



Notification of Transfer:

What Divisions I and II Student-Athletes Should Know

The transfer process previously known as “permission to contact” has been changed to “notification of transfer.” Student-athletes should be aware of the process and implications. Read below for more information. (Process effective for Division I Oct. 15, 2018, and Division II Aug. 1, 2020.)

THE PROCESS:



Benefits of Notification of Transfer

- ✓ Gives student-athletes more control over the decision to transfer.
- ✓ Prohibits current school from blocking a student-athlete from getting athletics aid at the receiving school.
- ✓ Creates a transfer portal to identify student-athletes who have notified their school of transfer, streamlining the process.
- ✓ Strengthens ethical recruiting with guardrails around tampering, by helping coaches and student-athletes manage instances when they are contacted about potential transfer.
- ✓ Prompts conferences to review their own transfer rules.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DIVISION I AND DIVISION II:

- Division I schools must place your name in the transfer portal within two business days of the request, and Division II schools must place your name in the transfer portal within seven business days of the request.
- In Division I, your current school has the right to reduce or cancel your financial aid at the end of the current academic term or vacation period you requested. In Division II, once you request to enter the transfer portal, your current school can reduce or cancel athletics aid at the end of the period of the award listed within the scholarship agreement.

IMPLICATIONS:

- Your athletics aid may be reduced or canceled if you remain at the institution.
- After notification, your original school **is not** obligated to take you back as a student-athlete.
- Failure to follow the listed steps may result in NCAA violations.

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: Who do I need to talk to when wanting to transfer with the new legislation?

A: You always should be communicating with your coach and compliance officer about transferring to another institution.

Q: When can communication start with prospective coaches?

A: Communication with coaches at other schools can begin after you notify the current school of the intent to transfer and your name has been entered into the transfer portal.

Q: What actions can I take before providing my notification to transfer?

A: Communication with the new school's office of admissions is permissible. You also can 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, and a Division II school can cancel or reduce your athletically related financial aid at the end of the period of the award listed within the scholarship agreement.

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, provided you depart your current school academically eligible.

Q: What information will be on the transfer portal?

A: Your NCAA ID number, school, sport and email address will be the only information listed on this portal. After the compliance office submits the notification of transfer, your academic and athletics history will be entered to determine 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. You should save this confirmation email.

Q: Do Division III students have the option to use the transfer portal?

A: While it is not legislated, Division III schools may utilize the transfer portal at their discretion. In order for a Division III student-athlete to be entered into the transfer portal, you must have a completed Certification OR Profile account with the Eligibility Center, and your NCAA ID number.

For more information on transfer rules, visit
ncaa.org/student-athletes/current/want-transfer.