

RALPHIE'S HOT TOPIC



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**Initial Eligibility
NEW LEGISLATION**

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Initial-Eligibility

- ⊙ The NCAA has passed new initial-eligibility legislation effective **August 1, 2015**. This means a current freshman in high school will fall under the new rules.
- ⊙ The new legislation places an importance on continual educational success. They are trying to do away with the 'quick fixes' in initial-eligibility.
- ⊙ They have also raised the bar in regards to required GPA to compete immediately. A new term "**Academic Redshirt**" will be used for those unable to meet the new GPA requirements.

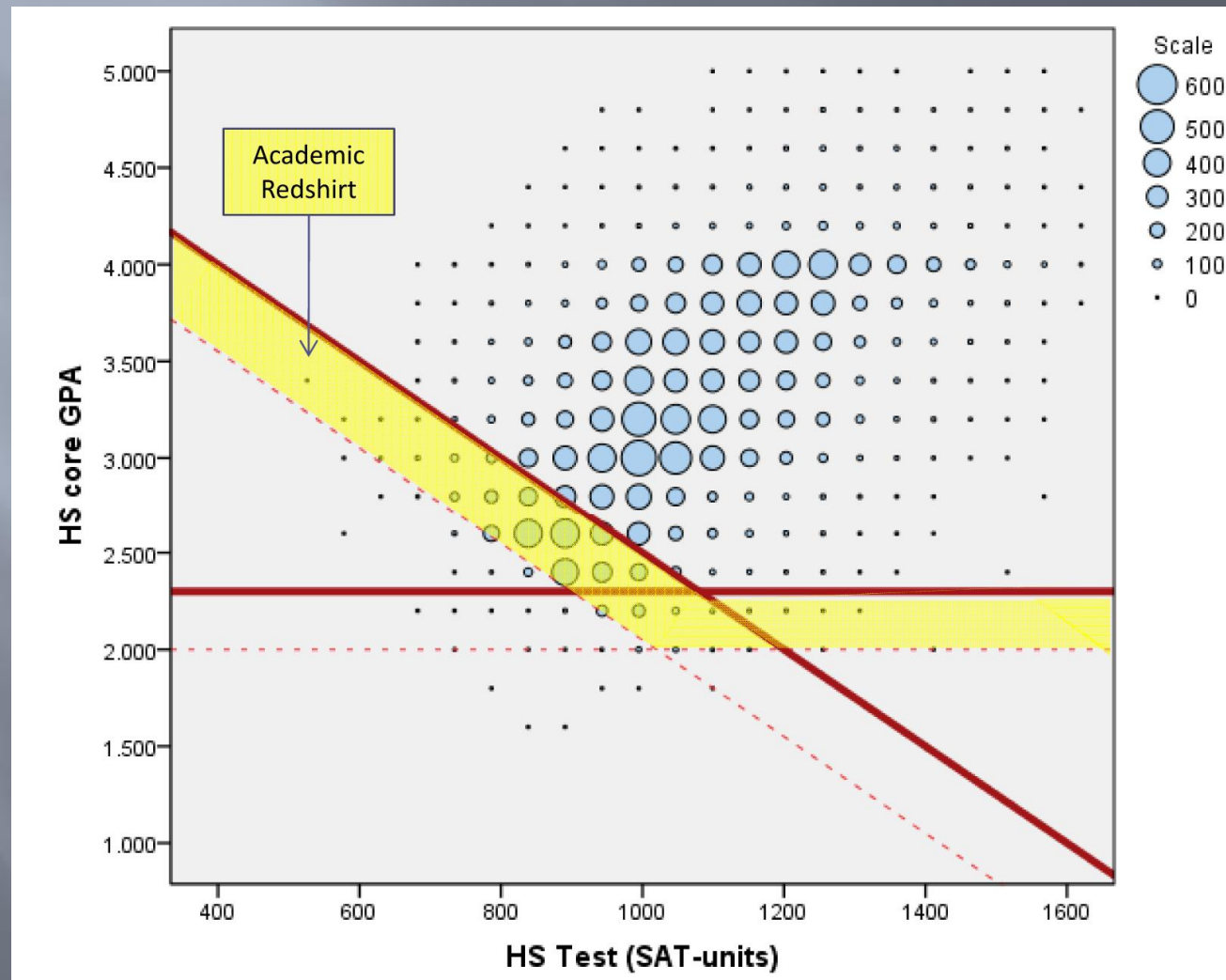
Initial Eligibility

- ⊙ In order to be eligible to compete in their first year, a prospect must earn 10 of the 16 core courses prior to their 7th semester.
- ⊙ Of those 10 core courses, 7 must be in English, Math and Natural/Physical Science.
- ⊙ Those 10 core courses must be used when calculating their core GPA (i.e., no retaking English 9 while in 12th grade to raise their GPA).

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- ⊙ GPA INCREASE: The minimum Core GPA will be increasing in order to compete. A 2.30 GPA is the minimum that a prospect will need to earn in order to compete in their first year.
- ⊙ To go along with that increase, the overall GPA/Test Score sliding scale has increased ~.5 in order to compete in their first year.
- ⊙ The former sliding scale is still in effect in order to just practice and receive aid in their first year – this will be considered the ‘academic redshirt year’.
- ⊙ If a student is serving their academic redshirt year, they must earn a minimum 9 credit hours in the fall to be eligible to practice in the spring.

New vs. Old Sliding Scale



Initial-Eligibility

- ▣ CURRENT LEGISLATION:
 - Student has 2.00 GPA and 1010 SAT/86 ACT.
 - QUALIFIER, eligible for practice, competition and aid.
- ▣ FUTURE LEGISLATION:
 - Student has 2.00 GPA and 1010 SAT/86 ACT.
 - ACADEMIC REDSHIRT, eligible for practice, aid only.
 - Student with same test score will need ~ 2.5 GPA to be a QUALIFIER and eligible for competition.