



**NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers
Summary of Key Takeaways
December 10, 2020, Videoconference**

- 1. Notification of transfer dates – midyear transfer application.** The NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers continued to discuss the application of the proposed notification of transfer dates to four-year transfer student-athletes who transfer institutions at midyear on or after August 1, 2021. Specifically, the working group discussed whether certain student-athletes who transfer at midyear, who are not otherwise subject to a midyear transfer rule (based on sport of participation or competition history), should be required to have notified their institution by the previous academic year's notification deadlines (May 1/July 1) in order to potentially qualify for the uniform transfer eligibility exception at their new Division I institution.

The working group agreed that student-athletes who transfer four-year institutions at midyear should not be held to the proposed year-end notification of transfer dates for the previous academic year. The working group noted that existing midyear transfer rules continue to apply appropriately in specified contexts, and the proposed notification of transfer dates were not intended to impact a student-athlete's ability to qualify for the uniform transfer exception should they transfer institutions at midyear. The working group will recommend the NCAA Division I Council modify NCAA Division I Proposal 2020-11 to clarify that student-athletes who transfer at midyear and are not otherwise subject to an existing midyear transfer rule, are not required to have notified their institution by the previous academic year's notification deadlines.

- 2. NCAA Division I Interpretations Committee – impermissible contact interpretative resource.** The working group discussed the NCAA Division I Interpretations Committee's requested development of an educational resource to clarify the scope of impermissible contact with student-athletes at other four-year institutions (NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.1.3). Specifically, while Bylaw 13.1.1.3 precludes institutional staff and boosters from contacting or communicating with student-athletes at other four-year institutions when the student-athlete is not entered in the NCAA Transfer Portal, the Interpretations Committee has noted there are certain types of communications, unrelated to recruitment, where a strict application of Bylaw 13.1.1.3 may not be warranted.

The working group recognized that while there may be a limited subset of communications that fall outside the scope of Bylaw 13.1.1.3, attempting to codify fact-specific exceptions could have unintended consequences. The working group agreed that interpretative guidance should not be issued that could complicate the enforceability of Bylaw 13.1.1.3, which is necessary to deter tampering with student-athletes at other four-year institutions. Lastly, the working group recommended additional governance groups, including but not limited to, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, Division I

Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, Division I Football Oversight Committee, Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee and Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee have the opportunity to provide feedback to the Interpretations Committee on the requested interpretative resource.

3. **Women's Basketball Coaches Association – update on blanket waiver recommendation.** The working group confirmed the blanket transfer waiver request from the WBCA for student-athletes currently serving a year in residence should require the head coach and student-athlete to certify that no impermissible recruiting occurred, noting consistency with the proposed legislation.
4. **Transfer waiver subgroup update.** The working group received an update on the work of the transfer waiver subgroup to review and develop recommendations to update the four-year transfer waiver process and existing guidelines, should the working group's proposed legislative changes be adopted.
5. **Notification of transfer dates – basketball position statements.** The working group received a statement from the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the WBCA supporting the inclusion of the notification of transfer date component as part of the overall transfer eligibility package.