

NAIA Eligibility Center

More than 30,000 students register each year to become eligible to play college athletics.

Exposure & National Visibility

Since opening in 2010, the NAIA Eligibility Center has had hundreds of thousands of students register online providing unprecedented visibility and awareness of the opportunities to play intercollegiate sports at NAIA institutions. The exposure gained from partnerships with major testing services and the nation's more than 20,000 high schools has allowed the center to become a platform for reaching high school student-athletes, their families and coaches on a national scale.

Level Playing Field

NAIA rules help ensure that NAIA student-athletes compete against students with similar levels of training and competitive experience. The NAIA Eligibility Center reviews the experiences of athletes who have competed outside the traditional college setting to maintain a level playing field throughout NAIA competition. Coaches know that the rules are applied consistently to every student, every time.

The NAIA Eligibility Center provides initial eligibility determinations, working with integrity to apply NAIA rules and provide quality customer service for students, parents and NAIA membership.

Focus on the Student-Athlete & Customer Service

- ▶ With NAIA rules, prospective students don't have to worry about navigating a complex web of eligibility and recruiting contact rules. High school students have three academic eligibility criteria to focus on. If a student meets two of the criteria, then the student is eligible upon high school graduation:
 - Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
 - Class rank in top 50% of graduating class
 - If no class rank is on the transcript, nine college credits can be used in place of this requirement. (Effective May 1, 2020.)
 - ACT of 18 or SAT of 970 Critical Reading and Math*
- ▶ Registering with the NAIA Eligibility Center is required for all first-time NAIA student-athletes. It only takes a few minutes to register.
- ▶ High academic performers in high school can even receive a final eligibility determination before high school graduation, if they meet a higher GPA

standard and have qualifying test scores.

- ▶ The fee to register is \$90 for students coming directly from high school, \$135 for transfer students, and \$150 for international students. For U.S. students with demonstrated need, a fee waiver system is in place.
- ▶ The PlayNAIA.org website is where all work related to the NAIA Eligibility Center for students, NAIA members, and high school counselors takes place. Students can track their progress online or through their mobile phones. NAIA coaches can easily monitor recruits through the registration process through their school's PlayNAIA dashboard.

InCred: Streamlining For International Students

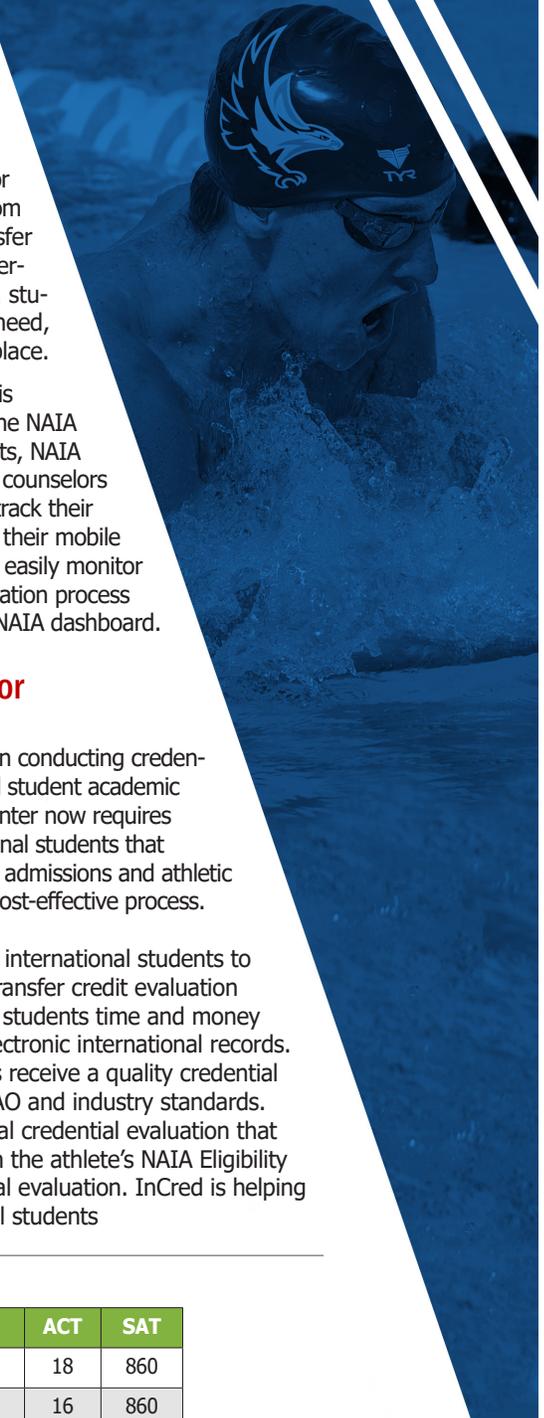
With its extensive experience in conducting credential evaluations of international student academic records, the NAIA Eligibility Center now requires InCred, a service for international students that combines the reviews for both admissions and athletic eligibility into a consolidated, cost-effective process.

InCred is a one-stop shop for international students to consolidate the admissions, transfer credit evaluation and eligibility process, saving students time and money through the submission of electronic international records. International student-athletes receive a quality credential evaluation on par with AACRAO and industry standards. InCred is the only international credential evaluation that provides consistency between the athlete's NAIA Eligibility Center review and a credential evaluation. InCred is helping pave the way for international students

*Initial Eligibility

Date test was taken	ACT	SAT
Before 3/1/2016	18	860
Between 3/1/2016 & 5/1/2019	16	860
After 5/1/2019	18	970

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