# DO YOU WANT TO PLAY SPORTS IN COLLEGE?



# WHAT IS THE NCAA?

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is an organization dedicated to providing a pathway to opportunity for college athletes. The NCAA wants to ensure high school athletes meet academic standards that will best prepare them for success in college.

# **HOW TO REGISTER:**

Students interested in playing sports in college must register through the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Students should register in ninth grade! *Eligibility Center* 

### **Profile Page Account:**

If you plan to complete at a DIII school or currently are not sure in which division you want to complete, create a free Profile Page account. If at any time you wish to pursue a DI or DII path, you'll be able to transition to a Certificate account.

\*\*you cannot move from a Certification page to a Profile Page account.

### **Certification Account:**

You must be certified by the Eligibility Center to complete at an NCAA DI or DII school. Before you can go on official visits or sign a National Letter of Intent, you must have completed the Certification account registration (including payment or fee waiver).

Students must take NCAA approved core courses.

To check and make sure that you are in the appropriate approved courses, see your school counselor or visit: eligibilitycenter.org/courselist

\*\*If you are actively being recruited by an NCAA school and have a Profile Page account, transition it to a Certification Account

Students interested in learning more about what sports are available along with the opportunities available at NCAA schools should visit: <a href="mailto:ncaa.org/playcollegesports">ncaa.org/playcollegesports</a>

# **REMEMBER:**

As a college-bound student-athlete, you are responsible for your eligibility that means planning ahead, taking high school classes seriously and protecting your amateur status. It can be a different first step, but the benefits of being a student-athlete are worth the effort.

Learn. Compete. Succeed.

