

SUMMARY

- NCAA:** National Collegiate Athletic Association
Division I, Division II, and Division III
Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org
- NAIA:** National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
Eligibility Center at PlayNAIA.org
- NJCAA:** National Junior College Athletic Association
Eligibility Center at eligibilitycorner.njcaa.org
- Ensure that you are ethical and honest in all of your behaviors
- Contact EducationUSA Canada with questions during your decision process
- Consult EducationUSA Canada's *Let's Get Started... Applying for Undergraduate Study*
In addition to the recruiting process, you must apply through international admissions
Coaches do not do this for you
- Scholarship awards range in value. Know your [financial expectations](#).

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GRADES 9 & 10

- Create a resume that includes [academic](#) and [athletic](#) information
- Create a 5-8 minute highlight video demonstrating your technical skills and team performance
Include a brief introduction to show your personality
- Build an online presence by creating an online player profile
Scan newspaper mentions, list championship titles, and upload your highlight video
- Meet with your guidance counselor and plan to meet all athletic association eligibility requirements
- Compile a list of 20 potential universities and colleges
- Research association rules and regulations
Do you qualify as an amateur?
What are the GPA and test score requirements?
- Reach out to universities
Send your resume or transcript to coach/school
Schedule an unofficial visit
- College coaches may contact you
Send materials about camps and general educational information
Complete an athletic questionnaire
- Schools you have contacted that don't return contact by the end of Grade 10 are likely not interested

Player Profile Sites

berecruited.com
smarthlete.com
gobigrecruiting.com
ncsasports.org
athleterecruiting.com
recruitmenow.org



Let's Get Started...

Becoming a U.S. Collegiate Athlete

GRADE 11 or CEGEP 1

- Obtain a valid passport
- Ensure you are on track to meet athletic association eligibility requirements
- Ensure you are on track to meet admissions criteria of potential schools
 - Take challenging courses that you can balance with your sport
- Continue researching and contacting universities
 - Very competitive athletes will have heard from Division I coaches by now
- College coaches may engage in the following contact
 - Send athletes letters, emails, and faxes
 - Correspond via social media
- Register, study for, and take the [SAT](#) and/or [ACT](#)
 - Submit test results to schools of interest and to eligibility center
 - Coaches will let you know the minimum needed to be eligible for their universities
 - You may not schedule an official visit until you have submitted your SAT or ACT results
- Research additional funding for your education
 - Most athletic scholarships are not full scholarships
- Update your online player profile often to include statistics, highlights, photos, and videos
- Schedule and attend official visits to your top choice schools

Know the Rules
The rules and deadlines are different for each specific sport, and coaches have rules too!

GRADE 12 or CEGEP 2

- Complete and monitor your online player profile
- College coaches have few contact restrictions
 - Most coaches have made verbal commitments to all scholarship receiving athletes
- If still uncommitted, attend official visits to your top choice schools
- Apply to your top choice universities - contact EducationUSA with application questions
- After receiving acceptance letters, determine which university or college best fits your needs
 - Consider your academic, athletic, and financial needs
 - Would you attend this school even if you weren't playing sports?

SCHOOL DECIDED

- Sign a [National Letter of Intent](#) (NLI)
- Submit your final transcript to your chosen school after graduation
- Contact your coach for a summer workout plan and get ready to move to the United States