

NCAA Eligibility Clearinghouse- An NCAA service for evaluating a high school student-athlete's standardized test scores (SAT/ACT) and GPA to determine academic eligibility to compete in collegiate athletics at an NCAA institution during the freshman year. If a student-athlete wants to participate in college athletics in NCAA Division I or II, he/she must be certified by this service. Certification forms are available from high school counselors. The most usual time to file with the Clearinghouse is on completion of the junior year of high school.

NCCAA- National Christian College Athletic Association. A collegiate athletic association that represents approximately 95 Christian Colleges and oversees all of its member's athletic activities.

NJCAA- National Junior College Athletic Association. An athletic association whose membership is limited to two-year community and junior colleges. The NJCAA has three divisions. Not all community colleges belong to the NJCAA.

NSCAA- National Small College Athletic Association. An athletic association that represents approximately 100 colleges with average enrollments of 1,000 undergraduates.

Out-of-State Tuition Waiver- Most out-of-state students are required to pay higher tuition fees, at least at public institutions, than in-state residents pay. A college may allow a student/athlete an out-of-state tuition waiver, a form of financial assistance that reduces the cost for tuition and allows the recruited student-athlete to pay the same rate as in-state residents.

Paid Visit- A visit to a collegiate institution by a prospective student-athlete that is paid for by the institution.

Partial Qualifier- A student-athlete who has met some but not all of the requirements for eligibility for NCAA participation. Special rules govern this student's participation in collegiate sports activities.

Player Profile- A form often sent to a prospective student-athlete by a college coach asking for academic and athletic information. Student-athletes should fill out the form and return it as soon as possible.

PSAT/NMSQT- Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. This is the practice test for the SAT I. A high enough score may result in the student's selection as a National Merit Scholar.

Qualified Student-Athlete- A student-athlete who is a high school graduate and has successfully met all the NCAA requirements for eligibility.

Red Shirt- The practice through which a student-athlete does not play in games for a year but participates in other team activities and does not lose a year of playing eligibility.

SAT I- Scholastic Assessment Test. A standardized test given to high school or community college students who want admission to a four-year school or university.

SAT II- Formerly called the Achievement Tests; these tests examine student's knowledge of specific subject areas (English, Math, Chemistry). Only the most selective colleges require these for admission. The best time to take any of these tests is as soon as possible after you finish the most advanced course you can take in the subject.

Walk-On- To try-out for a collegiate athletic team after you have been admitted to a college that did not recruit you.