DIVISION I: NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER

WHAT DIVISION I UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT-ATHLETES SHOULD KNOW
The decision to transfer to another school is an important and often difficult one in your college career. Before you act, do your homework. Helpful resources, including the Division I Transfer Module, are available here.

When you are ready to move forward with submitting your notification of transfer, talk to your administrator (and others you feel should know at this time) about your intention to transfer.

Once you have completed the Transfer Module and communicated notification of transfer within your sport’s transfer window, compliance will place your name in the NCAA Transfer Portal within the time requirement.

After your name enters the Transfer Portal, you will receive an email, verifying a coach’s ability to contact you.

IMPLICATIONS OF NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER
» After notifying your current school of your intent to transfer, a Division I school can cancel or reduce your athletically related financial aid for the next academic term and subsequent terms.
» After notification, your original school is NOT obligated to take you back as a student-athlete.
» Consider the academic implications of transferring to a new school. How many of your credits will transfer? Do they offer your major?
» Some student-athletes who transfer are NOT able to compete immediately due to NCAA and conference rules. Discuss with your compliance officer what this means for you.
» 43% of student-athletes who were entered into the portal in 2022 are currently active (still exploring options, transferred to a non-NCAA school or left their sport).
» Of those Division I student-athletes who did transfer, 22% did not receive athletics aid at their new school.
» 15% of the 9,294 student-athletes who left with athletics aid transferred to a new school without athletics aid.
» More recent Division I transfer trends that may help you make a decision, including sport-specific patterns, can be found using this tool.

YOU decide your future, but CONSIDER all options carefully before making any decisions.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: WHO CAN ENTER MY NAME INTO THE PORTAL?
A: Your school’s compliance officer or other authorized athletics administrators.

Q: WHEN CAN I START TALKING WITH COACHES AT OTHER SCHOOLS?
A: Communication with coaches at other schools can begin after you notify your current school of the intent to transfer (within your sport-specific transfer window), complete the transfer educational model, and your name is placed into the Transfer Portal.

Q: WHAT ACTIONS CAN I TAKE BEFORE PROVIDING MY NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER?
A: Communication with another school’s office of admissions is permissible. You can also contact other student-athletes at the school you are looking to transfer to, provided communication is not at the direction of the coach from that school.

Q: WHEN I NOTIFY MY CURRENT SCHOOL THAT I WANT TO TRANSFER, WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO MY FINANCIAL AID?
A: After notifying your current school of your intent to transfer, a Division I school can cancel or reduce your athletically related financial aid for the next academic term and subsequent terms.

Q: AM I ABLE TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID AT MY NEXT SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY?
A: Yes! With the notification-of-transfer model comes the opportunity to receive financial aid immediately at your new school if offered, provided you depart your current school academically eligible.

Q: WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE TRANSFER PORTAL?
A: Your NCAA ID, school, sport, athletics aid status, undergraduate/postgraduate status and email address will initially be the only information listed in the portal. After the compliance office submits the notification of transfer, your academic and athletics history will be entered to help other schools assess your NCAA eligibility.

Q: HOW WILL I KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO THE TRANSFER PORTAL?
A: You will receive an email notification once the compliance office has completed the entry. Be sure to save this confirmation email.

For more information on transfer rules, visit ncaa.org/transfer.