



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE
APRIL 11, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **Emergency Legislation -- Division II Bylaw 14.5.5.1 -- Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements -- Transfer Regulations -- Four-Year College Transfers -- Four-Year Undergraduate Transfer Student-Athletes.**

- (1) Recommendation. Sponsor emergency legislation to revise the eligibility requirements for four-year undergraduate transfer student-athletes, as specified. [Attachment]
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Current legislation requires undergraduate four-year college transfer student-athletes to serve a year in residence following transfer unless the student-athlete satisfies a transfer exception. After reviewing feedback from various Division II committees and affiliate groups, the Academic Requirements Committee believes eliminating the year-in-residence requirement for undergraduate student-athletes transferring from other four-year institutions and implementing new academic standards for immediate eligibility for competition upon transfer is in the best interest of student-athletes and places them in the best position to be academically successful without restricting transfer opportunities.

In addition, the transfer student-athlete must earn nine-semester/eight-quarter hours during their last full-time term of enrollment. This recommendation would also permit a student-athlete that does not satisfy the four-year college transfer requirements to regain eligibility after they have completed their initial full-time term of enrollment at the certifying institution and satisfied all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements. Further, the committee noted that while requiring a student-athlete to provide written notification of transfer by June 15 provides stability and notice to those impacted by transfer decisions, the date requirement does not impact a student-athlete's academic progress, therefore, the committee recommended the requirement be moved to Bylaw 13 (recruiting).

Finally, the immediate effective date will permit student-athletes that transferred during the 2023-24 academic year to be immediately eligible upon adoption of this proposal.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Estimated student-athlete impact. Student-athletes would be able to transfer to four-year institutions more than once provided they satisfy the new academic standards.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **Referral to the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.**
 - (1) Recommendation. That the Management Council request that the Legislation Committee review the June 15 written notification of transfer requirement and determine an appropriate penalty for student-athletes that do not provide written notification of transfer by June 15.
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
 - (3) Rationale. Under current legislation, a student-athlete that does not provide written notification of transfer by June 15 is not eligible to use the one-time transfer exception. During its discussion, the Academic Requirements Committee determined that removing the June 15 date from the transfer legislation and placing it in Bylaw 13 better aligns with providing notice to institutions rather than being tied to academic success upon transferring. The committee noted there is still value in keeping a date, however, the Legislation Committee is best positioned to review the written notification of transfer requirement and determine the appropriate consequence for student-athletes that do not satisfy the requirement.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
 - (5) Estimated student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Discussion regarding Bylaw 14.5.5.1 (general rule).** The Academic Requirements Committee continued its discussion regarding an alternate transfer standard to Bylaw 14.5.5.1. Specifically, the committee reviewed feedback provided by various Division II committees and affiliate groups and recommended emergency legislation to establish new academic standards [see Legislative Action Items]. Further, the committee noted that a student-athlete that does not satisfy undergraduate four-year college transfer requirements should be provided the opportunity to regain their eligibility following their initial full-time term of attendance at the certifying institution. Finally, the committee agreed that the June 15 written notification of transfer requirement provides notice to institutions but should not be included in the transfer analysis [see Nonlegislative Action Items].

2. Future meeting dates.

- a. June 4, 2024, videoconference; noon to 4 p.m. Eastern time.
- b. September 2024, videoconference; date and timing to be determined.
- c. February 2025, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Karen Hjerpe, Pennsylvania Western University, California
Staff Liaisons: Jeremy Christoffels, Academic and Membership Affairs
 Katelyn Skarr, Academic and Membership Affairs
 Robert Turick, Research

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee April 11, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Karen Hjerpe, Pennsylvania Western University, California.	
Scout Huffman, Texas Woman's University.	
Jason Jones, Catawba College.	
Liz Jorn, Truman State University.	
Danny McCabe, Adelphi University.	
Deborah Narang, University of Alaska Anchorage.	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
Krista Plummer, Northwood University.	
Andrea Webb, California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt.	
Absentees:	
Cathy Cox, Georgia College.	
Ryan Quann, Goldey-Beacom College.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:	
Jeremy Christoffels and Robert Turick.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Terri Steeb Gronau, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Jordan Lysiak, Angela Red and Jared Tidemann.	

Division: II

Proposal Number: EM-2025-1

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- ACADEMIC AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR TRANSFER -- FOUR-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER STUDENT-ATHLETES

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: March 29, 2024

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Effective Date: Immediate

Source: NCAA Division II Executive Board [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].

Category: Emergency

Topical Area: Eligibility

Intent: To revise the eligibility requirements for four-year undergraduate transfer student-athletes, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13, as follows:

13 Recruiting

[13.01 through 13.1 unchanged.]

13.1.1.2 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not communicate or make contact with the student-athlete of an NCAA Division II institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete of an NCAA Division I or Division III institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's interest shall comply with the rule of the applicable division for making contact with a student-athlete. [D]

13.1.1.2.1 Notification of Transfer. A student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing their institution with a written notification of transfer ~~at any time~~ **by June 15**. The student-athlete must complete an educational module related to transferring before the institution may enter the student-athlete's information into the national transfer database. The student-athlete's institution shall enter their information into the NCAA Transfer Portal within seven-consecutive calendar days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete or receipt of confirmation of the student-athlete's completion of the educational module, whichever occurs later. [D]

[13.1.1.2.2 through 13.1.1.2.5 unchanged.]

[13.1.2 through 13.1.8 unchanged.]

[13.2 through 13.17 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14, as follows:

14 Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements

[14.01 through 14.02 unchanged.]

14.02.6 Exception. An exception is the granting of relief from the application of a specific regulation (e.g., the residence requirement for a **two-year** transfer student to become eligible for competition). Formal approval by the Management Council or an NCAA committee is not required. The action granting the exception may

be taken solely by the certifying institution, based on evidence that the conditions on which the exception is authorized have been met (see Bylaw 14.02.17).

[14.02.7 through 14.02.13 unchanged.]

14.02.14 Residence. Residence is enrollment in a full-time academic program (as defined by the institution) at a collegiate institution during a regular term of an academic year. A summer term may not be used to satisfy an academic term or year of residence. Any student-athlete (e.g., qualifier, partial qualifier, **two-year college** transfer student) admitted after the 12th class day may not use that semester or quarter for the purpose of satisfying an academic term or year of residence.

[14.02.14.1 unchanged.]

[14.02.15 through 14.02.17 unchanged.]

[14.1 through 14.2 unchanged.]

14.2.2.4.1.3 Circumstances Within Control. Circumstances that are considered to be within the control of the student-athlete and the institution and cause a participation opportunity to be used include, but are not limited to, the following:

[14.2.2.4.1.3-(a) through 14.2.2.4.1.3-(d) unchanged.]

(e) An inability to participate as a result of ~~a transfer year in residence~~ **not satisfying the undergraduate four-year college transfer requirements (see Bylaw 14.5.5)** or fulfilling a condition for restoration of eligibility; and

[14.2.2.4.1.3-(f) unchanged.]

[14.2.2.4.1.4 unchanged.]

[14.2.2.4.2 unchanged.]

[14.2.3 through 14.2.7 unchanged.]

[14.3 through 14.4 unchanged.]

14.4.3.6 Designation of Degree Program. A student-athlete shall designate a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution by the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter) and thereafter shall make progress toward that specific degree. This provision shall be applicable to the eligibility not only of a continuing student, but also of a transfer student from a four-year **collegiate institution who is entering their third year of collegiate enrollment that has not satisfy Bylaw 14.5.5 or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution** or **a transfer student from a** two-year collegiate institution who is entering their third year of collegiate enrollment, ~~even if the student~~ **that** has not yet completed an academic year in residence or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. An institution shall not incur a violation if a student-athlete fails to designate a degree program prior to their third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter), provided the student-athlete designates a degree prior to competing. Designation of a specific baccalaureate degree program may be accomplished by: [D]

[14.4.3.6-(a) through 14.4.3.6-(b) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.6.1 unchanged.]

[14.4.3.7 through 14.4.3.12 unchanged.]

14.5 Transfer Regulations.

14.5.1 ~~Residence Requirement~~ — General Principle. A student who transfers (see Bylaw 14.5.2) to a member institution from any collegiate institution is required to ~~complete one full academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.14) at the certifying institution~~ **satisfy the applicable undergraduate transfer requirements (see Bylaws 14.5.4 and 14.5.5)** before being eligible to compete for or to receive travel expenses from the member institution (see Bylaw 16.8.1), ~~unless the student satisfies the applicable transfer requirements or receives an exception or waiver as set forth in this bylaw.~~

[14.5.1.1 through 14.5.1.2 unchanged.]

~~14.5.1.3 NCAA Championship Eligibility. A transfer student who is required to fulfill an academic year of residence shall not be eligible to participate in any NCAA championship that occurs during the vacation period immediately following the academic year of residence.~~

~~14.5.1.4~~ **Foreign Institution****International** Transfers. A transfer student from ~~an foreign~~**international** collegiate institution (college, university or two-year college) is subject to the ~~one-year residence~~ requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.1 (see ~~Bylaw 14.5.5.3.2 regarding the exchange student exception~~).

[14.5.2 through 14.5.4 unchanged.]

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. **An undergraduate transfer from a four-year institution is eligible for competition provided** ~~S~~**see Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for prohibition against contacting student athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process.** (See Bylaw 14.4.**3.2.1** for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.);

(a) The transfer student did not practice or compete in intercollegiate athletics at their previous institution or the previous institution did not sponsor their sport, and they were in good academic standing at the time of transfer; or

(b) The transfer student would have been academically and athletically eligible at their previous institution at the time of transfer, had they remained.

14.5.5.1 ~~General Rule~~**Regaining Eligibility. An undergraduate** transfer student from a four-year institution, **who does not satisfy Bylaw 14.5.5,** ~~shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.02.14)~~**shall become eligible to compete at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.02.14) after the conclusion of the first full-time term of enrollment following transfer by meeting all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements (see Bylaw 14.4.).**

[14.5.5.1.1 through 14.5.5.1.2 unchanged.]

[14.5.5.2 unchanged.]

~~14.5.5.3 Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.1) from a four-year collegiate institution is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition, provided the student does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which they are transferring (except for the return to the original institution without participation exception) and any of the following exceptions are satisfied. However, during the student athlete's first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment, such conditions may serve as a basis for an exception to the residence requirement for transfer students to a Division II institution who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for "qualifiers" (set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1) in Division II. See Bylaw 14.5.5.1.2.1 for additional information regarding the eligibility of a 2-4-4 transfer who attended the initial four-year institution for less than one academic year.~~

~~14.5.5.3.1 Educational Exchange Exception. The student returns to their original institution under any of the following conditions:~~

~~(a) After participation in a cooperative educational exchange program or work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching), provided the student is to receive a baccalaureate degree from the institution from which the student transferred to participate in the exchange program;~~

~~(b) After one semester or quarter of attendance at another institution for purposes of taking academic courses not available at the original institution, regardless of whether they are required in the degree program the student athlete is pursuing at the first institution. In such an instance, the student also may take additional courses that were available at the first institution; or~~

~~(c) After one academic year of attendance at another collegiate institution, in accordance with the program recommended by the appropriate academic officer at the original institution, provided the student was in good academic standing at the time the student left the original institution.~~

~~14.5.5.3.2 Exchange Student Exception. The student is enrolled in the certifying institution for a specified period of time as an exchange student participating in a formal and established educational exchange program recognized by the institution's academic authorities. (See Bylaw 14.4.1.1.)~~

~~14.5.5.3.3 Discontinued Academic Program Exception. The certifying institution concludes that the student changed institutions in order to continue a major course of study because the original institution discontinued the academic program in the student's major.~~

~~14.5.5.3.4 Military Service, Religious Mission Exception. The student returns from at least 12 months of active service in the armed forces of the United States, or from at least 12 months of active service on an official religious mission.~~

~~14.5.5.3.4.1 Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Military Service or Religious Mission. The amount of time that an individual is enrolled as a regular student in a collegiate institution while concurrently on active military duty or engaged in active service on an official religious mission may not be counted as a part of the 12-month active-duty period that qualifies a student for an exception to the transfer residence requirement.~~

~~14.5.5.3.5 Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception. In a particular sport when the student transfers at any time to the certifying institution and participates in the sport on the intercollegiate level after any of the following conditions has occurred:~~

~~(a) The student's original four-year collegiate institution dropped the sport in which the student has participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) at that institution in intercollegiate competition from its intercollegiate program. This exception becomes applicable at the time the student-athlete's institution indicates through public announcement that their sport will be discontinued; or~~

~~(b) The student's original four-year collegiate institution never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at the institution, provided the student had never transferred from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport.~~

~~14.5.5.3.5.1 Original Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the one in which the student was enrolled immediately before transfer to the certifying institution, it being understood that, if the student is transferring from an institution that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.~~

~~14.5.5.3.5.2 Application — COVID-19 Season Cancellations. If the student's original four-year collegiate institution does not participate in competition during the 2020-21 academic year due to COVID-19, the student does not have access to this exception to be immediately eligible for competition upon transfer.~~

~~14.5.5.3.6 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (countable athletically related activities), the student has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment.~~

~~14.5.5.3.7 Return to Original Institution Without Participation or With Minimal Participation Exception. The student enrolls at a second four-year collegiate institution, does not compete and does not participate in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport at the second institution beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period and returns to the original institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. A student may use this exception even if they have an unfulfilled~~

~~residence requirement at the institution from which they are transferring. The student must satisfy all progress-toward-degree requirements the student triggered during their previous enrollment at the certifying institution (e.g., annual credit-hour requirement) before being eligible for competition.~~

~~14.5.5.3.8 Nonrecruited Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution, and the following conditions are met:~~

- ~~(a) The student-athlete was not recruited by the certifying institution (per Bylaw 13.02.10.1);~~
- ~~(b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete; and~~
- ~~(c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive calendar-day period at any previous institution. The 14-consecutive calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity.~~

~~14.5.5.3.9 One-Time Transfer Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met (for graduate students, see Bylaw 14.1.8.1):~~

- ~~(a) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution, unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw 14.5.5.3.5 (discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception) or Bylaw 14.8.2.1-(d) (residence requirement). A student-athlete who, prior to the transfer to the certifying institution, attended two four-year institutions ("4-2-4" transfer), does not meet this condition regardless of whether the student was enrolled at a two-year institution between attendance at the two previous four-year institutions;~~
- ~~(b) The student is in good academic standing and meets the progress-toward-degree requirements at the previous four-year institution at the time of transfer to the certifying institution, except that, for a student transferring from a Division I institution, they are not required to have fulfilled the necessary percentage-of-degree requirements at the previous institution. The transferring student must be one who would have been academically eligible had they remained at the institution from which the student transferred, and they also must be eligible at the certifying institution as a regularly enrolled, full-time, degree-seeking student who was admitted in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of the institution;~~
- ~~(c) The head coach of the certifying institution and the student shall certify that no athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interest communicated or made contact with the student-athlete, or any individual associated with the student (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process (see Bylaw 13.1.1.2);~~
- ~~(d) The student must provide written notification of transfer to the institution by June 15 (see Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9.1 for an exception for midyear and non-Division II transfers); and~~
- ~~(e) A student who has one season of competition remaining in their sport or two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters or fewer remaining in which to complete their eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree, shall have satisfactorily completed an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each term of full-time attendance, at any collegiate institution, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 in the transferable degree credits.~~

~~14.5.5.3.9.1 Application of Notification Dates to Midyear and Non-Division II Transfers. A midyear transfer student-athlete or student-athlete transferring from a non-Division II institution (e.g., Division I, Division III or NAIA) is not required to have provided notification of transfer to the institution by the notification deadline in the previous academic year.~~

~~14.5.5.3.9.2 Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive academic components of the one-time transfer exception. Those components include good academic standing, progress-toward-degree requirements, and the 12-semester or 12-quarter hour~~

requirement for a transfer student who has one season of competition remaining in their sport or two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters or fewer remaining to complete eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall have the authority to waive all remaining components of the one-time transfer exception.

14.5.5.43 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a four-year institution, who ~~has received a waiver of or exception to the transfer residence requirement (per Bylaw 14.1.8.1 or 14.5.5.3)~~ **satisfies the undergraduate four-year transfer requirements (see Bylaw 14.5.5)**, is not eligible to compete at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous four-year institution. Therefore, if the institution from which a student-athlete transfers declares separate segments of its playing and practice season, a student-athlete may compete during the segment that does not conclude with the NCAA championship for such an institution and during the segment that does conclude with the NCAA championship for the certifying institution during the same academic year in the same sport, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for competition.

[14.5.5.4.1 through 14.5.5.4.2 renumbered as 14.5.5.3.1 through 14.5.5.3.2, unchanged.]

[14.7 unchanged.]

14.7.4.2 Individual Subject to Outside-Competition Regulations. Once a student-athlete becomes a candidate for the institution's basketball team (i.e., has reported for the squad), or if the student was recruited by a member institution in part for basketball ability and enrolls in the institution, this prohibition against outside organized basketball competition remains applicable until the student-athlete's intercollegiate basketball eligibility has been exhausted. This includes time while the student is officially withdrawn from college, ~~fulfilling a residence requirement~~ **regaining eligibility** following transfer to another college, awaiting transfer or enrolled in a nonmember collegiate institution.

[14.7.4.3 unchanged.]

[14.7.5 through 14.7.6 unchanged.]

[14.8 unchanged.]

~~14.8.2 Committee for Legislative Relief Waivers. The Committee for Legislative Relief may waive specific provisions of this bylaw as follows:~~

~~14.8.2.1 Residence Requirement. The one-year residence requirement for student-athletes may be waived under the following conditions or circumstances:~~

- ~~(a) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution for reasons of health. Such request for a waiver shall be initiated by any member institution and shall be supported by contemporaneous medical documentation and medical recommendations of that institution's team physician and/or the student-athlete's personal physician;~~
- ~~(b) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution after loss of eligibility due to a violation of the regulation prohibiting pay for participation in intercollegiate athletics (see Bylaw 12.1.4) or a violation of recruiting regulations (see Bylaw 13.01.5), or for a student-athlete who transfers to a Division I institution after loss of eligibility due to involvement in a violation of the freshman or transfer eligibility requirements for financial aid, practice and competition set forth in Bylaws 14.3.1, 14.5.4 and 14.5.5. The Management Council may waive these requirements only upon a determination of the innocence or inadvertent involvement of the student-athlete in the violation;~~
- ~~(c) On the recommendation of the Committee on Infractions, for a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete's opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete's original institution was placed on probation by the NCAA with sanctions that would preclude the institution's team in that sport from participating in postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility (see Bylaw 13.1.1.2.3);~~
- ~~(d) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete's opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete's original institution lost regional~~

~~accreditation for no longer meets the accreditation standard for an international institution (see Bylaw 7.1.4.1.2.1)] and forfeited immediately its membership in the Association per Bylaw 7.3.4.2.~~

[14.9 through 14.13 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 18, as follows:

18 Championships Administration

[18.01 through 18.2 unchanged.]

18.2.1.2.2 Penalty -- Banned Drug Classes Other Than Cannabinoids and Narcotics. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids and narcotics (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors), shall be subject to the following:

- (a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until they have been withheld from the equivalent of one season (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may ~~fulfill a transfer residence requirement~~**regain eligibility (see Bylaw 14.5.5.1)** and **fulfill** a drug-testing penalty concurrently if they meet all other eligibility requirements;

[18.2.1.2.2-(b) through 18.2.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[18.2.1.2.2.1 unchanged.]

[18.2.1.2.3 through 18.2.1.2.5 unchanged.]

18.2.1.2.5.1 Tampering With a Drug-Test Sample. A student-athlete who is involved in a case of clearly observed tampering with an NCAA drug test sample (e.g., urine substitution and related methods), as documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member, shall be subject to the following:

- (a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until they have been withheld from the equivalent of two seasons (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may ~~fulfill a transfer residence requirement~~**regain eligibility (see Bylaw 14.5.5.1)** and **fulfill** a drug-testing penalty concurrently if they meet all other eligibility requirements;

[18.2.1.2.5.1-(b) through 18.2.1.2.5.1-(c) unchanged.]

[18.2.1.2.6 through 18.2.1.2.12 unchanged.]

[18.2.2 unchanged.]

[18.3 through 18.6 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 19, as follows:

19 Infractions Program.

[19.01 through 19.12 unchanged.]

19.12.4 Penalties, Disciplinary Measures and Corrective Actions for Major Violations. The Committee on Infractions has the authority to determine the penalties, disciplinary measures and corrective actions that are prescribed for an institution for major violations. The Infractions Appeals Committee shall hear and act on an institution's appeal per Bylaw 19.5. The committee(s) may consider institutional- or conference-imposed penalties and, where appropriate, include those in the penalties. Institutional- or conference-imposed penalties shall not displace or substitute for the committee's judgment regarding penalties. Penalties, disciplinary measures and corrective actions for major violations shall include those penalties, disciplinary

measures and corrective actions prescribed for secondary violations (see Bylaw 19.12.3), and may include any and all of the following:

[19.12.4-(a) through 19.12.4-(d) unchanged.]

~~(e) A recommendation to the Committee for Legislative Relief that it waive the one-year residence requirement and permit full athletics participation in a sport for a student-athlete who transfers to another member institution when the Committee on Infractions renders the student-athlete's previous institution or team in that sport ineligible for postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility [see Bylaw 14.8.2.1-(c)];~~

[19.12.4-(f) through 19.12.4-(s) relettered as 19.12.4-(e) through 19.12.4-(r), unchanged.]

[19.12.4.1 through 19.12.4.7 unchanged.]

[19.13 through 19.14 unchanged.]

Review History:

Apr 11, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee.

Additional Information:

Current legislation requires undergraduate four-year college transfer student-athletes to serve a year in residence following transfer unless the student-athlete satisfies a transfer exception. After reviewing feedback from various Division II committees and affiliate groups, the Division II Academic Requirements Committee believes eliminating the year-in-residence requirement for undergraduate student-athletes transferring from other four-year institutions and implementing new academic standards for immediate eligibility for competition upon transfer is in the best interest of student-athletes and places them in the best position to be academically successful without restricting transfer opportunities. In addition, the transfer student-athlete must earn nine-semester/eight-quarter hours during their last full-time term of enrollment. This recommendation would also permit a student-athlete that does not satisfy the four-year college transfer requirements to regain eligibility after they have completed their initial full-time term of enrollment at the certifying institution and satisfied all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements. Further, the committee noted that while requiring a student-athlete to provide written notification of transfer by June 15 provides stability and notice to those impacted by transfer decisions, the date requirement does not impact a student-athlete's academic progress, therefore, the committee recommended the requirement be moved to Bylaw 13 (recruiting). Finally, the immediate effective date will permit student-athletes that transferred during the 2023-24 academic year to be immediately eligible upon adoption of this proposal.
