

Clearinghouse to Become Eligibility Center

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In January, the NCAA created the NCAA Eligibility Center to replace the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. It will commence operation on October 29.

The NCAA's current contract with the entity that manages the Clearinghouse, ACT, expires October 31. ACT has managed the Clearinghouse since its inception in 1994. The NCAA decided to create the Eligibility Center to replace the Clearinghouse to consolidate and manage the academic and amateurism aspects of the initial-eligibility process. Its objective is to provide prospective student-athletes with greater resources and tools to manage his or her eligibility status in high school. Its responsibilities include the review of Division I and II prospective student-athletes' academic and amateurism records, the review of core-courses submitted by high schools and the review of non-traditional secondary schools with questionable academic profiles. It also will process all initial eligibility waivers.

During the transition, prospective student-athletes who graduated in 2007 should continue to submit transcripts and official test scores to the Clearinghouse. Prospective student-athletes who will graduate in 2008 also should submit transcripts and official test scores to the Clearinghouse until October when the transition takes place. Finally, if prospective student-athletes know that specific colleges are interested in them or if they are interested in specific colleges, they should ask the college coach or recruiting coordinator to place their names on those colleges' respective Institution Request List (IRL). Academic records of prospective student-athletes who are on a college's IRL are reviewed prior to the academic records of prospective student-athletes who are not listed on any college's IRL.

The NCAA will make available the new mailing address for the Eligibility Center in September or October.



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