

NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers Summary of Key Takeaways March 1, 2021, Videoconference

- 1. Recommendation to NCAA Division I Council regarding an undergraduate transfer blanket waiver for the 2021-22 academic year. The NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers continued its discussion of an undergraduate transfer blanket waver should the NCAA Division I Council be unable to take action on Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 by its April meeting. While the working group notes its preference for legislative action, it recognizes the membership and student-athletes need information with which to make informed decisions about the 2021-22 academic year. The working group recommended the Council be prepared to consider a transfer blanket waiver for any first-time, four-year transfer student-athlete seeking to be immediately eligible at their new Division I institution during the 2021-22 academic year, regardless of the division or association of the student-athlete's original four-year institution. In order to access the transfer blanket waiver, the student-athlete must have left their previous four-year institution academically eligible, in good academic standing and under no disciplinary suspension. Additionally, the student-athlete and the head coach at the institution to which they ultimately transfer must certify in writing that no impermissible recruiting contact (direct or indirect) occurred prior to the student-athlete's entry into the NCAA Transfer Portal. The working group noted postgraduate transfer student-athletes would continue to be analyzed under the transfer waiver guidelines specific to student-athletes who do not meet Division I Bylaw 14.6.1.
- **2. Review of background on notification of transfer legislation and NCAA Transfer Portal.** The working group received an overview of the considerations that went into the development of the existing notification of transfer legislation that was adopted by the Division I membership in 2018 to replace the former permission to contact model. Additionally, the working group received an overview of the NCAA Transfer Portal, which helps facilitate the notification of transfer model.