



NAIA Eligibility

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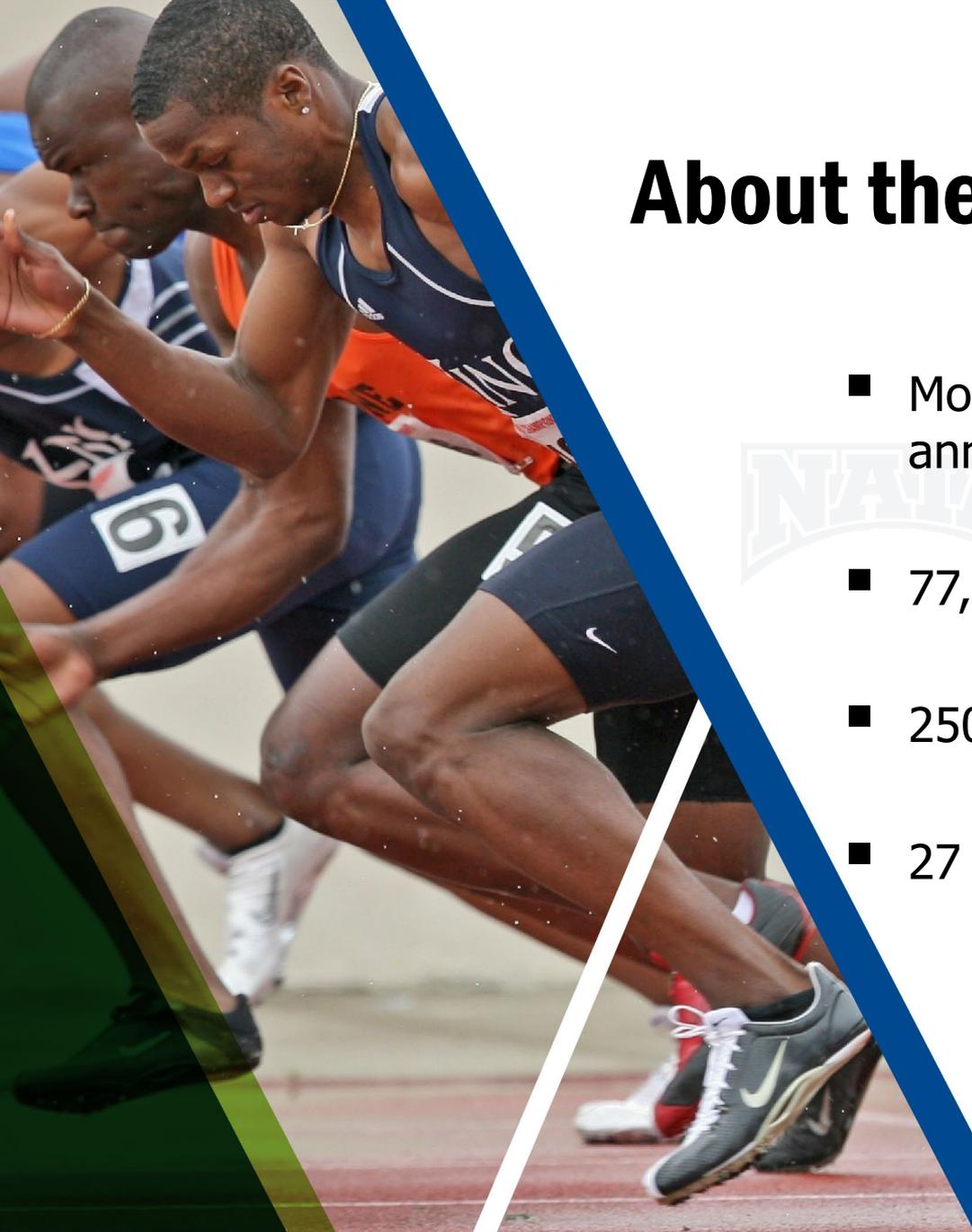
About the NAIA

- The NAIA are the experts in the business of small college athletics.
- We intentionally teach character and prepare student-athletes to be tomorrow's leaders.
- We develop Champions of Character® through our core values:

Integrity · Respect · Responsibility
Sportsmanship · Servant Leadership

About the NAIA

- More than \$800 million in scholarships annually
- 77,000+ student athletes
- 250+ schools; 21 conferences
- 27 national championships



Eligibility Differences NCAA vs. NAIA

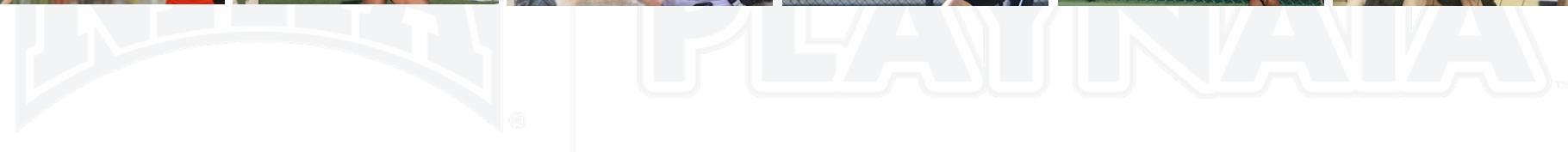
- No core courses in the NAIA
- GPA requirement is 2.0 cumulative for all courses
- No sliding scale; meet two of three (GPA, ACT/SAT or top 50% of class)
- NAIA Eligibility Center reviews transfer students and requires transcripts from all previous colleges/universities attended
- Decision of eligible required to compete in the NAIA; can receive scholarships and practice prior to a determination
- Receive final eligibility decision as early as junior year so get started early
- Do not need to be on a coach recruit list to get an eligibility decision if coming straight from high school to college
 - Use this as a recruiting advantage – students stand out to coaches when proactive about their eligibility – help students get engaged early

Reasons to choose the NAIA

- High caliber competition
- Play the sport you love
- Take part in \$800M in athletic scholarships
- Higher percentage of athletes competing in post-season; 17% post-season participation in the NAIA vs. 14% in NCAA DII and 10% in NCAA DIII
- Character development as our guide
- Tight-knit campus communications mean closer interaction, stronger relationships and personalized attention
- Expand your search to find the program that fits – NAIA schools offer you more opportunities



27 Championship Sports



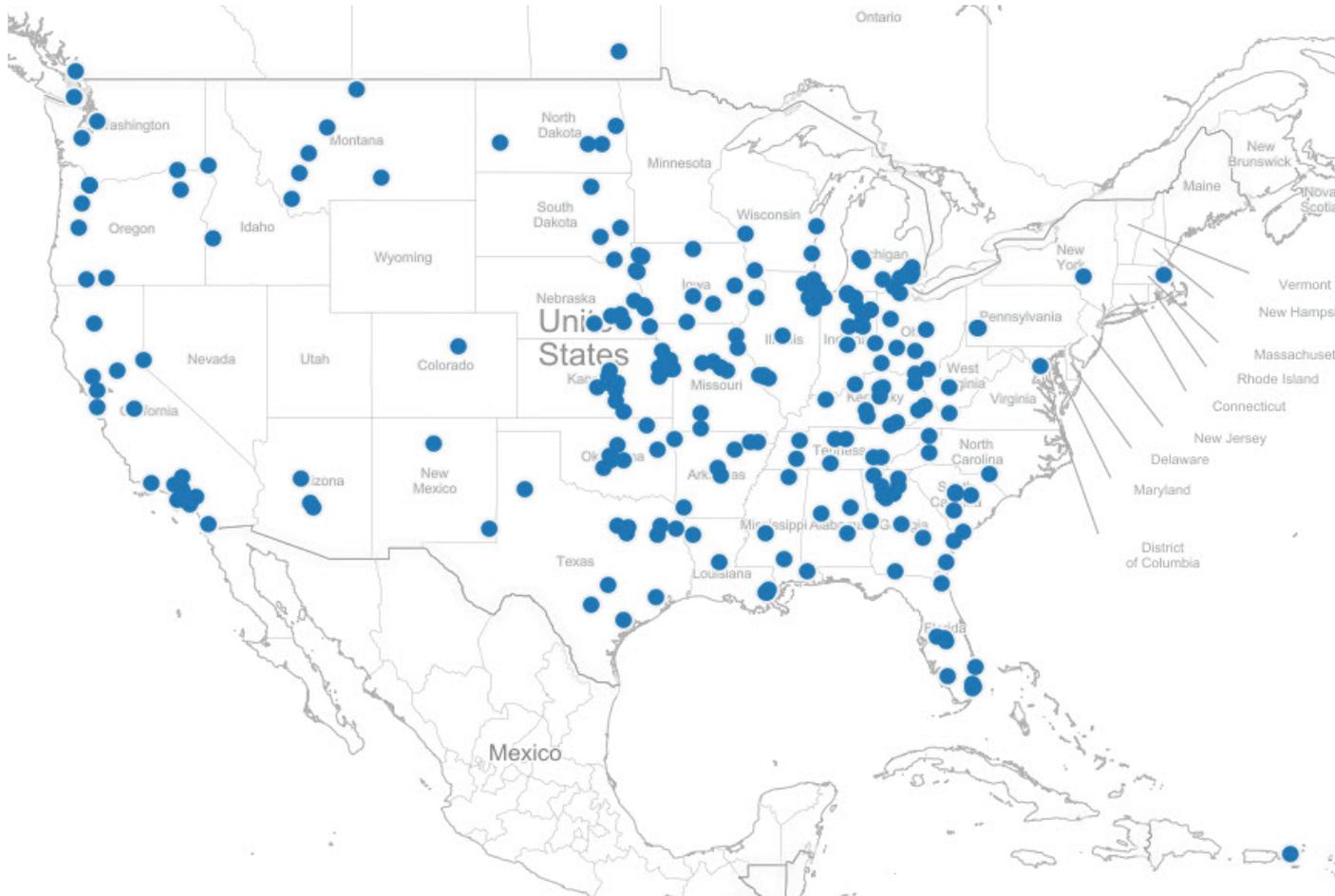


Emerging & Invitational Sports



- Men's Lacrosse
- Women's Wrestling
- Women's Beach Volleyball
- In partnership with the NFL – the NAIA is the first collegiate organization to start [Women's Flag Football](#)

Where are our schools located?



Quick Search

Find an NAIA school near me:

Enter zip code **GO**

Member Institutions



Interactive Member Map



Search for NAIA Colleges, Universities, Conferences and Sports.

Search for School

Search by State

Search by Conference

Enrollment Size

Public/Private

Denomination Affiliation

Search Schools by Zipcode

Men's Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling **
- Competitive Cheer
- Competitive Dance
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Indoor Track & Field
- Lacrosse *
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Soccer
- Swimming/Diving
- Tennis
- Volleyball *
- Wrestling

Women's Sports

- Basketball
- Bowling **
- Competitive Cheer
- Competitive Dance
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming/Diving

Recruiting in the NAIA

- NAIA recruitment rules **encourage** coach-student mentoring and development of a personal relationship
- Have direct connection with NAIA coaches at official NAIA Showcase events
- No communication restrictions between NAIA coaches and HS athletes
- Coaches can connect with student-athletes using texting, email, phone, Twitter, Facebook and any other social media

Register at PlayNAIA.org

READY TO PLAY?

When you're ready to take your life and your game to the next level, it's time to register with the NAIA.

Get Access Today

Athletes, create an account for more info

Remember me on this computer

Register Student

Time to Suit Up

Visibility

- Let our coaches find you easily
- Post a video showing off your skills
- Sign up for our Showcase

Opportunity

- Play the sport you love while earning a degree
- Increase your chance to play for a national title

Eligibility

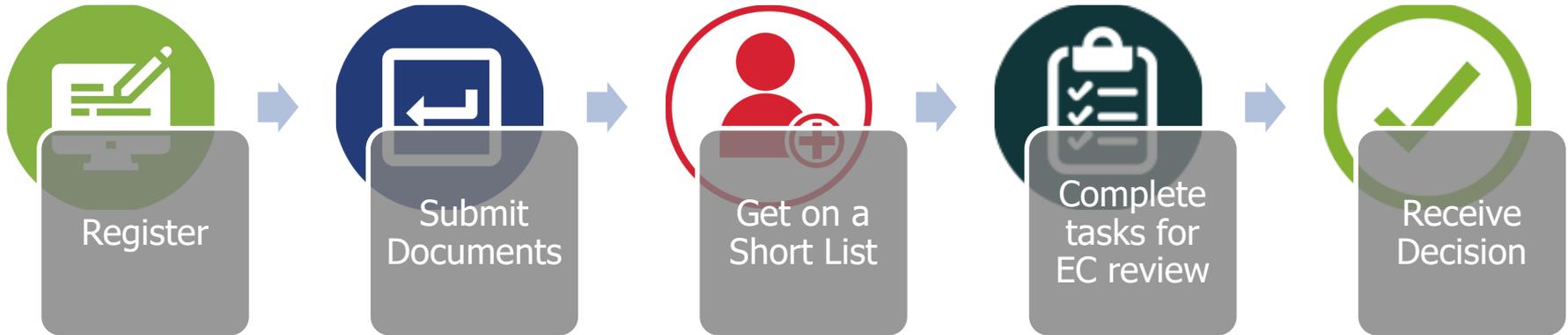
- Make sure your eligibility is in order
- Increase your opportunity for scholarships
- Show coaches you are ready to play



Student Registration Fees

- Students fee:
 - \$90 High school/recent high school graduates from the US & Canada
 - \$135 College students from the US & Canada
- *Waivers are available based on need:*
 - ACT/SAT fee waiver *or* Free/reduced school lunch
 - HS counselors must review the waiver request through the Portal

Student Registration



1. Registration

- Create account
- Confirm email address
- Pay registration fee

2. Complete Your Profile

- Enter all academic and athletic information
- Submit your profile

3. Send Documentation

- Complete tasks – get documents submitted
- NAIA Eligibility Center staff review your eligibility

4. Decision Complete

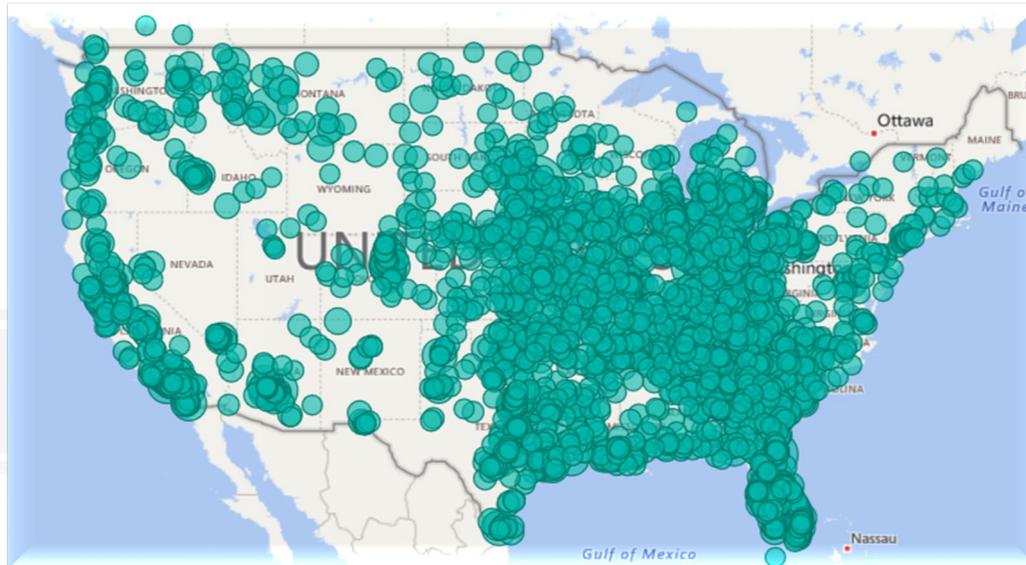
- Play in the NAIA once eligible

Student Registration



U.S. High School Portal

- Counselors are required to submit student transcripts through the portal
- First step: create an account on www.PlayNAIA.org
- [This resource guide](#) can assist you setting up a profile
- Transcripts and fee waivers are processed through the portal



Register at PlayNAIA.org



Are you supporting a college-bound athlete?

For Parents
Learn More

For Recruiters
Learn More

For High Schools
Learn More

For Colleges & Universities
Learn More



PLAYNAIA ELIGIBILITY CENTER COVID-19 Information Already have an account? Sign In

Help student-athletes with their college career

Register to access your school's NAIA High School Portal

High School Registration
Create an account for more info

Email Address
Re-Enter Email Address
 Remember me on this computer

Register

Must be U.S. or military base high school to register.

Benefits for Your School

Create your school's profile

- Include key information, grading scale and contact information
- Track your students' eligibility progress

Send student documents

- Upload transcripts and class rank information
- Approve fee waivers

Find student resources

- Access the Guide to the Student-Bound College Athlete
- Learn about upcoming NAIA Showcases

Submit Documents

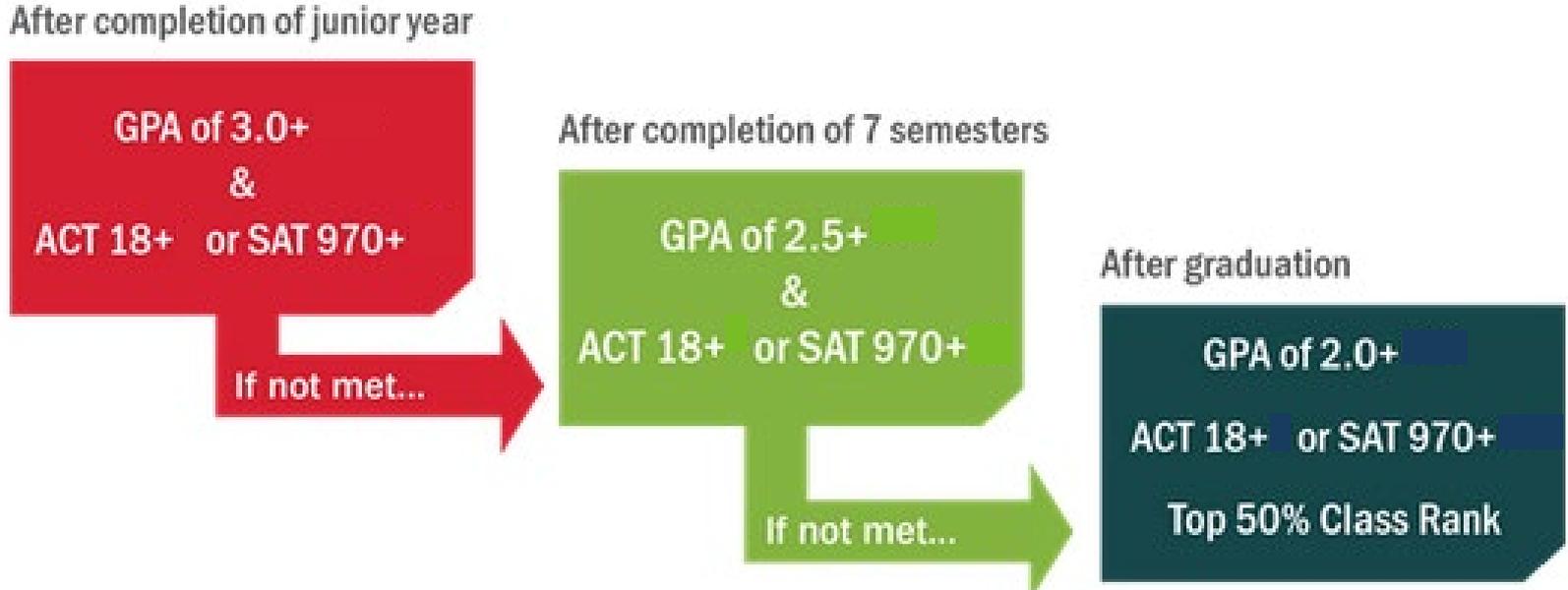
- **High school documents**
 - Required through the [NAIA High School Portal](#)
- **Post-secondary transcripts**
 - NAIA Registrar Portal
 - Parchment & National Student Clearinghouse
 - Mail
 - Send after completion of your attendance at each school
- **International documents**
 - Required through www.InCredEvals.org

Sending High School Transcripts

- Transcripts must be official and come *directly* from the school through the high school portal
- The eligibility center only requires a high school transcript from the school the student graduates from
- Send transcripts after high school graduation, unless the student qualifies for an Early Decision



Standard Entering Freshmen Eligibility Requirements



Test Score Requirements:



Date test was taken	ACT	SAT
Before 3/1/2016	18	860
Between 3/1/2016 & 5/1/2019	16	860
After 5/1/2019	18	970



Submitting ACT and SAT Test Scores



- Test scores must be sent *directly* from the testing service
- Test scores CANNOT be taken from high school transcript
- Contact [ACT](#) or [The College Board](#) directly to send your scores
- Use our test code: 9876

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COVID-Related Exceptions for Entering Freshman

Entering freshmen exceptions arising out of the Spring of 2020

Please note these are a collection of some of the most important scenarios arising out of the COVID pandemic. To find out more information please go to naia.org/covdi19.

WHO

• Entering Freshmen

A freshman is anyone who has not been identified for at least two semester terms of attendance or three quarter terms of attendance.

WHAT

Initial Eligibility Requirements

- Generally, entering freshman have to meet two out of three initial eligibility requirements: ACT/SAT test score; high school GPA; and/or high school class rank.
- Freshman seeking a decision for the **fall of 2020** or **spring of 2021** are able to meet initial eligibility requirements by having only a 2.000 final high school GPA.

HOW

- The NAIA Eligibility Center will apply the exception automatically.

WHEN/WHERE

- If a student utilizes this exception, then they would be eligible to compete in the 2020-2021 academic year.
- However, before they compete in their next season of competition, they have to have at least a 2.000 cumulative collegiate GPA.

Check out these [Updates](#), [PDF Infographic](#) and [FAQs](#) for more info

COVID-19 Eligibility Impacts

A Flexible Response

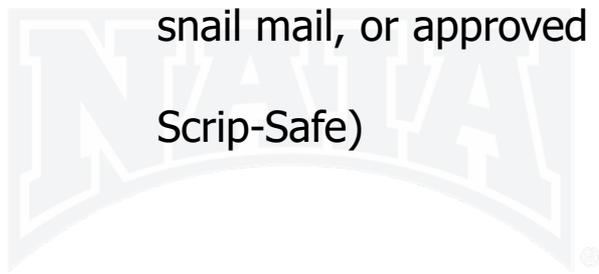


- Cancelled 2020 spring seasons:
 - NAIA and college transfers receive an extra year in terms of their season of competition and receive two extra terms of attendance (equivalent of one year)
 - Not charging for non-collegiate competition from May 2019 to May 2020
- Distance/e-learning courses are acceptable
- Pass/fail grades are acceptable. Note: Only if a student was relying on a grade to advance GPA above the 2.0 threshold will going pass/fail impact eligibility
- No negative impact to future eligibility if a student delays high school graduation as a result of COVID-19

Sending Transcripts During COVID-19



- HS transcripts are still required through the NAIA Portal but individual exceptions will be evaluated on case-by-case basis
- High school transcripts should be sent once high school graduation date is posted
- Official transcripts are required from all post-secondary institutions a student has attended (College registrars can send through an NAIA Portal account, snail mail, or approved e-vendors of Parchment, National Student Clearinghouse or e-Scrip-Safe)



How To Help

- HS counselors – register for the [online portal account](#) and familiarize yourself with the transcript upload process; the NAIA's required submission process
- Encourage early engagement to minimize eligibility review delays
- Promote awareness of the opportunities in the NAIA
- Visit [updates](#) and [FAQ](#) pages for specific & detailed scenarios



Helpful Resources



- **Sending Transcripts: setting up secure portal profiles**
 - [HS Counselors](#)
 - [College Registrars](#)
- **COVID-19 Updates**
 - [Updates](#)
 - [FAQs](#)
 - [COVID Freshmen Rules Updates Graphic](#)
 - [COVID Transfer/Current Rules Updates Graphic](#)
- **Student Resources**
 - [Decision Progress Guide](#)
 - [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#)
 - [Guide for the International College-Bound SA](#)
- **Freshmen Eligibility Rules**
 - https://play.mynaia.org/media/1138/early_decision_freshman_requirements.pdf
- **Transfer Eligibility Rules**
 - [24/36 hr rule](#)
 - [Progress rule and seasons of competition](#)

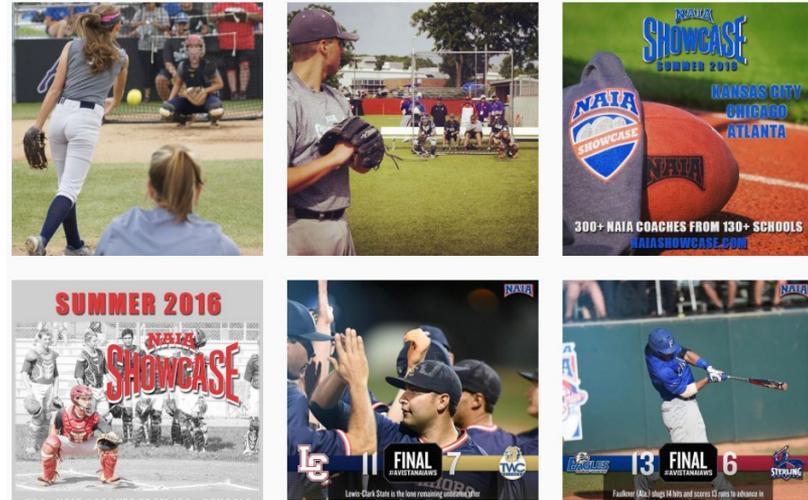
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