

RALPHIE'S HOT TOPIC

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Initial Eligibility



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All Division I incoming student-athletes must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

The NCAA reviews the student's high school transcripts as well as standardized test scores to ensure their initial eligibility.

Student-athletes receive a 'qualifier' or 'nonqualifier' status from the NCAA.

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Qualifiers are able to practice, compete and receive an athletic scholarship in their first year of enrollment at a Division I institution.

Nonqualifiers must serve an academic year in residence before being able to practice, compete or receive an athletic scholarship.

Some conference, including the Pac-12, do not allow nonqualifiers to serve a year in residence at their institutions. They must attend junior college or another 4-year institution prior to transferring to a Pac-12 institution.

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To determine a qualifier status, the NCAA compares a student's test score to their CORE GPA.

A CORE GPA is calculated by using 16 college preparatory courses and the respective grades.

A sliding scale is then used to determine a student's initial eligibility.

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Initial eligibility standards will be changing in 2016 (students currently entering 9th grade).

The CORE GPA requirement will increase by approximately 0.5 points.

A student who meets the old requirements, but does not meet the new will have to serve an academic year in residence, in which they can practice and receive aid, but cannot compete.

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For more in-depth information on the new initial eligibility requirements, you can visit the NCAA's website at:

http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Important_New_Rules/New_IE_Rules.pdf