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High School

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For college-bound student-athletes enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2016, there are three possible academic outcomes:

1. Full qualifier = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice the first year.

2. Academic redshirt = athletics aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term (semester or quarter).

3. Nonqualifier = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year.
Summary of Changes

- Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300 required;
- Change in GPA/test score index (sliding scale); and
- Ten core courses required before beginning of senior year.

The following slides explain these changes in further detail.
Students will need to meet the following requirements to receive **athletics aid, practice** and **compete** their first year:

- **16 core courses in the following areas:**
  - 4 years English;
  - 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher;
  - 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered at any high school attended);
  - 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
  - 2 years social science; and
  - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.

- **Minimum required GPA:**
  - Minimum GPA of **2.300** in those 16 core courses.

- Graduate from high school.
• **Competition sliding scale.** *(The full sliding scale can be found at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) under Resources.)*
  
  - Minimum sum ACT or SAT (critical reading and math only) score that matches the 16 core-course GPA.
    - Example: 2.500 core-course GPA requires 1000 SAT or 85 sum ACT.
    - Example: 820 SAT or 68 sum ACT requires core-course GPA of 2.950.
• Core-course progression.
  ▪ Must complete 10 core courses before seventh semester of high school (e.g., senior year).
  ▪ Of the 10 core courses completed, seven must be in the area of English, math, or science.
  ▪ These 10 core courses become “locked in” for the purpose of GPA calculation.
    ○ A repeat of one of the “locked in” courses will not be used if taken after the seventh semester begins.
# Sliding Scale for Competition (Abbreviated)

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Academic Redshirt: Requirements for Scholarship and Practice.

- 16 core courses in the following areas:
  - 4 years English,
  - 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher,
  - 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered by any school attended);
  - 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
  - 2 years social science; and
  - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.

- Minimum required GPA.
  - Minimum GPA of 2.000 in 16 core courses.

- Academic redshirt sliding scale.
  - Minimum sum ACT or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA.
  - Example: GPA of 2.50 requires SAT of 820 or ACT sum of 68.
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Requirements for Scholarship and Practice

If a college-bound student-athlete meets these requirements, he/she can receive an **athletics scholarship** during his/her first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.

If he/she meets these requirements, he/she can **practice** during his/her first term (e.g., semester, quarter) at a Division I college or university.

- After the first semester or quarter is complete, in order to **continue** to **practice** for the rest of the year, the student must be academically successful at the collegiate level.
What If A Student Does Not Meet Either Set of Requirements?

If a college-bound student-athlete does not meet either set of requirements, he/she is a nonqualifier.

A nonqualifier:
• Cannot receive athletics aid during the first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.
• Cannot practice or compete during the first year at a Division I college or university.
For more information or questions:

- NCAA Eligibility Center website at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).

- NCAA Eligibility Center Customer Service:
  - 877/622-2321 (high school administrators only); or
  - 877/262-1492 (public).