

## How to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center

If you want to play NCAA sports at a Division I or II school, you need to meet certain academic standards and be certified as an amateur athlete. The NCAA Eligibility Center will evaluate your academic and athletic experiences based on information you provide through your [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) account. The NCAA Eligibility Center also offers a profile page for students planning to compete at Division III, or students who don't yet know where they want to compete.

Your [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) account or profile page contains all the information you need to begin your NCAA experience. Allow at least 30 minutes to register completely. Your information will be saved if you need to leave the registration process and return at a later time.

### Before you register, make sure you can provide the following:

- Email address where we can send an account creation email. Students should use an email they check frequently and will have access to after high school.
- Basic education history, including a list of all high schools or secondary schools you have attended.
- Your sports participation history, including details about any teams with which you have practiced or played or events in which you competed, as well as information about any individuals that have advised you or marketed your skills.
- Payment. The registration fee is \$80 for students from the United States and its territories, and Canada. The registration fee is \$135 for students from all other countries. You must pay online by debit, credit card or e-check. Some students may be eligible for a fee waiver.

### Registration Steps

1. Visit [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) and select the "Register" arrow on the homepage.
2. Read both account descriptions and decide which account to register for.
3. If you plan to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school, select the "Create an Account" button.
4. If you plan to compete at an NCAA Division III school, or you aren't sure where you want to compete, select the "Create A Profile Page" button.
5. You will be prompted to enter your email address to create an account or profile. Be sure to provide an email that will be active even after you complete high school.
6. Check your inbox for an email containing your verification code. If you don't receive the email within 30 minutes, you may need to check your Spam or Junk folders.
7. Click the link in the verification code email to return to [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org). Enter your verification code and complete the Account, Basic Information and Contact pages. If you are creating an account for a student-athlete, please use the student-athlete's information.

8. If you created a Certification Account, you will be prompted to pay the registration fee (\$80 for U.S. students, \$135 for international students). You have 30 days after receiving your verification code to pay before your account is dropped from the system.
9. After submitting payment, return to your Dashboard to complete your registration.
10. Answer the Schools and Sports questions with your most recent information. Once you have completed a page of questions, select the "Continue" button to proceed to the next page. If you need to return to previous page, select the "Back" link under the "Continue" button.
11. After completing your Schools and Sports information, check your Dashboard. This page contains information about your status, next steps and any tasks you need to complete.
12. You will receive an email from the NCAA Eligibility Center when we assign you a new task. Be sure to respond to each task as quickly as possible so we have all the information we need to certify you. We will not begin your certification until it is requested by an NCAA school.
13. If you haven't done so already, ask the ACT or SAT to send your test scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code **9999**. You may also use this code to send scores directly to us when you register for future SAT or ACT tests.
14. After you finish your sixth semester of high school (the junior year for most students), ask your high school counselor to submit your transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center. This allows us to evaluate your account and let you know if there are any issues you need to fix before your evaluation.
15. If you graduate high school in May, you may log in to your [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) account after **April 1** of your senior year to request your final amateurism certification. If you graduate in December, you may request your final amateurism certification after **October 1** of your senior year.
16. Once you graduate, ask your high school counselor to submit your final transcript with proof of your graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

## Which eligibilitycenter.org account should I create?

We developed two different accounts for the new website to help prospective student-athletes make the best decision about their college choices.

1. **Certification Account:** You need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. You also need to be registered with a Certification Account before you can make official visits or sign a [National Letter of Intent](#) in Division I or II. Please allow 30 to 45 minutes to completely register and see our Registration Checklist for further details.
2. **Profile Page:** If you plan to compete at a Division III school or are currently unsure which division you want to compete in, create a Profile Page. Please allow 15 to 30 minutes to completely register. If at any time you wish to play at the Division I or II level, you can transition to a Certification Account and pay the registration fee to begin your certification process.
  - o **Please note:** You may transition from a Profile Page to a Certification Account, but cannot move from a Certification Account to a Profile Page. Students who registered with the old website will be considered Certification Accounts.

### What should I do if....

- **I want to play at a Division I school:** register for a Certification Account. Have information about your education and sports history ready to make your registration process easier. You will also need to pay within 30 days of creating your account for it to remain active. Make sure you're on track to be eligible by following the [Division I academic guidelines](#).
- **I want to play at a Division II school:** register for a Certification Account. Have information about your education and sports history ready to make your registration process easier. You will also need to pay within 30 days of creating your account for it to remain active. Make sure you're on track to be eligible by following the [Division II academic guidelines](#).
- **I want to play at a Division III school:** register for a Profile Page. Division III schools set their own academic requirements. Check with your school to make sure you're on track to be eligible. If you decide to play Division I or II sports at a later time, you will need to transition to a Certification Account.
- **I'm not sure where I want to play:** register for a Profile Page. As you go through your college process and learn what division is best for you, you can receive updates from the Eligibility Center with helpful reminders to make sure you're ready to participate in college. You can keep your Profile Page or transition to a Certification Account once you make your college decision.