



USCSA Eligibility Highlights and Guidelines 2020-2021

Listed below are some important points of the USCSA eligibility rules. These do not cover all of the rules. Each team is responsible for understanding and confirming the eligibility of each of its members.

1. Each athlete must be enrolled as a full-time student during the competition season. **NCAA Division II Rule 14.01.2.**
2. Each athlete has 10-Semesters/15-Quarters of full-time collegiate enrollment during which to use four years of eligibility. This starts with the initial semester or quarter enrolled full-time in school. **NCAA Division II Rule 14.2.2.**
3. Freshmen competitors must follow the NCAA freshman qualifier rules. **NCAA Division II Rule 14.3.1.1.**
 - a. Minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 2.200.
 - b. Minimum combined score on the SAT verbal/critical reasoning and math sections of 840 or a minimum sum score of 70 on the ACT prior to March 1, 2016. Tests taken after March 1, 2016 would need to follow the concordance table outlined in **NCAA Division II Figure 14-3**. As of May 4, 2018, the new combined SAT minimum would need to be 920.
4. Each athlete must maintain a minimum satisfactory cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.000 prior to the beginning of each fall term. **NCAA Division II Rule 14.4.3.5.**
5. Each athlete must earn 9 semester or 8 quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution. **NCAA Division II Rule 14.4.3.2.**
6. Each athlete must be making “normal progress” in a degree program. A student-athlete must complete 18-semester or 27-quarter hours since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution’s preceding regular two semesters or three quarters. **NCAA Division II Rule 14.4.3.3.**
7. Each athlete must earn 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of academic credit during any year in which the student-athlete is enrolled full time in at least one academic term. **NCAA Division II Rule 14.4.3.4**
8. The amount of financial aid awarded to a student athlete is limited to “institutional financial aid” which includes, but is not limited to: scholarships, grants, athletic aid, tuition waivers, and loans. **NCAA Division II Rule 15.2.1**
9. Transfer students may only use transfer credits accepted by the institution of which they are competing in determining eligibility. Transfer students may not be eligible to participate during their first year in attendance at the transferring university. (See NCAA Division II Rules to confirm eligibility status.) **NCAA Division II Rule 14.5.**
10. No recruiting from existing collegiate programs is allowed without prior written permission from the first institution. **NCAA Division II Rule 13.1.1.2**
11. Medical Hardship. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by Academic Affairs Committee for reasons of “hardship.” Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred when a racer is injured during the season and has competed in no more than one-quarter of the school’s season of practices and meets prior to the injury. **USCSA Rule 2.5.4.1.3.**
12. The following are the Operating Bylaws of the NCAA Division II rules referenced in this document:
 1. Operating Bylaw, Article 13, Recruiting
 2. Operating Bylaw, Article 14, Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements
 3. Operating Bylaw, Article 15, Financial Aid

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