

Transfers

Incoming transfer student-athletes have different eligibility requirements based on the type of school from which they are transferring. The first example is a student-athlete transferring to Shippensburg from a two-year school. The basic rule for allowing two-year transfers to compete in their initial year of enrollment is fairly clear. The transferring student-athlete must have spent a minimum of two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters at the two-year college and either have graduated from that institution or have earned an average of 12-semester hours of transferable degree credit for each full-time semester (i.e. two semesters equals 24 credits, three semesters equals 36 credits, etc.) with a minimum grade-point average of 2.000. A two-year transfer does not need a "permission to contact" release in order to speak to a Shippensburg coach about the possibility of transfer.

The second example is a student-athlete transferring to Shippensburg from a four-year school. The basic concept in this situation is that a student-athlete transferring from one four-year school to another four-year school must serve a year in academic residence. That means the student-athlete would be ineligible for the first two full-time semesters at the second four-year school. There are notable exceptions to this rule when transferring to NCAA Division II institutions. The most notable is the one-time transfer exception. Before a Shippensburg coach can have any discussions with a student-athlete transferring from a four-year college, the student-athlete must provide a "permission to contact" release from the original school. After this basic release is provided, the student-athlete and coach can have regular contact to determine whether or not a prospective student-athlete will transfer to Shippensburg as well as if any potential exceptions to the four-year transfer rule apply.

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Information for Prospective Student-Athletes

Simply being admitted to Shippensburg University does not guarantee eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics for incoming freshman or transfer student-athletes. Both groups of student-athletes must meet initial-eligibility requirements established by the NCAA in order to practice and/or compete. An abbreviated version of those requirements follows:

Freshmen

Freshman eligibility is determined by NCAA regulations. Eligibility is based on high school grades in specific core courses and standardized test scores. All incoming freshman student-athletes must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center (web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/). As part of registration (the Eligibility Center charges a fee to register), the prospective student-athletes are required to have their secondary school provide official transcripts. Among the required paperwork needed before the NCAA Eligibility Center can provide a final certification of eligibility, is a secondary school transcript indicating proof of graduation. One other note – original transcripts from all secondary schools attended are required by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Standardized test scores (SAT or ACT) provide the other part of determining freshman eligibility. The NCAA Eligibility Center requires test scores be sent by the official testing agency. Secondary schools or the Shippensburg University admissions office can no longer send scores to the Eligibility Center on behalf of a prospective student-athlete. Instead, the most efficient way for a student-athlete to forward official test scores is by selecting the "9999" code on the SAT or ACT score-reporting area. If that process is not followed, the only other way for a prospective-student athlete to submit standardized test scores is via a SAT or ACT score request form that is

completed some time after taking the test (an additional charge applies for this option).

Once the information is provided to the NCAA Eligibility Center, certification of initial eligibility can take place. NCAA initial eligibility requirements are based on the following minimums: a 2.0 grade-point average in 14 core classes in secondary school and either a score of 820 on the SAT or a 68 on the ACT. Based on this information, first-year student-athletes will be categorized in one of three areas: qualifier, partial-qualifier, or nonqualifier. A qualifier will be eligible to practice, compete, and receive athletically-related financial aid. Partial-qualifiers will be eligible to practice on campus and receive athletically-related financial aid but are not eligible to compete. Nonqualifiers are not eligible to practice, compete, or receive athletically-related financial aid. These labels are given to first-year student-athletes during their initial year (two full-time semesters) in residence at an NCAA Division I or NCAA Division II institution.

In order to be a qualifier, a first-year student-athlete must receive a minimum of a 2.0 grade-point average in 14 core classes while also earning either a score of 820 on the SAT or a 68 on the ACT. A partial-qualifier is an individual who receives either a 2.0 grade-point average in 14 core classes or earns the required 820 SAT or 68 ACT. A nonqualifier receives neither the required 2.0 GPA in 14 core classes nor the required standardized test score.



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