

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Too many Counselors, Coaches and Student Athletes believe that it is “one and done”. In other words, a College Coach or College Recruiter may ask, “Have you registered with the NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER?” The standard 3 answers are: “YES”, “NO” or “WHAT IS IT?” www.NCAAELIGIBILITYCENTER.org

FAST FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The **NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER** is watch dog organization for NCAA Athletics. Their purpose is to validate that academic requirements are on track for a student athlete NCAA schools have interest in.
- The **NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER** was established to stop the doctoring / falsifying of academic records.
- When you register, you need to fill out what is called a “**STUDENT RELEASE FORM**”.
- The *Student Release Form* grants permission for NCAA Div. I and II colleges to look at your records.
- You cannot take **OFFICIAL RECRUITING TRIPS** (They pay for all or part of your visit) to NCAA I and II colleges without being registered with the **NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER**.
- You may take as many **UNOFFICIAL RECRUITING TRIPS** as you wish to (You pay for all of the trip).
- You cannot be given **WRITTEN SCHOLARSHIP OFFER** unless you’re registered with the **NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER**.
- **College Coaches do NOT go to the NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER to find athletes, they find athletes, then go to the ELIGIBILITY CENTER to see if they are academically eligible**

THE FASTEST WAY TO STOP GETTING RECRUITED IS TO NOT TAKE CARE OF ALL 4 STEPS INVOLVING THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER! COMPLETE ALL STEPS:

1. REGISTER

It is not necessary to register for the NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER until after your Junior Year academically. However, come July 1 after your Junior Year, it should become your #1 Priority before vacation, games, girls, boys or anything else. It will not put you onto college coaches recruiting radars, but it can help to keep you there if you are on them!

2. RELEASE FORM

After you have completed the registration and you know you are properly registered, you will need to fill out a **TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM**. This will allow high schools to release your official transcripts to the ELIGIBILITY CENTER. It is confidential information. You must print and sign a release form requesting transcripts be sent to the ELIGIBILITY CENTER. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SEND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS, YOUR HIGH SCHOOL MUST SENT THEM.

3. REQUEST

This is the step most people mess up on. You must request **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** to be sent from your High School. **TEST SCORES** - You must also request test scores be sent to the NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER from the ACT and SAT organizations. “Check, we did that”. Really?! They have been numerous times parents and athletes request it, but school counselors forgetting to send them. Follow up your request with a review.

4. REVIEW

Review the site to make sure that your High School Transcripts, ACT and / or SAT test scores are showing on the ELIGIBILITY CENTER. You should take both Standardized Tests, as they have different formats and one may be easier for you then the other. When you register with the ELIGIBILITY CENTER, you should receive a PIN number or password. This will allow you to validate what is showing on your records. There was an athlete in Florida (Top 10 Recruiting State) that had registered with the NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER, had even requested all records be sent in. He was being recruited by Colgate University for basketball. The College recruiter kept saying make sure everything is on the ELIGIBILITY CENTER. The athlete and parents kept thinking that everything was sent (H.S. transcripts, ACT and SAT). The athlete was a good student too. Funny thing happened on the way to his scholarship. The family never LOOKED to confirm visually that (a) the transcripts had arrived at the ELIGIBILITY CENTER or (b) had been posted. Two weeks before the signing date, Georgetown quit calling and went with another athlete. The family had put all of their eggs into the one basket (Colgate), did not “review” the ELIGIBILITY CENTER site and lost their opportunity. Eventually, they had to settle for a lower level college.

ALL FOUR STEPS ARE CRITICAL AND ESSENTIAL FOR RECRUITING SUCCESS.

NOTE: The ELIGIBILITY CENTER is not required for NCAA 3 (Academic Colleges), but they still may look at it! **NCAA 3 Colleges are academic oriented and don’t want to chase your grades down.**