NCAA Clearinghouse Requirements and Registration Process

All prospective NCAA Student/athletes must meet the NCAA Clearinghouse eligibility requirements if they intend to compete and practice, or receive financial aid as an athlete at a NCAA Division I or II collegiate institution. To access requirements and other important NCAA Clearinghouse information, students and their parents/guardians will need to go to the NCAA Eligibility Center website and REGISTER ONLINE at: http://eligibilitycenter.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html **Bookmark this website.** You will also need to create an account (upper right corner) while at this website. When you create your account, make sure that you record your username and password somewhere safe. While viewing the NCAA Eligibility Center website you will find links listed at the top of the page. It is important to view the material within the link entitled *Resources.* To do this, click on the *Resources* link then click on US Students, then click on each of the links within. Of particular importance is the link entitled *Freshman Eligibility Standards Quick Reference Sheet*—here you will find the criterion that will be applied to students as they seek NCAA eligibility for participation in collegiate athletics. If you want to view the courses you can take at PHS to meet NCAA eligibility requirements, you must click on the *List of Approved Core Courses* within *Resources.* Once you do this a new webpage will open. At the new webpage, locate the yellow side-bar menu on the left, and then click on *List of Approved Courses (formerly 48H).* When you see the *List of Approved Courses* page, you will need to enter our school code (060587) to view the courses you can take at PHS to meet NCAA requirements.

IMPORTANT: the NCAA Clearinghouse requires that an ACT or SAT test be taken. An ACT or SAT test taken on a national testing date and Colorado's 11th grade ACT will meet this requirement. ACT and/or SAT scores MUST be sent directly from the testing organization even though the scores may be on a high school transcript—this means that when registering for either test one must enter the NCAA Clearinghouse code (9999) in the *College and Scholarship Choices* section; if this is not done when registering for the tests, an additional test score report will need to be ordered and sent from ACT and/or SAT after the test was taken.

Prospective NCAA Student/athletes should check with their assigned counselor no later than the first semester of their 9th or 10th grade year in order to make a plan to meet the NCAA Clearinghouse Core Course Requirements before graduating high school. The Eligibility Standards for Division I and II collegiate athletics are listed in the NCAA Eligibility Center website and should be reviewed by parents and students to obtain a clear understanding of the requirements necessary to be eligible for NCAA athletic competition, scholarships, and recruitment. To help you determine what courses meet the NCAA requirements, you will need to access Poudre High School's List of Approved NCAA Clearinghouse Core Courses (*Approved Core Course*s) located within the NCAA Eligibility Center website (see directions above). Once courses are decided upon to meet these requirements, students should not change their class schedule without first determining whether their NCAA eligibility will be affected. The Guidance Counselors at Poudre High School are available to advise and assist student-athletes in the planning process; however, the responsibility to meet the NCAA Clearinghouse requirements for initial eligibility rests with the student-athlete and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s).

Students should register for the NCAA Clearinghouse on-line. Registration should be completed on the NCAA Eligibility Center website at the end of the 11th grade year in high school at the very latest. To access the on-line registration form you must: go to the NCAA Eligibility Center website>enter by clicking on the appropriate enrollment period under *Going to College In* >then create an account (upper right corner). Once you have followed these directions you will receive an email with directions on what to do next. After your registration is complete, you must request that we send your transcript to the NCAA, and to do this you must go through your Naviance Family Connection page: log in to your Family Connections page, then>Colleges>Colleges I'm Applying To>Add Colleges to This List>Look Up>type in NCAA>scroll down then click on ADD COLLEGES>scroll down and click on TRANSCRIPTS>REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS FOP MY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS. If you run into problems, Mrs. Mapes can help guide you through this process.

REMEMBER: You will not be certified as either eligible or ineligible until you have graduated from high school. If students have questions on reports received from the NCAA regarding eligibility, they should see Mr. Nash in the Guidance Office.

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Changes in SAT/ACT

The SAT and ACT have made changes to their tests; one of the most significant changes is the addition of a writing component. On both the SAT and ACT, students will be asked to write an essay. The SAT writing section is mandatory, while the ACT writing section is optional.

The SAT will now have three parts: critical reading (formerly known as verbal), mathematics, and writing. Since each section is worth 200-800 points, the SAT score will now range from 600-2400.

Will the NCAA require a writing test as part of its initial-eligibility requirements?

The NCAA has determined that the writing component should not be required at the present time. The NCAA has noted the importance of reviewing research related to the impact of the writing component.

How will the eligibility center use the scores on the new SAT?

The eligibility center will combine the critical reading and math sections for the combined score. The writing section will not be used. **The eligibility center will use scores from the new SAT in combination with scores from the current SAT for the combined score.**

What about ACT?

ACT is also adding a writing component, but the ACT writing component is optional. The scores on the ACT will remain the same.

Where can I get more information?

The College Board has information about the new SAT on its Web site at www.collegeboard.com and ACT has information at www.act.org.

Specific questions regarding any of the information on this page may be answered by contacting the eligibility center staff at 877/262-1492.

NCAA FRESHMAN-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

Meet with your counselor early in the 9th grade to be sure you have made a plan to meet NCAA core course requirements during grades 9-12. Students should apply to NCAA Clearinghouse by end of their 11th grade year. Apply online at: https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/student/index_student.html

KNOW THE RULES:

Core Courses

- **NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses as of August 1, 2008**. This rule applies to any student first entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008. See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.
- **NCAA Division II requires 14 core courses.** See the breakdown of core-course requirements below. Please note, Division II will require 16 core courses beginning August 1, 2013.

Test Scores

- **Division I** has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average. The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on page two of this sheet.
- **Division II** has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a **sum** of the four sections on the ACT: English, mathematics, reading and science.
- **All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the Eligibility Center code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the Eligibility Center.**

Grade-Point Average

- Only core courses are used in the calculation of the grade-point average.
- **Be sure** to look at your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses on the Eligibility Center's Web site to make certain that courses being taken have been approved as core courses. The Web site is www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- **Division I** grade-point-average requirements are listed on page two of this sheet.
- **The Division II** grade-point-average requirement is a minimum of 2.000.

DIVISION I
16 Core-Course Rule

16 Core Courses:

4 years of English.
3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
2 years of social science.
4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

DIVISION II
14 Core-Course Rule

14 Core Courses:

3 years of English.
2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
2 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
2 years of social science.
3 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning August 1, 2013, students planning to attend an NCAA Division II institution will be required to complete 16 core courses.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Division II has no sliding scale. The minimum core grade-point average is 2.000. The minimum SAT score is 820 (verbal and math sections only) and the minimum ACT sum score is 68.

- 14 core courses are currently required for Division II. However, beginning 2013, students will be required to complete 16 core courses.

- 16 core courses are required for Division I.

- The SAT combined score is based on the verbal and math sections only. The writing section will not be used.

- SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Scores on transcripts will not be used.

- Students enrolling at an NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time need to also complete the amateurism questionnaire through the Eligibility Center Web site. Students need to request final amateurism certification prior to enrollment.

For more information regarding the rules, please go to www.NCAA.org. Click on “Academics and Athletes” then “Eligibility and Recruiting.” Or visit the Eligibility Center Web site at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Please call the NCAA Eligibility Center if you have questions:

Toll-free number: 877/262-1492.

NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE
CORE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE/ TEST-SCORE
New Core GPA / Test Score Index

Core GPA	SAT Verbal and Math ONLY	ACT
3.550 & above	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	59
2.700	730	60
2.675	740-750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	80
2.125	960	81
2.100	970	82
2.075	980	83
2.050	990	84
2.025	1000	85
2.000	1010	86

Important Changes for Division I

The rules regarding software-based credit recovery, virtual, online, independent study and correspondence courses have changed. These types of courses, which are identified by the NCAA Eligibility Center as nontraditional courses, must meet new guidelines in order to be used for college-bound student-athletes who are planning to attend an NCAA Division I college or university.

What Are the Changes?

Nontraditional courses must meet the following:

1. Courses that are taught through distance learning, online, credit recovery, etc. need to be comparable in length, content and rigor to courses taught in a traditional classroom setting. Students may not skip lessons or test out of modules. The course must be four-year college preparatory.
2. All courses must include ongoing access between the instructor and student, as well as regular interaction for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance. This may include, for example, exchanging of e-mails between the student and teacher, feedback on assignments, and the opportunity for the teacher to engage the student in individual instruction.
3. Any course taken must have a defined time period for completion. For example, it should be clear whether the course is meant to be taken for an entire semester or during a more condensed time frame, such as six weeks, etc.
4. Nontraditional courses should be clearly identified as such on the high school transcript.

When Does this Rule Take Effect?

The rule applies to courses completed on or after August 1, 2010, for students first entering an NCAA Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2010. Nontraditional courses completed prior to August 1, 2010, will be reviewed under current NCAA standards.

It is important to remember that all courses need to be rigorous, four-year college preparatory in nature. Students should be encouraged to take courses that are quantitatively and qualitatively the same as courses offered through traditional means, and to take courses that will prepare them for the academic rigors they will face at a four-year college or university.

To read more about this new rule, go to www.eligibilitycenter.org and click the "High Schools Enter Here" link, then the "Resources" page and read the documents related to online/virtual/credit recovery courses.

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