

Student-Athletes & Parents of Student Athletes:

This letter is intended to give some insight to the process of pursuing athletic participation at the collegiate level. Student-athletes and their parents who have questions about playing sports at the collegiate level should read this along with asking representatives from colleges in which they are interested in order to be well informed of this ever-changing process. Students-athletes who are planning to enroll in a non-NCAA college or university, a two year institution or an NCAA Division III school do not need to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Student-Athletes planning to enroll in an NCAA Division I or II school and participate in a sport, must be registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse before they are considered eligible.

I often get questions from current juniors & seniors as to the process of getting ready to play a sport at the collegiate level. So that you know, we have for the past two years and will again this upcoming year invite an NCAA Clearinghouse representative to our Spring Guidance Night. If they accept our invitation again, this will be a seminar that you don't want to miss if you have a prospective student-athlete. It will be an excellent opportunity to get your questions answered directly from the experts.

Aside from the intensive athletic training and preparation, all students interested in participating in athletics at an NCAA Division I or II member institution need to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Covenant Day School is registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse and we are responsible to annually update our curriculum with them. This is the only responsibility CDS has in regards to the entire process. Students are responsible for registering on the clearinghouse website and requesting high school transcripts to be sent as needed. Per the recommendation of the Clearinghouse, it's best to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at the end of your junior year.

The Clearinghouse continues to evolve, in that, they frequently add steps to the process. For those of you who are familiar with the Clearinghouse there are some recent changes as of last year. If the Clearinghouse is new to you, note that, prospective student-athletes who register will be asked to answer several questions about his/her athletics participation prior to enrolling at a Division I or II institution. This will require prospects to provide more information than in the past. Please note that completing the amateurism certification process is required only if the prospect intends to participate at a Division I or II institution for the first time starting in the fall 2007 or later. If the prospect plans to enroll at a non-NCAA member institution, at two-year institution or a NCAA Division III institution, the prospect will NOT need to register with the clearinghouse.

Prospective student-athletes and families should familiarize themselves with the process via the website: www.ncaaclearinghouse.net For more information regarding

the rules and standards for freshman-eligibility standards (for college) reference
www.ncaa.org

Sincerely,

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