



**NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers**  
**Summary of Key Takeaways**  
**July 13, 2020, Videoconference**

1. **Uniform transfer eligibility criteria.** The NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers continued its discussion of the criteria that should be used to establish four-year transfer eligibility in Division I. The working group affirmed its initial support of the following clarifications pertaining to the use of a uniform legislative transfer exception:
  - a. The ability to qualify for a uniform transfer exception should not be confined to certain times during a student-athlete's period of eligibility (e.g., only if the transfer occurs after the student-athlete's sophomore year).
  - b. The student-athlete's previous institution should not have the ability to object to the student-athlete's use of a uniform transfer exception to be immediately eligible at the institution to which they transfer.
  - c. NCAA legislation should not limit the number of transfer student-athletes that a Division I program may accept onto a team in a given academic year.

The working group continued its discussion of potential parameters to offset the impact of transfer and ensure student-athletes are positioned to be academically successful at their new institution and graduate with a four-year degree. The working group recognizes that while student-athletes largely make transfer decisions for athletic reasons, several factors impact whether transferring impacts a student-athlete's academic trajectory at their new institution (e.g., time of transfer, academic record, degree sought, etc.). The working group will continue to refine the best way to support the educational outcomes for all student-athletes following transfer.

Lastly, the working group will examine the proper approach for student-athletes transferring institutions at midyear and postgraduate transfer eligibility for student-athletes with previous transfer history.

2. **Impermissible recruiting contact.** The working group discussed whether additional strategies could be explored to further disincentivize the impermissible recruiting of student-athletes at other four-year programs (e.g., tampering behavior). Specifically, the working group acknowledged the difficulty of enforcing existing NCAA recruiting rules, based largely on the indirect channels that are often used to facilitate these impermissible contacts. The working group will encourage coaches' associations to address the culture that promotes tampering with student-athletes enrolled at other institutions and consider new options that could be incorporated into the transfer certification process.
3. **Future videoconference.** The working group will hold its next videoconference at 2 p.m. Eastern time July 20.