

# DO YOU WANT TO PLAY SPORTS IN COLLEGE?



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# NCAA, NAIA, AND NJCAA



NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) and NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) are both college athletic governing bodies.

The NCAA is generally larger, with more well-known programs and three divisions (I, II, and III), while the NAIA is typically smaller, often with private institutions, and has two divisions. The NCAA has stricter eligibility requirements, while the NAIA offers more flexibility in recruiting and eligibility.

NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) are the 2 year colleges.

If you want to play sports in college you need to be cleared by NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA.

# WHAT IS AN ELIGIBILITY CENTER OR A CLEARINGHOUSE?

You will want to create your profiles when you are entering into High School. If you have not done so, create a profile ASAP!

NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association):

<https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2014/10/24/how-to-register.aspx>

NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) Registration:

<https://play.mynaia.org/>

NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association)

<https://www.njcaa.org/compete/index>

# NCAA CHECKLIST AND REQUIREMENTS

NCAA offers a checklist for you to follow to complete all requirements.

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility\\_center/Student\\_Resources/Registration\\_Checklist.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Student_Resources/Registration_Checklist.pdf)

Understanding Core Courses and Class requirements:

<https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2014/10/6/core-courses.aspx>

Grades/GPA:

<https://ncaa.egain.cloud/kb/EligibilityHelp/content/KB-2118/How-is-my-core-grade-point-average-GPA-calculated>

Standardized test requirements:

<https://ncaa.egain.cloud/kb/EligibilityHelp/content/KB-4137/Do-I-need-to-submit-a-standardized-test-score-to-the-NCAA-Eligibility-Center?query=test%20score>

# NCAA RECRUITING AND COMMUNICATION WITH COLLEGE COACHES:

Recruiting Calendar:

<https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2018/5/8/division-i-and-ii-recruiting-calendars.aspx>

What is an official visit?

<https://ncaa.egain.cloud/kb/EligibilityHelp/content/KB-2224/What-is-an-official-visit>

What is an unofficial visit?

<https://ncaa.egain.cloud/kb/EligibilityHelp/content/KB-2225/What-is-an-unofficial-visit>

# CLOSING AND QUESTIONS:

Take all options for your future into consideration.

Tennessee offers many scholarships and financial assistance.

See the counseling center for more information on how to get scholarships and financial assistance.

Some examples:

FAFSA:

<https://studentaid.gov/>

Tennessee Promise Scholarship :

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tnpromise/pdfs/TP%20FAQ%20%20Responses%20for%20website.%20091322.pdf>

Hope Scholarship:

<https://www.tn.gov/thec/data-research-reports/reports-studies-pub/financial-aid-reports/tn-hope-scholarship-program.html>