

COLLEGIATE ATHLETES

*So you are thinking about playing sports in college...here are some helpful things to keep in mind.
For most students, you are your own "agent". You/your parents need to know the process.*

How do I get my name into a coach's database for recruiting information?

Finding the **RECRUIT QUESTIONNAIRE** link on the school's website is fairly easy. Most often, the step is as easy as

- 1) Google the university website address.
- 2) Once on the University main website, look for the Athletics link.
- 3) Once on the Athletics homepage, search for your preferred sport.
- 4) Once you are on the Sport Page, search for the coach's email, additional links or the Recruit Questionnaire Link. Most are quick, online forms, but some are downloadable to fill out by hand and fax in.

NCSA

https://recruit-match.ncsasports.org/clientrms/user_accounts/sign_in

Here are a couple of examples:

DI	www.wmich.edu	WMU football online link
DII	www.gvsu.edu	GVSU sample Basketball print form
DIII	www.hope.edu	Hope all-sports recruiting online form

Making a Video of your highlights

<https://usatodayhss.com/2018/how-to-get-coaches-to-view-your-highlights-video>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2N7WdDivDA&list=PLCTTZnStnvP8BcSS8hZG3U8Bih4T_UoLG&index=5

Vocabulary to keep in mind

<https://1001recruittips.com/vocab-ncaa-recruiting-definitions/>

Core Classes - Core GPA

<https://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/core-courses>

http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/DI_and_DII_Worksheet.pdf

~See brochure & Counselor Audit for a specific answer~

National Letter of Intent - Division I & II (one year agreement of financial aid)

<http://www.nationalletter.org/>

<http://www.nationalletter.org/signingDates/index.html>

What if I cannot pay the NCAA or NAIA fee to register?

If you receive free/reduced lunch or public assistance, your counselor can place a fee waiver request in for you with both the NCAA or NAIA. _____

Things to keep in mind

- Make sure you have at least 16 core classes with a GPA over 2.4 (*2.67 is a B-; 2.33 is a C+*)
- Make sure you maximize your SAT and/or ACT opportunities to get the best score for you
- Make sure you connect with your HS coach to alert them of your intentions now
- Make recruit questionnaire accounts at ALL your college options now
- Make a recruitment video of your last completed season now
- Make a certification account or profile now
- Know your vocabulary and seek out support (counselors, coaches, AD, principal)



NCAA-National Collegiate Athletic Association

[Official NCAA link](#)

[Student register NCAA link](#)

https://www.nationalscholastic.org/ncaa_clearing_house

Division I & II - create a Certification Account - \$90

Division III - make a free profile page

<http://www.ncaa.org/about/division-iii-schools>

Example Pirates

DI- 2019 Hannah Spitzley, Western Michigan University Women's Basketball

DII- 2022 Ben Arens, Saginaw Valley State University Track and Field

2017 Jared Smith, Michigan Tech Football

DIII-2016 Hannah Thelen - Alma College Women's Basketball



How can I participate in college sports without the NCAA?

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) offers scholarships on both the Division I and Division II level. *Division III level sports do not offer scholarship funding.* While the association will have fewer scholarships to go around than the more expansive NCAA - as there are fewer member schools -

NAIA-participating schools have less-strict rules when it comes to being on a collegiate team. With roughly 300 member colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada, the NAIA offers financial aid to cover tuition costs, mandatory fees, books and supplies, and room and board based on the official room and board allowance by the institution. The NAIA offers both men and women the opportunity to compete at his or her highest level. There are NAIA National Championships for men in cross country, soccer, football, indoor and outdoor track and field, swimming and diving, wrestling, volleyball, basketball, baseball, tennis, lacrosse, and golf. Women's National Championships are offered in volleyball, soccer, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, swimming and diving, basketball, softball, tennis, lacrosse, and golf.

NAIA- National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

Example Pirates

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

[Abbey Hengesbach, Olivet Nazarene Women's Basketball](#)

[NAIA Schools Link](#)

[NAIA Showcase Events](#)



What about Community College Athletics? How do I register?

There is a parallel organization for junior colleges, NJCAA. Here is the link:

NJACC - National Junior College Athletic Association

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

<http://njcaa.org/eligibility/faq>

Example Pirates

[Trey Bauer, Lansing Community College Baseball](#)

Here are a couple of examples for baseball:

DI Lincoln Trail College

DII Lansing Community College (Trey Bauer)

DIII Minnesota State Tech