

# **NAIA FAQ**

## **What is the NAIA Eligibility Center?**

The NAIA Eligibility Center is responsible for determining the NAIA eligibility of first-time student-athletes. Any student playing NAIA sports for the first time must meet the eligibility requirements. Students must have their eligibility determined by the NAIA Eligibility Center, and all NAIA schools are bound by the center's decisions.

## **Who needs to register?**

Every student interested in playing sports at NAIA colleges for the first time in 2011-12 or any year after that needs to register and have a determination if they are eligible to play.

## **What happens when I register?**

You will create a **personal profile** with the basic facts about your academic history and sports participation to date.

You will also have the opportunity to provide more in-depth information about your experience and accomplishments, plus the type of college you have in mind - size, location, areas of study, extracurricular activities.

Then, we will provide a list of NAIA colleges that match those interests. You can choose to have your profile sent directly to the schools — coaches and admissions offices — you choose. It is a personal connection, and you are in control!

## **What information will I need to provide?**

You will need your current contact information, previous residences and addresses, high schools attended and history of your sports participation during and after high school graduation.

When you register for the ACT or SAT, include the NAIA Eligibility Center (9876) on the list of places test scores should be sent.

Notify Mr. Hodges that you are registered and see him to sign a transcript release form so BHS will send the NAIA Eligibility Center a final official transcript that verifies high school graduation, class rank and cumulative grade point average.

## **Do I need to register if I am registering with the NCAA Eligibility Center?**

Yes. Determining if you meet eligibility requirements for NAIA eligibility is separate from NCAA eligibility certification. The NAIA and NCAA are two separate associations, with two different sets of rules and certification processes.

## **NAIA Eligibility**

The NAIA Eligibility Center will determine your eligibility based on your academic record and additional information you provide. Here is how it works:

**If you will graduate from high school this spring and enroll in college this coming fall, the requirements are simple.** High school graduation, plus **two out of three** of these requirements

1. Achieve a minimum of 18 on the enhanced ACT or 860 on the SAT
2. Achieve a minimum overall High School GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
3. Graduate in the Top Half of your high school class

### **Juniors**

There is an Early Determination process that is now available for students with a "B" average after your Junior year. If you have completed your junior year of high school and have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and the minimum test scores required (18 ACT or 860 SAT) you can get an eligibility determination before graduating from high school. You will need to request Mr. Hodges to send your transcript to the NAIA Eligibility Center and make sure your SAT or ACT scores are sent.