

QUEST OF THE ATHLETE

Taking Your Sport to College

Seniors

- College sports is a wide, wide world, encompassing everything from “factories” with facilities that make the pros jealous to intramural activities at a small college where the only requirement is the energy to get out on the field.
- How do you SORT THROUGH all the confusion and make a correct decision about where and how you will take your sport (or sports) to college?

The Students Athlete’s Guide to College Sports

1. Consider purchasing a copy of The Winning Edge (\$8.00). This is an invaluable source. You order directly from:
Octameron Publishers
PO Box 2748
Alexandria, VA 22301
(703) 836-5480
2. Familiarize yourself with the NCAA (National College Athletic Association) college classification and the NIAA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics).
3. Sports camps, summer leagues, AAU, swim teams and other such activities are great places to attract the attention of coaches and recruiters.
4. If you haven’t done so already, you need to start learning how to prepare a **Sport’s Resume’**. Follow the general guidelines for the general job application resume’, but consult with your coach or guidance counselor to learn specific information you need to include to present a comprehensive picture of yourself as an athlete. **The Winning Edge** (above) provides guidelines and examples.

NCAA Eligibility

1. Visit the website www.ncaaclearinghouse.net to access the online form. Or, you may call the NCAA publications hotline at 1-800-638-3731 and ask for a free copy of the “Guide for the College-Bound Athlete” which contains the registration forms and a Clearing house brochure.
2. Students applying will be required to provide an official transcript that includes the grades from both semesters of their junior year in high school. Those may be requested from Mrs. Robison, OHHS registrar. It is important to note on the request that it is needed at the end of second semester.
3. In making a transcript request, students may either pick up the sealed transcript and mail it directly to NCAA (keeping the seal in tact), or they may indicate the following address pm their request, and Mrs. Robison will mail it.

NCAA Clearinghouse Forms Processing
P.O. Box 4043
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