

NCAA Division I Undergraduate Four-Year Transfer Waiver Process

In all sports, four-year undergraduate student-athletes who decide to transfer to a new NCAA school can generally be eligible to compete for the new school provided they have **not** previously transferred and notify their current school by entering the NCAA Transfer Portal during their sport-specific transfer [window](#).

General information on who qualifies for the one-time transfer exception is available [here](#).

A waiver process remains available for undergraduate transfer student-athletes who do **not** qualify for the one-time transfer exception; however there have been changes made to the types of requests that will be considered.

UNDERGRADUATE FOUR-YEAR TRANSFER WAIVERS

(Effective for 2023-24 championship eligibility)

An undergraduate transfer waiver will **only** be considered for student-athletes who transfer:

- (1) For reasons related to the student-athlete's physical or mental health and well-being;
- (2) Due to exigent circumstances outside the student-athlete's control (e.g., physical or sexual assault or discrimination based on a protected class); or
- (3) Assertions involving diagnosed education impacting disabilities.

A detailed description of the documentation and information that is required for each waiver type is available in the updated NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief [Information Standards, Guidelines and Directives](#).

REASONS AN UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER WAIVER WILL BE DENIED

	Academic Reasons	Athletic Reasons
X	Degree program does not meet SA's expectations (e.g., academic difficulty).	Lack or change of participation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No participation opportunity.• Reduction in playing time.• Change in position or role on the team.
X	Perceived prestige of an institution's degree program does not meet SA's expectations.	Change to athletics scholarship.
X	SA transferred to change majors.	Coaching change.



FAQs

Q1: Will a transfer waiver be approved if the director of athletics of the student-athlete's previous school signs a statement confirming the student-athlete no longer had a participation opportunity (NPO) on their previous team?

No. Waivers will no longer be approved solely because the student-athlete's participation opportunity at their former school changed.

Q2: Do these changes impact the waiver process for post-graduate student-athletes who are seeking to transfer to another Division I school?

No. These changes only apply to waivers filed for undergraduate student-athletes who have most recently transferred from another four-year school (e.g., Division I, Division II, NAIA).

