

### **NCAA Eligibility**

Student-athletes, if you plan to play intercollegiate sports, you **MUST** register with the NCAA Eligibility Center [http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA\\_EMS/NCAA.jsp](http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp). When you register, you will be asked to pay a fee and have your official transcript sent to the NCAA Center.

Also, when you register to take the SAT or ACT you must use the NCAA Eligibility Center code **# 9999**. This will ensure that your test scores go directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Student-Athletes who do not use 9999 will need to pay to have your scores sent later in the process. The Eligibility Center **will not** accept ACT or SAT scores from your Caroline HS transcripts.

Be sure to use the NCAA Eligibility Reference Guide posted below to help you better understand what is required for freshman to secure initial collegiate eligibility at the NCAA Division I and NCAA Division II. Use the Division I and/or Division II Academic Worksheet to determine your core-course GPA.

### **Division I schools in Virginia**

<a href="#">College of William and Mary</a>	Colonial Athletic Association
<a href="#">George Mason University</a>	Colonial Athletic Association
<a href="#">Hampton University</a>	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conf.
<a href="#">James Madison University</a>	Colonial Athletic Association
<a href="#">Liberty University</a>	Big South Conference
<a href="#">Longwood University</a>	Independent
<a href="#">Norfolk State University</a>	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conf.
<a href="#">Old Dominion University</a>	Colonial Athletic Association
<a href="#">Radford University</a>	Big South Conference
<a href="#">University of Richmond</a>	Atlantic 10 Conference
<a href="#">University of Virginia</a>	Atlantic Coast Conference
<a href="#">Virginia Commonwealth University</a>	Colonial Athletic Association
<a href="#">Virginia Military Institute</a>	Big South Conference
<a href="#">Virginia Polytechnic Institute &amp; State University</a>	Atlantic Coast Conference

### **Division II schools in Virginia**

<a href="#">Virginia State University</a>	Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
<a href="#">Virginia Union University</a>	Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

### **Division III schools in Virginia**

<a href="#">Averett University</a>	USA South Athletic Conference
<a href="#">Bridgewater College (Virginia)</a>	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.
<a href="#">Christopher Newport University</a>	USA South Athletic Conference
<a href="#">Eastern Mennonite University</a>	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.
<a href="#">Emory and Henry College</a>	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.
<a href="#">Ferrum College</a>	USA South Athletic Conference
<a href="#">Hampden-Sydney College</a>	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.
<a href="#">Hollins University</a>	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.
<a href="#">Lynchburg College</a>	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.
<a href="#">Mary Baldwin College</a>	USA South Athletic Conference
<a href="#">Marymount University (Virginia)</a>	Capital Athletic Conference Inc.
<a href="#">Randolph College</a>	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.
<a href="#">Randolph-Macon College</a>	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.
<a href="#">Roanoke College</a>	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.
<a href="#">Shenandoah University</a>	USA South Athletic Conference
<a href="#">Sweet Briar College</a>	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.
<a href="#">University of Mary Washington</a>	Capital Athletic Conference Inc.

Virginia Wesleyan College	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.
Washington and Lee University	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.

## I AM A HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE - WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?

### 9th GRADE & 10th GRADE

Start your high school career off on the right foot; let the following question serve as your guide: ***Do my grades, work ethic, and attitude put me on track to qualify for NCAA initial eligibility?***

#### 11th GRADE

- Register with NCAA Eligibility Center
- Complete academic worksheet to verify on track academic progress
- Send transcript to NCAA Eligibility Center
- Take SAT/ACT enter code 9999

#### 12th GRADE

- Take SAT/ACT enter code 9999
- Amateurism questionnaire
- Apply to institution
- Final transcript to NCAA with proof of graduation

### What is the difference between Division I, Division II and Division III?

Basically, the difference between Divisions I, II, and III is the number of sports that colleges/universities are required to offer student-athletes AND the amount of athletic related financial aid. There is no overall requirement as to the minimum or maximum enrollment of a college/university as it pertains to DI, DII, or DIII.

Each college or university will select its own membership to the division which best fits its unique philosophy, needs and resources. However, a general rule of thumb would be the following:

Division I - biggest schools - institutions must sponsor a minimum of 7 sports for both men and women OR 6 sports for men and 8 sports for women. DI must also offer a minimum number of athletic related scholarships.

Division II - midsize schools - schools must offer a minimum of 5 sports for both men and women. DII schools may offer athletic related scholarships but do not offer as many as DI schools.

Division III - small schools - most are colleges, although some are universities, offer a minimum of 5 sports for both men and women. DIII schools **do not** offer athletic scholarships. Most collegiate athletes participate at the DIII level.