

Instructions for Potential College-Bound Student Athletes



From the NCAA Clearinghouse
Compiled by the LHSN Counseling Center



If you are a Lutheran North student athlete who is considering participation in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II institution, this information is important for you. The NCAA now provides all information online instead of in a printed booklet. We have gathered the pertinent information for you on this handout.

WWW.NCAACLEARINGHOUSE.NET

NCAA Clearinghouse Services

The NCAA Clearinghouse provides services to support prospective student-athletes. The key features of the Clearinghouse services include:

- The NCAA Clearinghouse Web site is **www.ncaaclearinghouse.net**. You may access the Clearinghouse Home Page directly or through links from the NCAA's Web site at **www.ncaa.org**.
- From the NCAA Clearinghouse Web Site, prospective student-athletes will be able to access information needed to understand the Division I and Division II eligibility requirements, register with the Clearinghouse and access individual Clearinghouse records.
- Toll-free phone numbers
(Domestic callers only)
Customer Service Line 877.262.1492
- Clearinghouse Customer Serv. Hours
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Time Mon-Fri

The NCAA Clearinghouse is the place to begin your quest to become a college athlete. To be able to participate in Division I or II athletics as a college freshman, **you must register and be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.**

Please visit the NCAA site at:

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. To obtain further information about the following steps.

1. The first step in being considered by colleges is to be registered in the NCAA Clearinghouse by completing a Student Release Form on-line and submitting a **\$60** fee. The only method is to register on-line. Go online to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Select **Prospective Student-Athletes** and click on **U.S. Students Register Here**. Complete the form online, and include your credit or debit card information to pay the fee.
2. The NCAA recommends registering at the completion of your junior year of high school. If you are a senior, register as soon as possible.
3. When you register, **you MUST submit two copies of your Student Release Form to the Counseling Center at Lutheran North.** The counselors will use these to submit your transcript at the time you register and your final transcript upon graduation.
4. Please note that initial-eligibility certification pertains only to whether you meet the NCAA requirements for participation as a freshman in a Division I or II athletics and has no bearing on your admission to a particular Division I or II institution.
5. Qualifying test scores (ACT or SAT) 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 must be sent to the clearinghouse 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.
6. 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.

**The Lutheran North School Code
Number 262-985**

Division I Academic Eligibility Requirements

Graduate from high school
Successfully complete a core curriculum of at least 16 academic course units as follows:

English	4 years
Math (Algebra I & above)	3 years
Natural or physical science	2 years
Additional courses in 1 of above	1 year
Social Science	2 years
Additional academic courses (in any of above, or foreign language)	4 years

Have a **core-course** grade point average of 2.0 and above and an ACT sum score of 86 or above, or an SAT score of 1010 or above (verbal and math sections only). See the NCAA website or a Lutheran North counselor for more information about the "Core GPA/Test Score Index".

Division II Academic Eligibility Requirements

Graduate from high school
Have a GPA of 2.0 or higher
Successfully complete core curriculum of at least 14 academic course units as follows:

English	3 years
Mathematics	2 years
Natural or physical science	2 years
Additional courses in 1 of above	2 years
Social science	2 years
Additional academic courses (in any of above or foreign language)	3 years

** For students first entering NCAA institutions on or after August 1, 2005, computer science courses cannot be used to meet initial eligibility requirements.

Core Courses

Your eligibility includes completing the core courses required by the NCAA. The requirements are different for Division I and Division II; they are given in detail on the website.

By completing the college-prep curriculum required at Lutheran North for graduation, most LHSN students will meet the NCAA core course requirements. However, if you have a question about your eligibility, please see your counselor to review your courses.

The following LHSN courses do **NOT** meet the NCAA core course requirement:

Fine Arts courses
Practical Arts courses
Theology courses
Physical Education & Health courses
Algebra IA

Please Note:

Once you register, you may update or check your status online with a Personal Identification Number (PIN) you specify on your Student Release Form. **DO NOT LOSE THIS NUMBER!** The NCAA will not provide it to you, so if you lose it, your only recourse is to repeat the registration with a second payment of \$60!

Questions?
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