



## Did You Know? Why D2? (cont....)

D2 schools may be smaller, which is better suited to many student-athletes. You are getting a wonderful balance of school athletic and social life, but your schoolwork is every bit as relevant as in any other division.

As far as competition, D2 schools must compete in their respective divisions, but many of them step outside to compete against D1 schools. Just like D1 schools, D2 has athletic aid.

Considering a D2 school may be the best decision of your life.

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## Academia Eligibility Center...What is it? (cont...)

This means you have taken the required 16 core courses, have a GPA of 2.3 (2.2 for D2) have met the [sliding standard for SAT/ACT](#), and are certified an amateur athlete (have not been paid to compete nor received money for promotions). Becoming eligible is a process and once you create an account you will be adding to it throughout your high school years. It is a good idea to begin the process your 1<sup>st</sup> grade year and speak with your guidance counselor about your plans. They can help

There are two types of accounts with the Eligibility Center: A certification account and a profile page. The center does charge a fee for a certification account, so only create this account if you are confident you can swim/dive for D1 or D2 schools. If you are not sure, you should start a profile page as this is free and you can always change this to a certification account. Here is a link to some educational resources that will help you fully understand the process...[Guide to NCAA Eligibility](#).

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## NCAA News Recruiting Trends (cont...)

We are able to let our swimmers and parents know which coaches will be contacting them on the 15th as the coaches respond to us. If your swimmers have an idea of which coaches will be contacting them they should look up the coaches' bio so they know something personal about the coach. That way they can engage the coach.

It's a great way for the kids to separate themselves from the other tens of thousands of recruits they are up against.

Example:

Coach, I saw that you were Conference Coach of the Year, congratulations.

Or

Coach, I saw on your bio that you are an avid triathlete. How often do you swim?

Or

Coach, I saw on our bio that you and your wife have a 12 year old daughter. Is she a swimmer?

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