

# *C.D Hylton HS Football*



# *Understanding The Rules Of Eligibility*

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# What is the NCAA?

- The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is a voluntary organization through which the nation's colleges and universities govern their athletics programs. It is comprised of institutions, conferences, organizations and individuals committed to the best interests, education and athletics participation of student-athletes. It is broken into three major divisions:
  - Division I
  - Division II
  - Division III



# What is the NCAA Eligibility Center (Clearinghouse)?

- **Definition:**
  - The NCAA Initial-Eligibility Center (Clearinghouse) is the organization that determines whether prospective college athletes are eligible to play sports at NCAA Division I or Division II institutions. It does this by reviewing the student athlete's academic record, SAT or ACT scores, and amateur status to ensure conformity with NCAA rules.
- **When to Register**—The NCAA recommends that student athletes register with the clearinghouse at the beginning of their **junior year** in high school, but many students register after their junior year. There is no registration deadline, but students must be cleared by the clearinghouse before they can receive an athletic scholarship.



# What is the NCAA Eligibility Center (Clearinghouse)?

- **Registering**—Students can register online at the NCAA Clearinghouse website. They will have to enter personal information, answer questions about their athletic participation, and pay a registration fee. The website will then prompt them to have their high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores sent to the clearinghouse. The website address is:
  - <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
  - **Required Records**—Students should arrange to have you send their high school transcript to the clearinghouse as soon as they have completed at least six semesters of high school. The transcript must be mailed directly from their high school. They must also arrange to have their ACT or SAT test scores reported directly by the testing company to the clearinghouse. You can do that when you register for the test.

# What Core Courses do I Need?

## Division I and II

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- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or non doctrinal religion/philosophy).
- 10 core courses required before the beginning of senior year.
  
- Minimum of 2.5-2.7 Core GPA
- Graduate from High School



# What Test Scores do I Need to Qualify?

- Division I has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average.
- Division II has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes only the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a sum of the four sections on the ACT: English, Math, Reading and Science.
- All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will no longer be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the clearinghouse code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the clearinghouse
- Due to COVID many colleges waived requirements BUT many are now starting it back up!!

# What Test Scores do I Need to Qualify?

## 2024 SAT Test Dates

Date

Registration Deadline

Late Registration Period



May 4, 2024

April 19, 2024

April 23, 2024

June 1, 2024

May 16, 2024

May 21, 2024

**ADDITIONAL DATES:**

08/24/24, 10/5/24, 11/2/24,

12/7/24

# What Test Scores do I Need to Qualify?

## 2024 ACT Test Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Period</u>
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

### **ADDITIONAL DATES:**

09/14/24, 10/26/24, 12/14/24



# What Test Scores do I Need to Qualify?

<b><u>GPA</u></b>	<b><u>SAT</u></b>	<b><u>ACT</u></b>
3.550 & Above	400	37
3.300	500	44
3.000	620	52
2.500	820	68

# What do I Need to Know About My GPA?

- Calculating the GPA:

- Done on a traditional 4.0 scale:

- A = 4 pts
- B = 3
- C = 2
- D = 1
- F = 0



- Schools that use numeric grades (e.g. 82, 93) will be changed to letter grades.

- Plus and minus grades are not used to calculate a student's core-course GPA

- If the high school normally weights **honors** or **advanced** courses, these courses may improve the student's core-course GPA

- **Pass/ Fail Classes will count as a “D” for transcript w/NCAA**

# What do I Need to Know About My GPA?

- Only core courses (English, Social Studies, Science, Math, Foreign Language) are used in the calculation of the grade-point average.
- Be sure to look at your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses on the clearinghouse Web site to make certain that the courses being taken have been approved as core courses.
- Division I grade-point-average requirements are detailed on a sliding scale.
- The Division II grade-point-average requirement is a minimum 2.5 in core courses.

# What About a Child with Disabilities?

- A student with a disability must meet the same requirements as all other students, but is provided certain accommodations.
- Students with diagnosed disabilities must let the NCAA know if they plan on using core courses after their 8<sup>th</sup> semester and plan on attending a Division I college.
- Students with a disability may also use a course that their high school has designed for students with disabilities if it appears on the high school's list of approved core courses.
- Such students may also take a non-standard test to satisfy test score requirements and would need to follow the normal protocol for non-prospective student athletes.

# What is a Division I FBS Power 5/ Group of 5 Football Player?

- Schools (Virginia/Virginia Tech/Maryland/West Virginia) – 85 Scholarships. JMU, ODU, ECU, etc
- Academically – Must qualify using the Division 1 Sliding Scale.
- Character – Can not have a history of trouble (referrals).
- Most Offers will come in the fall or spring of junior year.
- If the school is interested they will personally invite you to their 1 day camp.



# What is a Division FCS (I-AA) Football Player?

- Division I-AA (FCS—Football Championship Subdivision)—  
Schools include: Richmond, W&M , Morgan State, Hampton, etc.  
Division I-AA is just one step shy of a Division I-A player.
- There are only 63 available scholarships as opposed to the 85 that are available for Division I-A. Offers begin coming in the spring of your junior year. Continue through the summer and the fall.
- These schools are looking for the players that slip through the D-IA cracks. Players who just miss going to UVA, VA Tech, etc.
- Very good academics (Many I-AA schools do not go off of the NCAA sliding scale but instead use their own scale). You may qualify for the NCAA but schools like JMU, Richmond, and William & Mary have higher standards.
- If the school is interested they will personally invite you to their 1 day camp.

# What is a Division II Football Player?

- Must be a very good football player. Academically 2.5 Core GPA – 820 SAT and 16 core classes. This is a lower standard than Division I-A.
- Division II schools are generally smaller in size. Schools include: Shepherd, VA State, Virginia Union, Glenville St., Fairmont St., Wingate, etc.
- Division II schools only have 36 scholarships to offer and they RARELY give them out as full scholarships. Usually break them up into partials (1/2 and 1/4). They have to be creative. With so few scholarships they also encourage more players to walk on and hopefully they will eventually earn a scholarship. Many schools try and combine athletic scholarships with academic money. They also try and use financial aid as well. Most D-II offers do not come in until January. They wait until after the D-IAA schools are done and try and get the “leftovers”.
- As with Division I-A and Division I-AA, Division II player has to demonstrate the ability to excel and play at a high level. Most of these schools offer players who just miss Division I-AA offers.

# What is a Division III Football Player?

- Academics play a huge role in Division III football. According to the NCAA, Division III schools are not allowed to give out athletic scholarships, thus they do not have to meet NCAA standards. Many schools try to give student-athletes as much academic money as possible as help (this is a combination of GPA and SAT)
- Some schools have minimum standards (2.5 – 800 SAT), while others are very demanding (3.5 – 1100 SAT). At the Division III level, the school can use their discretion in acceptance.
- Division III schools include: Christopher Newport University, Bridgewater, Mount Union, Washington & Jefferson, etc. The top Division III schools recruit similar kids as the Division II schools do.
- Financial Aid and Academic money will help with the cost of school.

# What is Financial Aid?

- Bottom line Financial aid is on a NEED basis. Besides scholarships you have to qualify financially for aid. You must submit your FAFSA forms before March 15<sup>th</sup>. You will use your current W-II forms when filling this out. The federal government will assign you an EFC: Estimated Family Contribution. Once that number is issued by the federal government the local colleges will use this to make up your package.
- A family must qualify for aid. The Pell Grant and SEOG Grant are federally funded. Students do NOT have to pay this money back (Up to \$4,000). To qualify for these two federal loans you generally have to have a family income below \$40,000. Private Schools are more expensive they often offer grant money as well (Money you do NOT have to pay back).
- **Stafford Loan** – Federal loan a student takes out and pays back after they graduate.

# What is Financial Aid?

- **PLUS Loan** – Federal loan parents may take out and repay while students are in school. You can borrow up to:
  - \$5,500 (for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008) if you're a first-year student enrolled in a program of study that is at least a full academic year. No more than \$3,500 of this amount can be in subsidized loans.
  - \$6,500 (for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008) if you've completed your first year of study and the remainder of your program is at least a full academic year. No more than \$4,500 of this amount can be in subsidized loans.
  - \$7,500 (for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008) if you've completed two years of study and the remainder of your program is at least a full academic year. No more than \$5,500 of this amount can be in subsidized loans.

# What is Financial Aid?

- **Work Study** – Job provided through the school (Library/Athletics/Cafe). Student works for the school and gets a monthly check. This money can be used to pay back school if needed.
- **Academic Money** – Partial and full academic scholarships are available too. Example – Student has a 3.2 GPA and a 1100 SAT: School may give \$5,0000.00 in scholarship money yearly. Many D-III Schools use this as a tool when recruiting.
- To find out any other information that you was not covered here, please feel free to go to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) website. The website address is: [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

# What Does the Student-Athlete Need to do? (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Years)

- Develop a strong academic base. Strive for excellence in the classroom.
- Plan a challenging academic program that will meet NCAA requirements.
- Maintain at least a 2.5-2.7 minimum GPA out of 4.0 in core course.
- Take PSAT test in October of sophomore year.
- Participate in off-season strength and conditioning program.
- Attend summer athletic camps at colleges that you might like to attend.- Bigger schools the better- more evaluation
- Join 1 or 2 school clubs which interest you. Be sure to choose a club that you will stick with for all four years. Consider Leadership.
- Look into community service programs that interest you and that you can make a contribution.
- Keep a record of your athletic and academic achievements.
- Go on visits- Build Relationships w/Coaches ASAP
- Try to get on the Varsity field ASAP- Varsity Film

# What Does the Student-Athlete Need to do? (Junior Year)

- Continue to emphasize academic excellence by continuing to schedule challenging courses.
- Continue with clubs and community service.
- Attend all sponsored events that discuss the college process. Some examples include Financial Aid Night and the College Admission Night sponsored by the high school's guidance or career counselors.
- Take the PSAT in October. Begin registering for the SAT and/or ACT for the tests given in December or January and again in May unless you are satisfied with your previous results.
- Take SAT or ACT prep classes.
- Ask coach for a realistic athletic evaluation—Can I play at the collegiate level? If so, which level (I, II, III)?
- Develop an athletic portfolio that contains:
  - a. Academic records (grades, SAT's, ACT's)
  - b. Athletic awards, honors, and achievements
  - c. Coaches recommendation letters
  - d. Written evaluations from showcases or camps
  - e. All artifacts which show athletic success
- Send a letter of interest to college coaches along with your athletic resume.
- Organize a filing system on all colleges that respond to your inquiry.
- File form 48-H with NCAA Clearinghouse (found in Guidance Office).
- Participate in summer programs or camps. Bigger the schools..the better- More evaluation!
- Definitely begin or continue college visits. Attempt to meet with coach during visit.
- Continue to collect artifacts that show athletic success. Such things as newspaper clippings, awards, certificates and evaluations from showcases and camps, etc.
- Take College Visits- Junior Day Invites- Build Relationships w/Coaches ASAP

# What Does the Student-Athlete Need to do? (Senior Year)

- Continue to emphasize academic excellence and your involvement with clubs and community service.
- Re-take the SAT or ACT if you are not satisfied with previous results.
- Complete Financial Aid Forms as early as possible.
- Write to colleges in August and request an application. Be sure to inquire about the deadline for early admission. Try to send out applications early.
- Begin the checklist for Student/Athletes and Parents.
- Meet with counselor to make sure you meet NCAA academic requirements and discuss your college choices.
- File Form 48-H with NCAA Clearinghouse.
- Visit any college that may be a late addition to your list.
- Make a decision!!!!- Signing Day!!!!

# What Can You Expect from Hylton Football?

- I will be the biggest advocate for your son. I have highlight/game film (Hudl) and transcripts on file for your son. I will send out as many as necessary for your son.
- I have thousands of connections- D1-D3- NIKE- My connections are you and your son's connections
- I will sit down with either your son, you, or both and listen and give advice on the direction in choosing the best college for your son.
- Understand the “Tangibles” Height, Weight, Speed, Skills, Needs, Desire, Trouble/Discipline, Social Media
- Perception vs Reality- >10%/>1% -BE REALISTIC!!!
- Feel free contact me for more information.

# CHANGES TO THE RECRUITING WORLD OF TODAY!

- **Transfer Portal**- Colleges are recruiting transfer portal more than HS athletes- less opportunities for higher level. Go lower level prove yourself and get film- move up!
- **NIL**- Name, Image, Likeness- Athletes getting paid as student-athletes @ college- EA Sports- Some have made over \$5 Million- Has trickled down to HS sports- Know the VHSL rules!!

# CHANGES TO THE RECRUITING WORLD OF TODAY!

- **OFFER** – These are NON-BINDING opportunities to be a part of a team/scholarship- Colleges can pull these offers or not follow-thru- Only thing that makes an offer LEGALLY binding is signing a NLI (National Letter of Intent) on Signing Day!
- **Early Signing Day-** There are 2 Signing Days- Early (DEC) and Traditional (FEB)- Early Enrollee- Graduate Early for Spring Football Competition- See Counselor/Admin