

## **NAIA eligibility requirements for U.S. freshmen**

Incoming U.S. freshmen need to fulfill and provide documentation for **two** of the following three criteria:

- Athletes who take their standardized tests between March 1, 2016 and May 1, 2019 need to achieve a minimum of a 16 on the ACT or 860 on the SAT. After May 1, 2019, athletes must get either an 18 on the ACT or a 970 on the SAT. Athletes must have the testing centers send their scores directly to the NAIA using the code **9876**.
- Achieve a minimum overall high school grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Athletes need to send their official transcript to the NAIA, either via the High School Portal or as a hard copy in the mail.
- Graduate in the top half of their high school class. If this information is not included on the athlete's official transcript, the athlete needs to provide a class rank letter.

## **NAIA Requirements vs. NCAA D1 & D2**

The NAIA created the "two of three" rule to account for student-athletes' various circumstances and to create a more fair environment for athletes who aren't strong in one of the three areas. This rule accommodates student-athletes who are in highly competitive high schools, extremely demanding academic programs and those who are not good test-takers.

## **How long does it take to be eligible for NAIA?**

Once athletes have submitted all the appropriate documents, they are scanned and placed under review. It takes about three to four days for a decision to be made at this point. When an athlete's documents have been reviewed, they will get an update in their To Do List in their profile.

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