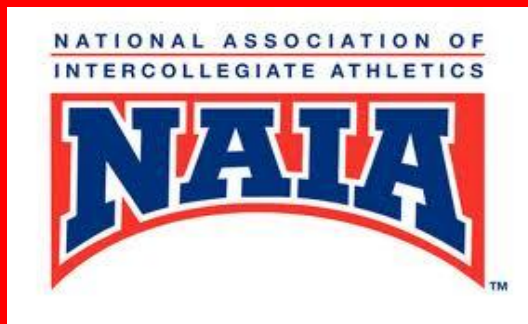


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“Playing in College”

College Soccer Recruiting Process



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IDENTIFYING SCHOOLS

Key Considerations

- Academics
- Size
- Location



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College Programs

Men's Soccer

- NCAA D1: 204
 - NCAA D2: 181
 - NCAA D3: 407
 - NAIA: 218
 - NJCAA: 221
- Total: 1,231

Women's Soccer

- NCAA D1: 322
 - NCAA D2: 228
 - NCAA D3: 428
 - NAIA: 219
 - NJCAA: 186
- Total: 1,383

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Soccer Considerations

- What are your goals as a player
- What Division is the soccer program
- Team record and ambition
- Roster size
- Style of play
- How will team composition change with seniors graduating and players returning
- What competition exists for playing time in certain position

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Academics

- GPA Requirements
- SAT/ACT Requirements
- Core Course Requirements
- www.ncaaclearinghouse.net



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Student-Athlete Participation

• NCAA Division I	5,607
• NCAA Division II	4,919
• NCAA Division III	11,075
• NAIA	4,553
• Junior College	5,024
• High School	391,839

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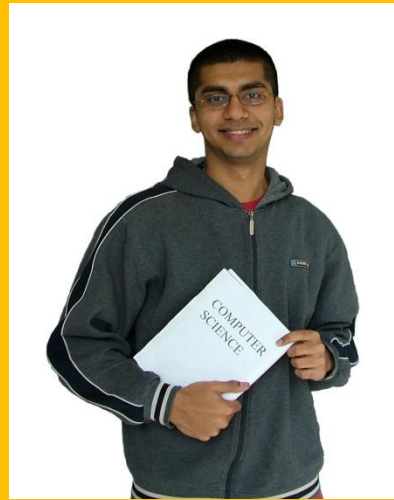
NCAA Academic Standards

Division I: 16 Core Courses	Division III: 16 Core Courses
4 years of English	3 years of English
3 years of math (algebra 1 or higher level)	2 years of math (algebra 1 or higher level)
2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered)	2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered)
1 extra year of English, math, or science	3 extra year of English, math, or science
2 years of social science	2 years of social science
4 years of additional core courses (from any category above, or in a foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy)	4 years of additional core courses (from any category above, or in a foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy)

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Sample Academic Profile

- UC Irvine Freshman (Non Athlete)
- Averages
- High School GPA: 3.97
- ACT Composite Score: 27
- SAT Critical Reading: 593
- SAT Mathematics: 644
- SAT Writing: 612



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Paying for college

- Athletic Scholarships
- Academic Scholarships
- Need Based Financial Aid
- Student Loans



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Athletic Scholarship Opportunities

Division I(per school)	9.9
Division II (per school)	9
NAIA	12
NJCAA (*varies per school)	18
Full vs. Partial Scholarships	

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Other Forms of Aid

Cal-Grants

- * Cal Grant awards are state funded monetary grants given to students to help pay for college expenses
- * The awards do not have to be paid back

Pell-Grants

- * Federal grant given on a need basis
- * The award does not have to be repaid

Student Loans

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Recruiting

- Who do you play for?
- Where and when do you play?
- What is your GPA ?
- What are your test scores?

Key Areas of Analysis:

- Technical
- Tactical
- Physical
- Psychological



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Player Identification

Five major arenas:

- * Club Soccer Leagues (CSL)
- * Major club tournaments
- * Regional Olympic Development (ODP) Events
- * High School Soccer
- * College Camps

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Contacting Schools

- E-mail
- Phone Calls
- Player Portfolio/Profiles
- DVD/Video
- CSL profile



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Roadmap for Success

Freshman Year

- Get the best grades you can. Freshman year counts!
- Meet with a counselor to discuss NCAA requirements and develop a four year plan.
- Take honors courses if possible.
- Perform community service: volunteer at a food bank, homeless shelter, Habitat for Humanity etc.
- Take soccer seriously. Be professional in your approach to the game on and off the field.

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Sophomore Year

- Focus on grades
- Take honors and AP courses when possible.
- Meet with counselor and track NCAA requirements
- Take PSAT, Practice ACT and perhaps some SAT II tests
- Research colleges
- Create an introduction letter/e-mail for schools
- Be visible to college coaches. CSL and the big tournaments are great arenas for exposure.
- Attend college camps

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Junior Year

- Grades are the most important factor of your academic profile
- Take SAT, ACT and AP tests offered throughout the year
- Consider a test prep course to boost your SAT/ACT score
- Understand school soccer/academic requirements
- Visit schools
- Send e-mails, online profile, letters of introduction with soccer profiles after **July 1**
- Consider making a Video/DVD
- Consider attending summer college camps

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Senior Year

- Ensure you meet the NCAA requirements
- Retake SAT's if necessary
- After July 1st you may receive one phone call/week from a coach and you can take your five official visits. Only the most sought after players will receive this kind of attention
- Submit applications for the schools of your choice
- Keep your grades up
- If you are accepted, finalize paperwork and Letters of Intent following the NCAA regulations

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General Advice

- Work very hard academically/athletically
- Higher standards now will lead to more opportunities at the collegiate level
- The more contacts you create, the more options you will have
- Be proactive and not reactive. Coaches prefer to pursue soccer players who have expressed serious interest in their school
- Complete all forms carefully and completely and return all phone calls promptly. Show enthusiasm and professionalism
- Make sure all your paperwork is complete with the NCAA

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Links:

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

www.fafsa.org

www.mhec.state.md.us/financialaid/

www.athleticscholarships.net/soccerscholarships.htm

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