

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS





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Eligibility Basics

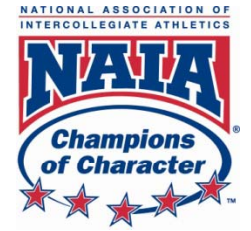


An NAIA student:

- 1) May only compete during four seasons;
- 2) May only compete during his/her first 10 semesters/15 quarters;
- 3) Must meet freshman and/or continuing eligibility requirements;
- 4) Must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours;
- 5) Must be making normal progress towards a baccalaureate degree;
- 6) Must Have a 2.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale (for juniors and seniors athletically or academically); and
- 7) Must meet transfer eligibility requirements (if applicable)



Seasons of Competition



A student may compete:

During 4 seasons of competition

A student is charged a season of competition for participation in at least **one** intercollegiate contests.

The student is charged a season regardless of the level of play (i.e., varsity, junior varsity, freshman).

During first 10 Semesters/15 Quarters

Any term (excluding summer sessions) in which the student becomes identified at a single institution.



Freshman Eligibility



To be eligible for NAIA competition, a freshman student **must**:

- Be a graduate of an accredited high school or be accepted as a regular student in good standing at the enrolling institution
- Meet **two** of **three** entry-level academic requirements:
 - 1) **Test Score** - Minimum score of:
ACT – 18
SAT - 860 [**Critical Reading and Math sections only**]; or
 - 2) **HS GPA** - Minimum overall high school GPA of **2.000** on 4.000 scale; or
 - 3) **Class Rank** – Top **50%** of high school graduating class

Aaron from Mesa Dining Services (tablecloths) = \$100 plus
Aaron from Mesa Dining Services (drinks) - TBD



Continuing Eligibility



9-hour rule

Must have passed at least nine hours prior to the student's **second term**

24/36-hour rule

All students: 24 hours during the student's previous **two terms**.

Quarter System: 36 hours during the student's previous **three quarters**.



Progress Towards Degree



In order to participate during:

Second Season: The student must have accumulated 24 semester/36 quarter hours;

Third Season: The student must have accumulated 48 semester/72 quarter hours;

Fourth Season: The student must have accumulated 72 semester/108 quarter hours;

AND

At least 48 hour semester/72 quarter hours general education and/or in the student's field of study.



Academic Progress



12-hour rule

To compete, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours.

Academic Degree

The student must be making normal progress towards a **baccalaureate degree**.

Grade-point average

Junior status academically or athletically –

Student must have a cumulative **GPA** of **2.0** on a 4.0 scale.



Transfers



Transfer Student

Any student who identified previously at any other collegiate institution.

Residency Period

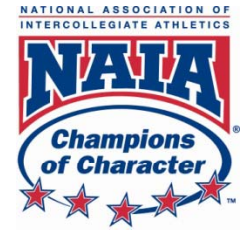
- A transfer student who has previously attended a **four-year** institution must serve a **16-week** residency period before being eligible to compete.
- A transfer student who attended **only** two-year institutions previously does **NOT** have to serve the residency period.

Exceptions

- Student never competed at the immediately previous four-year institution.
- "Release" from previous four-year institution.



Competitive Experience



Student must be charged with additional seasons of competition

Key date: September 1 of year of HS graduation

Charge a season if:

- 1) Student trains or competes

AND

- 2) Receives permissible compensation, including remuneration of expenses

Student CANNOT be charged more than one season during 12-month period



Certification of Eligibility



Students may not compete until the completion and filing of:

- 1) NAIA Official Eligibility Certificate; and
- 2) NAIA Certificate of Clearance

And when applicable:

- 3) Transfer Eligibility Statement;
- 4) Eligibility Certificate for Entering Freshmen; and
- 5) Non-Resident Student or Enrollment Gap Form

These documents must be completed and sent to your Conference/Region Eligibility Chair prior to allowing any student to represent the institution in any manner.



Hardship Waivers



- Will restore a season of competition to a student.
- Will **NOT** restore any terms towards the 10 semester/15 quarter rule.
- Form available on NAIA website.
- Requirements:
 - 1) Student suffers a season-ending injury
 - 2) Must be verified by the medical doctor treating the student.
 - 3) Must not have competed in more than permissible number of contests (Article V, Section M, Item 2b)
 - 4) Injury cannot occur in last regular season contest or postseason.



Recruiting

CANNOT contact

- Enrolled students (including summer)
- Students that have drawn equipment and participated in preseason practice

Junior College Students

- Institution can initiate contact with two-year college prospect once the student is charged a second season by the junior college.

Contact by Student

- If contacted by an athlete enrolled at another institution:

Notify, in writing, the institution (AD or FAR) where the athlete is presently enrolled within **10 days** following the first contact.

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