior year)
  - Of the **10** courses, **7** 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 any of the "locked in" courses will not be used if taken after senior year begins.

NCAA Division I – Transcript Example

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English 1 - D	English 2 - D	English 3 - C	English 4 - B
Algebra 1 - D	Geometry - C	Algebra 2 - C	Pre-Cal - C
Am. Hist - B	Civics - B	World History - C	American Govt - B
Biology - F	Earth Science - D	Chemistry - C	Physics - B
Spanish I - C	Spanish 2 - D		Earth Sci. – A
	Biology - D		Biology – A

NCAA CORE GPA= 2.438

Green Courses– 7 English/Math/Science (Locked in)
Red courses – Additional 3 (locked in)
Blue Courses– Additional 6 used in final GPA
Black Courses – Not used

** Student could retake Biology/ Earth Science in 12th grade

Recruiting Terminology

- **Contact:** Coach has face-to-face contact with you or your parents off of the college's campus
  - In-home visit; In-person conversation after a practice or game
  - May only take place beginning August 1 of Junior year
    - Exceptions to general rule for Baseball, Football, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Lacrosse and Softball
- **Evaluation:** Coach evaluates your academic or athletics ability (no verbal communication)
  - Visiting guidance counselor; watching practice or game

Recruiting Terminology (cont.)

- **Quiet Period:** College coaches can not go off-campus to evaluate/contact you.
  - OK for you to go to college campus to speak to coaches/watch practice

- **Dead Period:** College coaches can only have phone contact.
  - Cannot see you off campus. You cannot go to college campuses during this time.

Recruiting: Correspondence & Phone Calls

- **Written correspondence: E-mails, letters, text:**
  - In most sports, coaches may send beginning September 1 of junior year
- **Phone calls:**
  - You are permitted to call coaches at any time

Recruiting Visits

- **Unofficial Visit:**
  - Prospect pays all expenses (travel, meals, lodging)
  - Unlimited for all other sports 11th and 12th grade
  - College may provide three (3) complimentary tickets to home athletics contests

- **Official Visit:**
  - College may pay for expenses (travel, meals, lodging)
  - Five (5) total; one (1) per school
  - Maximum of 48 hours in length

Getting Noticed

- E-mail coaches at various schools of interest
  - Let coaches know you know why their school and how it fits your interests athletically, academically, and socially. Make sure to personalize it
- Attend summer camps
- Take unofficial visits
- Post video on YouTube, etc., and send to coaches
- Keep coaches updated of your progress
- Athletics and academic resume – SELL YOURSELF!
- Talk to your high school/club coaches
- Recruiting services (they do charge for services)

Is College Athletics For Me?

- How committed are you?
  - Division 1 practice 20 hours a week during school (in season)
    - 4 hours a day – one day off per week in-season
  - Attend summer school to do voluntary workouts and conditioning
  - Required study hall, training room, film sessions etc.
- Walk-On vs. Scholarship
- Make lists / Rate Importance To YOU
  - Playing time, criteria of a coach, student body, athletic facilities, etc.

Percentages of Participating in Collegiate Athletics

ESTIMATED PROBABILITY OF COMPETING IN NCAA ATHLETICS BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Student-Athletes	All Sports	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Baseball	Men's Ice Hockey
High School Student-Athletes	7,200,000	540,800	399,100	1,006,000	482,700	35,300
NCAA Student-Athletes	499,000	18,800	16,500	73,700	36,000	4,300
Percentage Moving from High School to NCAA	7%	3.5%	4.1%	7.3%	7.5%	12.3%
Percentage Moving from NCAA to Major Professional*	2%	1.2%	0.8%	1.6%	9.9%	7.4%

*Percent NCAA to Major Professional figures are based on the number of draft picks made in the NBA, WNBA, NFL, MLB and NHL drafts.

Helpful Websites

- www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Guide for College Bound Student-Athlete: https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2021/2/8/student-athletes-future.aspx

Questions?

