



# Eligibility Center

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Dear Athletics Director:

Welcome back to a new school year! The NCAA Eligibility Center staff understands what an exciting and hectic time this is, and wishes to say thank you for all you do for students.

The NCAA Eligibility Center would like to let you know about new and upcoming academic rule changes that impact the classes of 2013 and 2016 and beyond, and whether your college-bound student-athletes will be eligible for practice, competition and financial aid in their first year at an NCAA Division I or II college or university.

### **Division I Changes—Overview**

1. Increase in the minimum required core-course grade-point average (GPA) from 2.000 to 2.300.
2. Ten of the 16 required core courses must be completed before the beginning of the seventh semester (senior year).
  - a. Seven of these 10 required courses must be English, math or natural/physical science.
  - b. A repeat of one of the "locked in" courses will not be used if taken after the seventh semester begins.
3. Increase in the overall core-course GPA as it relates to the ACT or SAT score, which results in a new sliding scale.

Who does this impact? Your incoming ninth grade class (class of 2016) must meet these new requirements if they plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics at the Division I level.

### **Division II Change--Reminder**

- Increase in the number of required core courses from 14 to 16.
  - a. One additional course in English, math or science.
  - b. One additional course in any core academic area (English, math, science, social science) or foreign language, comparative religion/philosophy.

Who does this impact? Your current seniors (class of 2013) must meet this new rule if they plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics at the Division II level.

### **Where to Find Information**

1. See the Quick Reference Guide or the Initial Eligibility Brochure included in this mailing.
2. See the NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete, available on the Resources page at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).
3. See the Resources page on the High School Portal at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) (click on the High School Administrators tab to access this resource).

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