

Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse

A central clearinghouse, the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse, will certify your athletics eligibility for Divisions I and II. You can contact them at:

Phone	319/337-1492
24-Hour Voice Response	319/339-3003 (requires your PIN and social security numbers)
Mail	Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse P.O. Box 4044 Iowa City, IA 52243-4044
Fax	319/337-1556

Here is some important information that will assist you.

Certification

If you intend to participate in Division I or II athletics as a freshman, you must register and be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. Refer to the Academic Eligibility section to determine the initial-eligibility standards that apply to you.

Clearinghouse Registration Materials

Your counselors can obtain registration materials, at no cost, by calling the clearinghouse at 319/337-1492.

Registration Process

In order to be registered with the clearinghouse, you must complete the student-release form and mail or fax the top (white) copy of the form to the clearinghouse along with the \$27 registration fee. Give the yellow and pink copies of the form to a high-school official who then sends the yellow copy, along with an official copy of your high-school transcript, to the clearinghouse. Your high school should keep the pink copy for its files. After graduation and before the school closes for the summer, your school also must send the clearinghouse a copy of your final transcript that confirms graduation from high school.

Fee Waivers

High-school counselors may waive the clearinghouse fee if you have previously qualified for and received a waiver of the ACT or SAT fee. Fee-waiver information is specified on the student-release form.

List of NCAA Approved Core Courses (Formerly Form 48-H)

The list of NCAA approved core courses (formerly Form 48-H) identifies courses that may be used in meeting NCAA core-course requirements. Be sure that all courses you are taking for core-course purposes are listed on your high school's confirmation list of NCAA approved core courses (formerly Form 48-H).

Questions and Answers about the Clearinghouse

Q: Why do I need to register and be certified?

If you intend to participate in Division I or II athletics as a freshman in college, you must be

registered with and be certified as eligible by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. Refer to the Academic Eligibility Section to determine the initial-eligibility standards that apply to you. Please note that initial-eligibility certification pertains only to whether you meet the NCAA requirements for participation as a freshman in Division I or II athletics and has no bearing on your admission to a particular Division I or II institution.

Q: When should I register?

You should apply for certification after your junior year in high school if you are sure you wish to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a freshman at a Division I or II institution. If you fail to submit all required documents, your incomplete file will be discarded after three years, requiring you to pay a new fee if certification is requested after that time.

Q: How do I register?

Fill out the student-release form completely and mail or fax the top (white) copy of the form to the clearinghouse along with the \$27 fee. (The fee can be waived if you received a waiver of the ACT or SAT fee.) Give the pink and yellow copies of the student-release form to your high-school counselor who will then send the yellow copy, along with an official copy of your high-school transcript, to the clearinghouse. The high school will keep the pink copy of the form for its files.

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

If you have attended multiple high schools since ninth grade, you must have an official transcript from each school. These transcripts can either come from each school or the high school from which you are graduating. The transcripts must come by mail directly from the high school (not from you). You should give the pink and yellow copies of the student-release form to the counselor at the high school from which you will be graduating. You may also need to make copies of this form and send them to the counselors at the other schools that you have attended. Faxed transcripts are not acceptable under any circumstances.

Q: What if I've been "home-schooled?"

If you've been "home-schooled" during all of grades 9 through 12, you do not have to register with the clearinghouse. Your certification status will be determined through an initial-eligibility waiver. If you attended a "traditional" school for some portion of grades 9 through 12, you are required to register with the clearinghouse.

Q: Are standardized test scores required?

Qualifying test scores are required for participation at both Division I and Division II colleges. If you intend to participate at either a Division I or II school, the test scores may be taken from your official high-school transcript or be sent to the clearinghouse directly from the testing agency.

Q: How can I arrange for my scores to be sent directly from the testing agency?

When you register to take the ACT or the SAT, you can mark code 9999 so that the clearinghouse will be one of the institutions receiving your scores; or alternatively, you can submit a request (and fee) for an "Additional Score Report" to the appropriate testing agency by indicating code 9999 on your request form.

Q: What will the clearinghouse provide to the colleges that are recruiting me?

The clearinghouse will send your eligibility status to any Division I or II college that requests it. Please note that the clearinghouse will not send your eligibility information at your request; rather, the college must make the request for that information. Additionally, if no member institution requests your eligibility status, a final certification decision may not be processed.