

NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers Summary of Key Takeaways February 15, 2021, Videoconference

- 1. Review of undergraduate transfer blanket waiver criteria. The NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers initially discussed the criteria for a possible undergraduate transfer blanket waver should the NCAA Division I Council be able unable to take action on Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 prior to the 2021-22 academic year. The working group noted support for the same criteria approved by the Division I Council in December 2020 for student-athletes who were serving a year in residence at their current Division I institution. The working group noted this transfer blanket waiver should be available to any first-time, four-year transfer student-athlete seeking to be immediately eligible at their new Division I institution, regardless of the division or association of the student-athlete's original four-year institution. The working group was not currently supportive of incorporating notification dates into use of the blanket waiver, noting the unintended impact that deadlines could impose and the uncertain timing of when the blanket waiver might need to be considered by the Council. The working group will review this transfer blanket waiver concept for the 2021-22 academic year during its next videoconference.
- 2. Review of financial aid reduction/cancellation legislation based on transfer. The working group received an overview of how existing financial aid provisions are tethered to transfer legislation. Specifically, the provision that allows an institution to reduce or cancel a student-athlete's athletics aid beginning the term after the student-athlete provides written notification of transfer. The working group noted the existing rule, which was changed based on the adoption of the notification of transfer model in 2018, encompasses both Council-governance and autonomy legislation. The working group will continue to discuss the financial aid provisions and provide recommendations, as necessary, during future videoconferences.