



NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

For prospective collegiate hockey athletes, the NCAA Clearinghouse is something to familiarize yourself with upon entering high school. Although you cannot apply for eligibility into the NCAA Clearinghouse until the completion of your Junior year, these guidelines set the standard for your college hockey eligibility. Therefore, you want to make sure that your classes are scheduled correctly so that once you apply, you will have met the correct standards.

In order to play NCAA hockey at the collegiate level, you have to apply to the Clearinghouse, meet their standards, and gain eligibility approval. All of these actions must have occurred before you can formally accept an invitation to play hockey at the NCAA level. Student-athletes can register online at the NCAA Eligibility website, the link is listed below. There is a registration fee of \$60 for U.S. students and \$85 for International students.

The next question that most athletes have is what NCAA requirements must be met in order to receive college athletic clearance. Most requirements are related to one's scholastic career, but differ slightly from school to school since academic standards differ. However, the three basic expectations to receive athletic clearance from the NCAA Clearinghouse are:

- 1) Completion of 14-16 core courses, as denoted in the NCAA Clearinghouse guide.
- 2) Submission of an accepted qualifying test score from the SAT or ACT examinations.
- 3) Submission of the NCAA amateurism questionnaire.

In addition, to secure athletic clearance, you must provide your updated transcript upon graduation to certify you are a high school graduate. Most of the requirements for core classes will take at least two to three years to complete at your high school, which is why it is essential to look over the NCAA core class list before you enter junior year. This is because senior year will not allow enough time to catch up if you are behind in your course work or missing any of the core classes.

To apply for the NCAA Clearinghouse or to check out your high school's acceptable core classes and ACT/SAT scores, check out the NCAA Clearinghouse website at:

<https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/>