

# Frequently Asked Questions of Student-Athletes to the NCAA Clearinghouse

**Q: Do I have to register with the clearinghouse?**

A: Yes. If you want to participate in Division I or II athletics as a freshman, you must register with the clearinghouse. See the first section of this guide for academic-eligibility standards that apply to you.

**Q: Is clearinghouse certification the same as college admission?**

A: No. Initial-eligibility certification from the clearinghouse does not guarantee your admission to any Division I or II college. You must apply for college admission separately. The clearinghouse only determines whether you meet NCAA requirements as a freshman student-athlete in a Division I or II college to be able to compete, practice and receive an athletics scholarship.

**Q. May I send my academic information directly to the clearinghouse?**

A. No. Transcripts must come to the clearinghouse by mail directly from the high school—not from you. Give Copies 1 and 2 of the transcript release form to the counselors at the high school you have attended.

*Note: The clearinghouse will not accept faxed transcripts.*

**Q: Who may see my academic information?**

A. The clearinghouse will provide eligibility information only to colleges that request your academic information. If no NCAA college requests your eligibility status, the clearinghouse may not process an eligibility-status certification.

**Q: When is the best time for me to register with the clearinghouse?**

A: Register after your junior year in high school. If you do not submit all required documents, your file will be incomplete and will be discarded after three years. After that time, you will need to re-register and pay your fee again.

**Q: Is there a registration deadline?**

A: No. However, you must be certified as a qualifier before you can receive an athletics scholarship or practice or compete at a Division I or II college during your first year of enrollment.

**Q: What if I have attended more than one high school?**

A: If you have attended multiple high schools since ninth grade, the clearinghouse must receive an official transcript for each school. Transcripts can come directly from each school or from the high school from which you are graduating. Check with your high school counselor.

**Q: How may I arrange for the testing agency to send my scores directly to the clearinghouse?**

A: When you register to take the ACT or the SAT, mark code “9999” so that the testing agency will send your scores to the clearinghouse. The clearinghouse may also take your scores from your official high school transcript.