

Answers to Your Clearinghouse Questions - Kelly Kulina



Athletes who wish to pursue their baseball career at the DI or DII level must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse in order to be deemed eligible. Players will be cleared following graduation provided that they have met the necessary academic requirements. High school juniors should schedule an appointment with their guidance counselor in order to obtain the necessary forms and ensure that they are on track to being cleared.

To find out more about what the NCAA Clearinghouse does check out Kelly Kulina's previous article "[What is the NCAA Clearinghouse?](#)".

1) What is the minimum SAT/ACT score I need to achieve?

The minimum SAT score is an 820 and the minimum ACT score is a 17. These scores will be compared with your GPA on a sliding scale. Your scores directly correspond with your GPA, so the higher your GPA the lower standardized test score you will need to achieve.

2) What is the minimum GPA I must obtain?

A 2.5 is the minimum GPA, but it is based on a sliding scale with standardized test scores.

3) Where can I find a list of core courses?

Athletes can learn about core courses by contacting the Clearinghouse or by visiting the NCAA website. High school guidance centers should also have a basic knowledge of what classes are considered "core courses."

4) What if I am not cleared after graduation?

Following graduation if you are not cleared, you will be deemed a partial qualifier or a non-qualifier. If you were a partial qualifier you would have achieved either the required GPA or necessary SAT scores but not both. This will give you the opportunity to practice with the team, but you will not be permitted to play in a game until the following year. As a non-qualifier, you are not eligible to participate in athletics at all your freshman year. Provided that you achieve the minimum GPA and are on a track to graduate you will be eligible in your sophomore year.

5) What if I want to start out at a community college? Is there anything that has to be done once I decide to attend a 4-year institution?

If you did not qualify with the NCAA Clearinghouse following your senior year you must graduate from the 2-year institution before you are eligible to participate at the DI or DII level. If you were cleared after graduation, you can play immediately once you transfer to another school.

For more information on the NCAA Clearinghouse or other eligibility related topics, please send emails to newsletter@baseballfactory.com or to speak with a Baseball Factory Representative call 800.641.4487.