

Understanding the Exceptions

Two-Year College Transfers

General Rule

Before being eligible to compete at a Division II institution, a two-year college transfer must spend an entire academic year at the DII school unless he or she meets the applicable two-year college eligibility requirements in NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4 or satisfies one of the exceptions displayed below.



To use a transfer exception, the student-athlete:

- Must not be suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons.
- Must be an academic qualifier.

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Nonrecruited Student Exception

The DII school did not recruit the SA. SA isn't receiving athletics aid and hasn't participated in CARA at any institution. SA was eligible to be admitted to the DII school before attending the two-year institution.

Two-Year Nonparticipation Exception

SA hasn't participated in CARA for two consecutive calendar years and hasn't participated in outside competition while enrolled full time.

Discontinued/ Nonsponsored Sport Exception

SA's previous institution discontinued the sport or the SA has never attended an institution that sponsored the sport. SA earned at least a 2.2 GPA at the two-year institution.

Return to Original Institution Exception

SA transfers to a two-year institution then returns to the original four-year school. SA must have completed residence requirements at the four-year institution.

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