

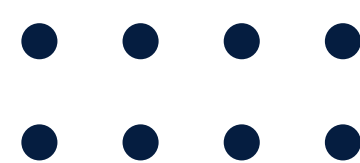


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2024-2025

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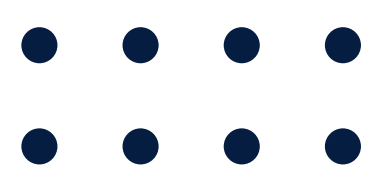
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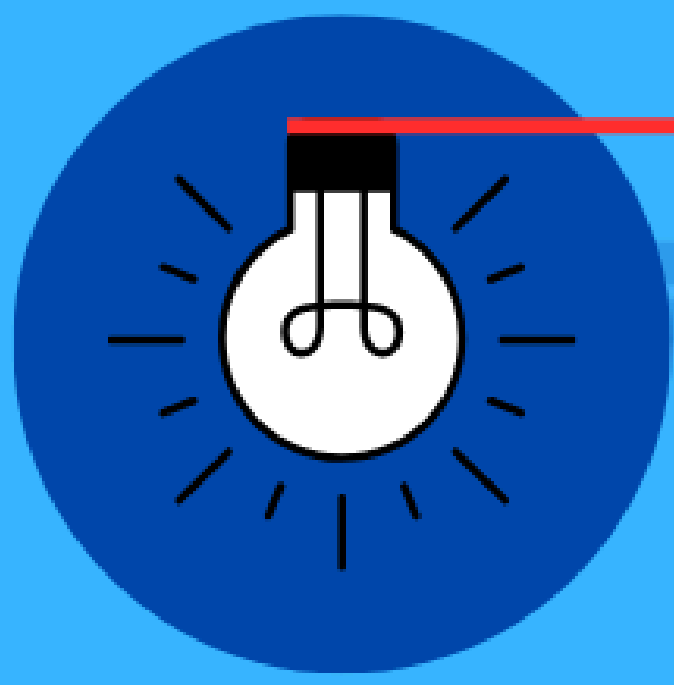
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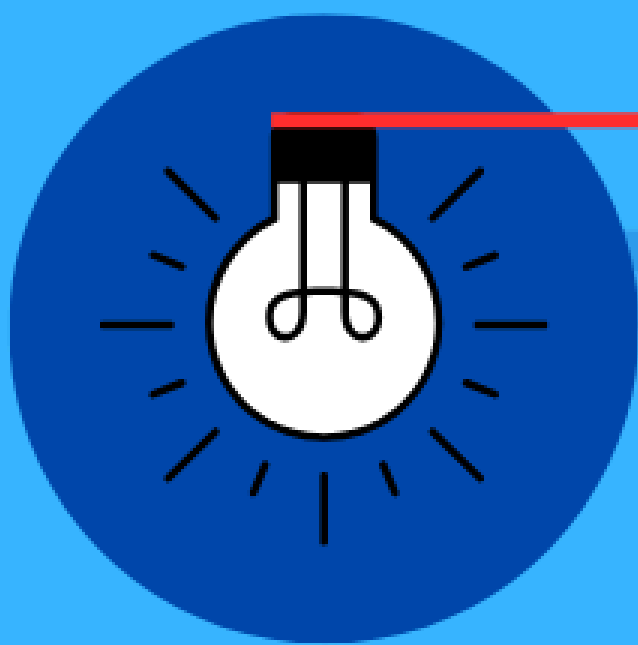
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DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately 7.8% of high school softball players go on to play at the collegiate level across all divisions (NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA). This includes all levels of college play, with the largest number of opportunities available at the NCAA Division 3 and NAIA levels. If you're aiming for Division 1, the percentage is lower, around 1.6%.

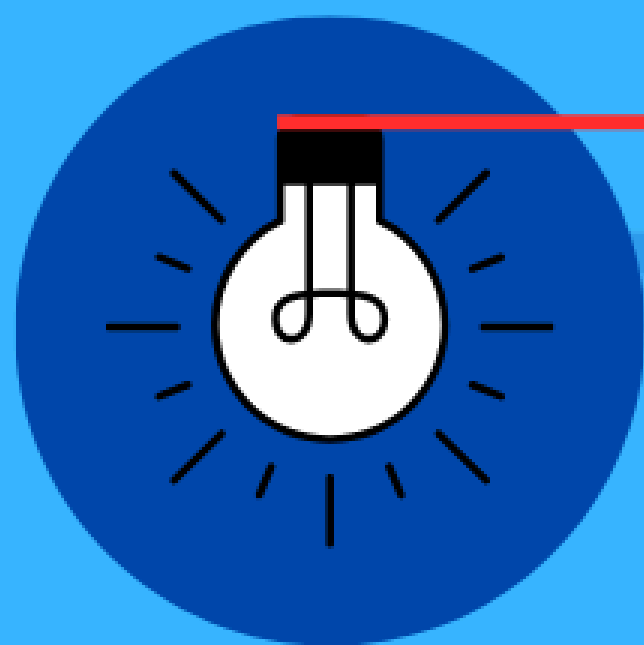
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DID YOU KNOW?

Starting in the 2025-2026 academic year if the NCAA proposed settlement is approved, D1 softball programs will be allowed to offer up to 25 scholarships per year, a significant increase from the current maximum of 12. These scholarships can still be a mix of full-ride and partial awards. However, keep in mind that not all D1 softball programs are fully funded, so some schools might not offer the full 25 scholarships. The 25 scholarships represent the new maximum limit allowed under the updated NCAA rules.

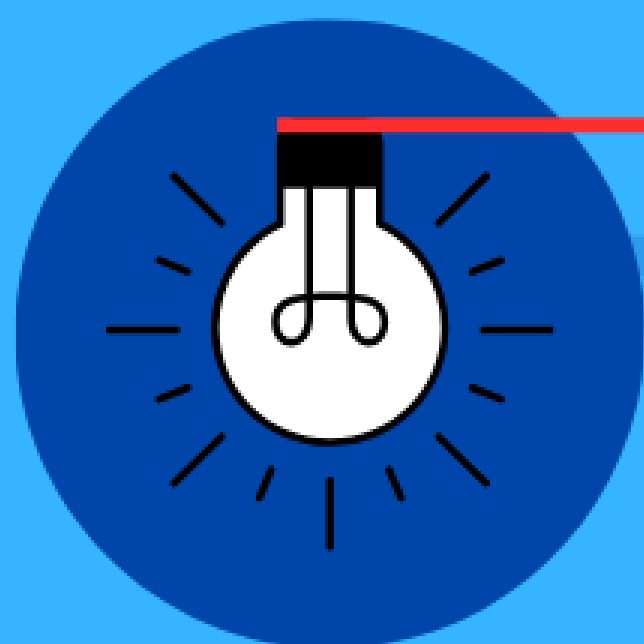
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DID YOU KNOW?

NCAA Division 2 softball programs are allowed to offer up to 7.2 scholarships per team. However, these scholarships are typically divided among multiple athletes, meaning most players receive partial rather than full scholarships.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Yes, D2 schools can offer full-ride scholarships. However, because they are deemed an equivalency sport by the NCAA, they are not required to give out full rides. It's up to the coach to determine how much money they want to give to each athlete on the team.

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VOCABULARY

NCAA Division 1: This is the highest level of college sports competition in the United States. This is the toughest division to get into and compete in. In this division athletes spend most of their time training and practicing. You take classes and study, but not as much as you train, practice, and travel. In this division 57% of athletes are receiving financial support through athletics.

NCAA Division 2: This is the second highest level of college sports competition in the United States. Division 2 offers a little more balance between school and sport. In Division 2, roughly 60% of athletes receiving financial support through athletics.

NCAA Division 3: NCAA Division 3 DOES NOT offer athletic scholarships. In Division 3 there will be a heavy emphasis placed on academics. Division 3 offers athletes are more well-rounded academic and athletic experience.

NAIA: NAIA is a college athletic experience geared towards small 4-year colleges. NAIA helps drive student enrollment on campuses through student-athletes. The focus of NAIA is to bring financial sustainability to smaller campuses through athletics. NAIA schools spend less on athletics than NCAA, but gives more back to it's student-athletes and universities.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Junior College is the 2-year route in college athletics. Junior College is a path for athletes to earn their Associates Degree. Junior Colleges in California **DO NOT** provide athletic scholarships, but California residents get 2-years of Community College free. Junior Colleges outside of California **DO** provide athletic scholarships.

DEAD PERIOD: During this time, no in-person meetings or evaluations are allowed, neither on or off campus. However, coaches can still communicate with you through other means besides in-person.

QUIET PERIOD: Coaches can only meet you on their campus during this period. No off-campus meetings or evaluations are allowed.

EVALUATION PERIOD: Coaches can access your academic and playing abilities during this time through off-campus activities. However, they can't meet you in person for recruiting purposes.

CONTACT PERIOD: This is when coaches can meet you off-campus to talk about joining their team and evaluate your skills.

UNOFFICIAL VISIT: This visit is paid for by the **ATHLETE**.

OFFICIAL VISIT: This visit is paid for by the **UNIVERSITY**. The University can pay for you and your parents/guardians transportation to and from campus, lodging, three meals per day, and three tickets to a home sporting event. Visits can last 48-hours or cover the span of **ONE** weekend.

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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 1 (JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL): This is the date coaches at most NCAA levels can begin communicating with athletes. Prior to September 1 of the PSA's Junior Year D2, D3, and NAIA coaches can talk to PSA's through their club or high school coach.

It is important to know JUCO, NAIA, D2, and D3 coaches are typically looking at athletes later in their Junior year/early Senior year.

AUGUST 1 to AUGUST 11: Contact Period

JUNE 8 to JULY 31: Contact Period (this period goes into effect as soon as the last out is made for the Women's College World Series, so this date can fluctuate)

AUGUST 12 to NOVEMBER 24 (EXCLUDING October 19-20 and October 26-27):
Evaluation Period

NOVEMBER 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24: Evaluation Period

NOVEMBER 25 to JANUARY 2 (EXCLUDING December 4-7): Quiet Period

AUGUST 28 to SEPTEMBER 3: Dead Period

NOVEMBER 11 to 14: Dead Period

DECEMBER 4 to 7: Dead Period

MAY 27 to JUNE 6: Dead Period

JUNIOR YEAR

June 15: NCAA D2 Coaches can begin calling athletes and conduct home visits with athletes, at their home OR their school

NCAA D1 Coaches can conduct home visits with athletes, at their home OR their school

Athletes can begin taking Unofficial and Official Visits

SENIOR YEAR

NCAA D1 Coaches can conduct off-campus communications with PSAs and their parents no more than THREE times

2024-25 NCAA RECRUITING CALENDAR

Division I Softball



Note: Softball coaches and noncoaching staff members with responsibilities specific to softball may only be employed at noninstitutional camps and clinics that occur during recruiting calendar periods when evaluation at nonscholastic practice or competition activities is permissible (see NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.12.2.3.6).

Aug. 1, 2024-July 31, 2025

Aug. 1-11, 2024	CONTACT PERIOD
Aug. 12 through Nov. 24, except as noted below:	EVALUATION PERIOD (For scholastic practice and competition activities only)
• Aug. 28-Sept. 3	DEAD PERIOD
• Oct. 19-20, 26-27	EVALUATION PERIOD (For scholastic and nonscholastic practice or competition activities)
• Nov. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24	DEAD PERIOD
• Nov. 11-14	DEAD PERIOD
Nov. 25 through Jan. 2, 2025, except as noted below:	QUIET PERIOD
• Nov. 27-Dec. 1	RECRUITING SHUTDOWN
• Dec. 4-7	DEAD PERIOD
• Dec. 22-26	RECRUITING SHUTDOWN
• Dec. 31-Jan. 2, 2025	RECRUITING SHUTDOWN
Jan. 3 through May 26	EVALUATION PERIOD (For scholastic practice and competition activities only)
May 27 through June 6*	DEAD PERIOD
June 7* through July 31	CONTACT PERIOD
During high school regional and state championship competition that does not occur during a dead period.	EVALUATION PERIOD

Recruiting periods defined

QUIET PERIOD

A quiet period is that period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.

DEAD PERIOD

A dead period is that period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the member institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes to the institution's campus.

EVALUATION PERIOD

An evaluation period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospective student-athletes. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospective student-athlete during an evaluation period.

CONTACT PERIOD

A contact period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

RECRUITING SHUTDOWN

A recruiting shutdown is a period of time when no form of recruiting (e.g., contacts, evaluations, official or unofficial visits, correspondence or making or receiving telephone calls) is permissible.

* Dates are based on the Women's College World Series®. If the WCWS dates are delayed, the dead period continues through the day of the final championship game. If the WCWS ends after two games, the dead period concludes on the day of the final game and the contact period begins the next day.



Division I Softball

QUIET PERIOD
DEAD PERIOD
CONTACT PERIOD
EVALUATION PERIOD
RECRUITING SHUTDOWN



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▴ Indicates scholastic practice and competition activities only.

* Indicates scholastic and nonscholastic practice or competition activities.

Division I Academic Standards

Division I schools require you to meet academic standards. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year of full-time enrollment, you must meet the following requirements:



DIVISION I

1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	EXTRA (English, math or science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	OTHER Any area listed to the left or courses listed in additional discipline (world language, comparative religion or philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

2. Complete your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight academic semesters or four consecutive academic years from the start of ninth grade. If you graduate from high school early, you still must meet core-course requirements.
3. Complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of your seventh semester. Once you begin your seventh semester, any course needed to meet the 10/7 requirement cannot be replaced or repeated.
4. Earn a minimum 2.3 **core-course GPA**.
5. Ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official transcript** with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.

EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

If you meet **specific criteria** after six semesters of high school, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division I and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.

QUALIFIER

You may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

You may practice during your first regular academic term and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment but may NOT compete during your first year of full-time enrollment. You must pass either eight quarter or nine semester hours to practice in the next term.

NONQUALIFIER

You will not be able to practice, compete or receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

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REGISTER

- » If you haven't yet, **register** for a free Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org for information on NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.
- » Use NCAA Research's **interactive map** to help locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
- » Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist to ensure you're taking the right courses, and earn the best grades possible!

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PLAN

- » If you're being actively recruited by an NCAA school and have a Profile Page account, **transition** it to the required **certification account**.
- » Monitor the **task list** in your NCAA Eligibility Center account for next steps.
- » At the end of the school year, ask your high school counselor from each school you attend to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.
- » If you fall behind academically, ask your high school counselor for help finding **approved courses** you can take.

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STUDY

- » Ensure your **sports participation** information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- » Check with your high school counselor to make sure you're on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved **core courses** and graduate on time with your class.
- » Share your **NCAA ID** with NCAA schools recruiting you so each school can place you on its **institutional request list**.
- » At the end of the school year, ask your high school counselor from each school you attend to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

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GRADUATE

- » **Request your final amateurism certification** beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account at eligibilitycenter.org.
- » Apply and be accepted to the NCAA school you plan to attend.
- » Complete your final NCAA-approved **core courses** as you prepare for graduation.
- » After you graduate, ask your high school counselor to upload your final **official transcript** with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

9th
GRADE

(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science
and/or other

4 CORE COURSES

10th
GRADE

(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science
and/or other

4 CORE COURSES

11th
GRADE

(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science
and/or other

4 CORE COURSES

12th
GRADE

(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science
and/or other

4 CORE COURSES

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