

NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers Summary of Key Takeaways July 27, 2020, Videoconference

- 1. Notification of transfer date. The NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers continued its discussion of whether there should be a time by which a student-athlete must indicate their intent to transfer in order to access the uniform transfer exception under development. The working group discussed the varying models offered by the standing committees and agreed the notification date concept should be presented to the NCAA Division I Council as an optional component of a uniform transfer eligibility concept. The working group continued to agree that if a notification of transfer date is ultimately included as a component to a uniform legislative transfer exception, the date selected must provide student-athletes with adequate time to make an informed decision about initiating the transfer process.
- 2. Midyear transfer provisions. The working group reviewed the existing midyear transfer provisions that apply to most Division I sports with a winter or spring championship when a student-athlete transfers between programs during the same academic year. The working group expressed support for maintaining existing midyear transfer provisions but will be receptive to feedback received following the August Council meeting.
- 3. Postgraduate transfer eligibility. The working group began to discuss how postgraduate student-athletes use remaining athletics eligibility at a new Division I institution, specifically regarding student-athletes with previous undergraduate transfer history. The working group recognized that Division I student-athletes with previous four-year transfer history as an undergraduate are not able to use the postgraduate transfer exception and require a waiver to be eligible at a different institution after completing their undergraduate degree. While the working group supports maintaining the principle that a legislative exception should be available once throughout a student-athlete's collegiate experience, it will continue to examine whether the approach to graduate transfer waiver requests should be modified if the student-athlete transferred previously as an undergraduate student.
- **4. Future videoconference.** The working group will hold its next videoconference at 2 p.m. Eastern time August 3.