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.

DIVISION I: NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER

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

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 the school you want to transfer to: Do all your credits transfer? Do they have your degree path?

» Some student-athletes who transfer are NOT able to compete immediately. This depends on NCAA and conference rules.

» 43% of student-athletes who entered the portal in 2021 are currently active (still exploring options, transferred to a non-NCAA school or left their sport).

» Of those student-athletes who did transfer, 63% did not receive aid at their new school.

» 19% of the 3,403 student-athletes who were 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.
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 the new 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 offered, provided you depart your current school academically eligible.

Q:  WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE ON THE TRANSFER PORTAL?
A:  Your NCAA ID, school, sport and email address will be the only information listed on this portal. You can also ask your school to include your cell phone number if you prefer to be reached by other schools in that way. 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.