

# COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

## NAIA

First-time NAIA students who wish to participate in athletics must have their eligibility determined by the NAIA Eligibility Center. Go to [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org) to register.

### Freshman Eligibility (must meet 2 of 3)

- 18 on ACT or 860 on the SAT (combined reading and math scores)
- 2.0 overall high school GPA
- Top 50% of high school graduating class

### NAIA schools in South Dakota:

Dakota State University, Madison  
Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell

Mount Marty College, Yankton  
Presentation College, Aberdeen

## NCAA

### Core Courses

- NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses---4 English, 3 Math, 2 Science, 1 additional English, Math or Science, 2 Social Studies and 4 additional core courses. NCAA Division II also requires 16 core courses---3 English, 2 Math, 2 Science, 3 additional English, Math or Science, 2 Social Studies, and 4 additional core courses.

### Test Scores

- Division I uses a sliding scale to match test scores and core grade-point averages.
- Division II requires a minimum SAT score of 820 (critical reading and math) or an ACT sum score of 68 (sum of the four subtests).

### Grade-Point Average

- Be sure to look at your high school's list of NCAA courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center's website ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)).
- Division I students enrolling full time before August 1, 2016 should use Sliding Scale A to determine eligibility to receive athletics aid, practice and competition during the first year.
- Division I GPA required to receive athletics aid and practice on or after August 1, 2016, is 2.000-2.299.
- Division I GPA required to be eligible for competition on or after August 1, 2016, is 2.300.
- The Division II core GPA requirement is a minimum of 2.000.
- Remember, the NCAA GPA is calculated using NCAA core courses only.

### NCAA Division I schools in South Dakota:

SDSU, Brookings  
USD, Vermillion

### NCAA Division II schools in South Dakota:

Augustana College, Sioux Falls  
Black Hills State University, Spearfish  
Northern State University, Aberdeen

South Dakota School of Mines, Rapid City  
University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls

