

# College Soccer Recruiting: What You Need to Know



# Understanding NCAA Divisions

- NCAA Division I: Highest level of competition, full scholarships available.
- NCAA Division II: Competitive, offers partial scholarships, focus on balance between athletics and academics.
- NCAA Division III: No athletic scholarships, emphasis on academics and student-athlete experience.



# NAIA Soccer Opportunities

- NAIA: Alternative to NCAA, offers scholarships and competitive play.
- Focus on character and academic success, with a strong community feel.
- Fewer schools than NCAA, but still a viable option for talented players.



# Junior Colleges: A Pathway to Success

- Junior Colleges (JCs):  
Two-year programs that can lead to four-year schools.
- Opportunity to develop skills and gain exposure to recruiters.
- Often more accessible for players needing to improve grades or skills.



# Academic Requirements for NCAA

- Minimum GPA and SAT/ACT scores required for eligibility.
- Importance of maintaining grades throughout high school.
- NCAA Clearinghouse: Register early to ensure eligibility.

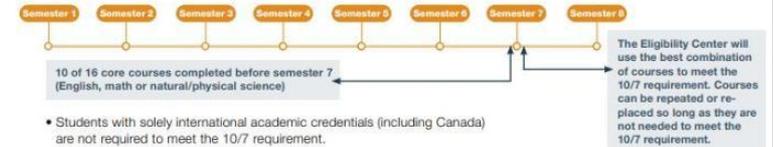
## DIVISION I ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Division I schools require college-bound student-athletes to meet academic standards for NCAA-approved core courses, core-course GPA and test scores. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first full-time year at a Division I school, you must graduate from high school and meet *all* of the following requirements:

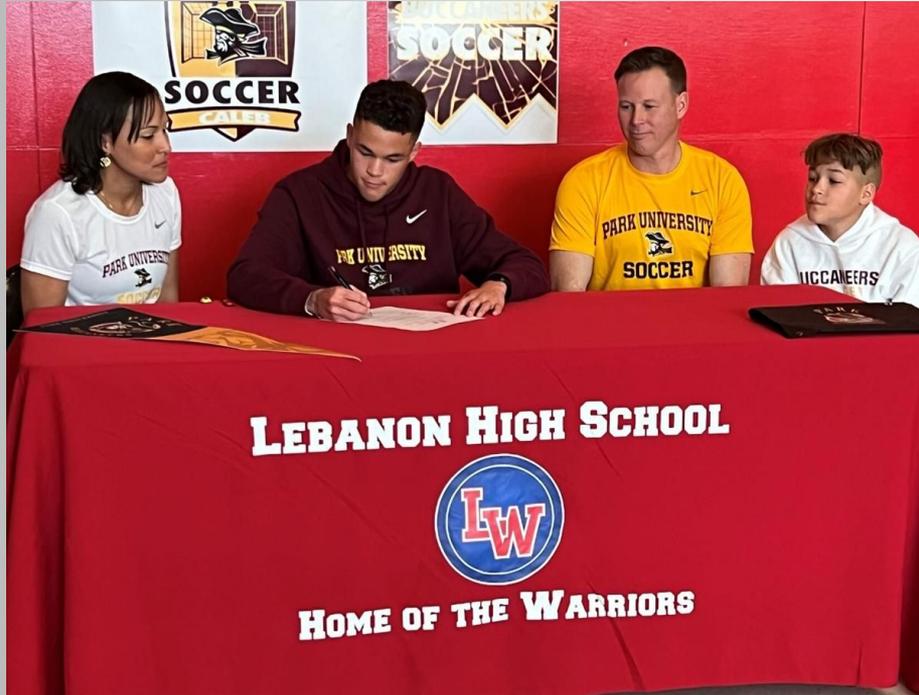
1. Complete a total of 16 core courses in the following areas:



2. Complete 10 of your 16 core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before the start of your seventh semester. Once you begin your seventh semester, any course that is needed to meet the 10/7 requirement cannot be replaced or repeated.



# Recruiting Timeline



- **Freshman Year**: Start building skills and getting noticed.
- **Sophomore Year**: Attend camps and showcases, create highlight videos.
- **Junior Year**: Contact coaches, visit schools, and finalize your list.
- **Senior Year**: Make decisions and finalize recruitment process.

# Questions to Consider

- What are your long-term goals in soccer and academics?
- How do you plan to balance sports and schoolwork?
- Are you prepared to showcase your skills at camps and showcases?
- What type of college environment do you envision for yourself?

