

# Welcome to the World of Compliance: Eligibility Center

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#### NCAA Regional Rules

# What is the Eligibility Center?

The Eligibility Center is the component of the NCAA within Regulatory Affairs responsible for reviewing and processing academic and amateurism certifications for college-bound student-athletes.

- 200,000 EC accounts annually.
- 100,000 certification accounts.
- 8,000 international students.
- 21,000 membership calls.
- 1,100 member schools and universities.
- 32,000 high schools, with 29,200+ cleared.

#### Who is the Eligibility Center?

The Eligibility Center is comprised of two units: Internal Affairs and External Operations. Between these two departments, there are six core departments:

- Core Processing.
- High School Review.
- Operations and Analytics.
- Academic and Amateurism Review.
- Customer Service.
- Outreach and Strategic Partnerships.



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## **Membership Portal**

- IRL activation.
- Search student details.
- Monitor student tasks.
- Access student documents for academics and amateurism.
- Run reports.



# **Eligibility Center Resources**

#### **Educational Resources**

- Guide for Compliance Administrator.
- Guide to International Academic Standards.

"How-to" Resources

- Initial-Eligibility Waiver Best Practices.
- Requesting Urgent Certifications.
- Academic Records Submission FAQs.

Forms

- Matriculation Letter.
- Academic Inconsistency Form.
- Final Certification Disclaimer.



## **Eligibility Center Newsletter**

- Membership Newsletter.
  - Monthly.
  - Direct to your inbox!
  - Important reminders.
  - Updates, latest news.



available to view here . During the meeting, the committee was notified that the old model certification method (use of leaving certificates/examinations to determine initial academic eligibility) will not be phased out, as planned for Fall 2021 enrollees. Both new model (use of yearly marks) and old model evaluations for international students will continue to occur going forward. Beginning May 19, 2020, you will be able to see which model was used during the student's certification. For information on how the old model and new model certifications will be visible, review our FAQ here.

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#### Core Processing Academics

- Preliminary evaluations and final evaluations.
  - Both are completed year-round based on IRL cycles.
- Accounts with the following designations are eligible for urgent reviews:
  - Ready to process P (Preliminary).
  - Ready to process A (Academic).
  - Ready to process F (Final).

#### Core Processing Amateurism

- Preliminary amateurism reviews.
- Prospective student-athletes must request final amateurism to receive a final certification.
  - Fall enrollees: April 1.
  - Winter/spring enrollees: October 1.
- Enrollment Period should reflect the PSA's first time enrolling at a Division I or II institution.
- Urgent request program available.

# **High School Review**

- Evaluate high schools and nontraditional programs for use in NCAA academic certifications.
- Review core-course submissions.
- Complete individualized course review when applicable.
- Stay up-to-date and educated regarding secondary education trends.



### Academic and Amateurism Review

- Process initial-eligibility waivers and oversees automatic waivers.
- Conduct PSA Review process (validity review of academic credentials).
- Handle amateurism reviews that require a higher level of membership collaboration and decision inquiries.



### **Customer Service**

- Provide guidance regarding initial-eligibility rules and policies and procedures.
- Answer questions on domestic and international accounts.
- Assist with account analysis regarding status, timeline, etc.
- Proactive outreach when potential issues are identified in an account.

## Outreach and Strategic Partnerships

- Update and create initial-eligibility resources for NCAA schools, PSAs, coaches, high schools, etc.
- Work with the international community to educate about NCAA eligibility.
- Outreach and education to high schools, districts, NCAA schools, PSAs and their families.

#### **Best Practices**

- Keep institutional request lists updated.
- Encourage PSAs to register early and provide complete and accurate information.
- Monitor Membership Portal for process changes/updates.
- Sign up for, read and share the newsletter.
- Track open issues/action required with "Reports" feature.
- Encourage early submission of academic documentation.
- When preparing an IEW, focus on mitigation for deficiency.



#### **Questions?**

Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center:

- Membership line: 877-544-2950 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.
- ec-processing@ncaa.org document submission only.
- ecinfo@ncaa.org account inquiries (membership only).

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