

# FOR SCHOOLS

YOU ARE THE ENTRY POINT. NOT THE ENDPOINT.

THE SCHOOL'S ROLE IS TO IDENTIFY, INSPIRE, AND HAND TALENT FORWARD.  
EVERY STUDENT-ATHLETE WHO WALKS OUT OF YOUR SCHOOL DESERVES A NEXT STEP.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO — STARTING NOW

### 1. DESIGNATE A STUDENT-ATHLETE TRANSITION LEAD

- Appoint one staff member — a teacher, guidance counsellor, or athletic director — as the point person for student-athlete academic monitoring and pathway navigation
- This person's role is to know which students are athletic talent, know their GPA, and connect them to federation and Commission resources before they graduate

### 2. INTRODUCE ELIGIBILITY EDUCATION EARLY

- Bring NCAA and NAIA eligibility requirements into guidance programming for students in Grades 9 and 10
- Most families do not know these standards exist until it is too late. Schools can change that

### 3. BUILD THE FEDERATION BRIDGE

- Establish a formal referral process to your relevant national federations for athletes who demonstrate high potential through TCISS and school sport
- Talent identified in school competition should not stay in school — it should be handed forward to development environments

### 4. HOST ANNUAL COLLEGE READINESS SESSIONS

- At minimum one session per year for student-athletes and their parents in Grades 9-11
- Cover: academic eligibility standards, highlight video basics, recruitment timelines, scholarship types, and how to create an NCSA profile

### 5. CONNECT WITH YOUR FEDERATION

- Ensure your school's sport results from TCISS and school competitions are being shared with the Commission's athlete tracking system
- Talented athletes identified through your school programmes should be in the national database

## KEY RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS

- NCSA Sports — [ncsasports.org](https://ncsasports.org)
- NCAA Eligibility Centre — [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org)
- NAIA High School Guide — [naia.org/findyourpath/highschool](https://naia.org/findyourpath/highschool)
- TCI Sports Commission — [tcisc.tc](https://tcisc.tc)