



## ***Eligibility Timeline for Junior Golfers***

*Understanding what has to be done when will eliminate doubt and fear in the college recruiting process.*

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The most often asked question I get is “When should my junior golfer begin preparing for the college recruiting process?” The answer is start planning in the 9th grade! It is never too early to begin thinking about the next step in a junior golfer’s life. Take the time to put your junior golfer on a university campus. Unofficial visits, golf camps through a university, and even junior golf tours that have campus-based tournaments are great means to reach this goal. Below is a basic timeline for the four years of a junior golfer’s high school life. Follow this to be successful!

### *Freshman and Sophomores*

- Start planning now!
- Grades are important!
- Register for classes that match your school’s NCAA list of approved core courses.
- Go to the NCAA Clearing House to find your school’s list of approved core courses.

### *Juniors*

- Register with the NCAA Clearing House and complete the amateurism questionnaire.
- Register to take the ACT and/or the SAT. Use the Eligibility Center code 9999 as a score recipient.
- Make sure your classes match your school’s NCAA list of approved core courses.
- Request that an official transcript be sent from your high school to the Eligibility Center *after* your Junior year. An official transcript is *mailed* from the high school; the NCAA Eligibility Center does not accept unofficial transcripts (sent by you and not from the high school) or faxed copies of transcripts. Anything but an official transcript will only delay the process; keep this in mind when applying to college as it is the same requirement.
- Prior to registering for Senior year classes meet with your high school guidance counselor to determine what specific core classes need to be completed prior to graduation.

### *Seniors*

- Take the ACT and/or the SAT again. You may complete these tests as many times as you like; the NCAA takes the highest test scores to determine your best cumulative score for college eligibility.
- Grades are important. Keep working hard and developing the necessary skills for college success such as writing and critical thinking.
- Review your amateurism questionnaire responses and request final amateurism certification after April 1 (Fall enrollees) and after October 1 (Spring enrollees).
- Graduate within the eight semesters time frame necessary for prospective student-athletes.
- After graduation, request that an official transcript be forwarded to the Eligibility Center by your high school counselor.

If you have more questions throughout the summer, please contact me!

Good luck and play well this summer! *Dr. Fleming*

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