Understanding the Exceptions

Four-Year College Transfers

General Rule
Prior to being eligible for competition at a Division II institution, a four-year college transfer student-athlete must serve one full academic year in residence at the certifying institution unless the student-athlete meets a four-year college transfer exception.

To use a transfer exception, the student-athlete:

- Must not be disciplinarily suspended from the previous institution.
- May not have an unfulfilled year in residence.
- Must be a qualifier if transferring during the first year of collegiate enrollment.

Transfer Exceptions

Bylaw 14.5.5.3

- Educational Exchange Exception
- Exchange Student Exception
- Discontinued Academic Program
- Military Service/Religious Mission Exception
- Graduate Transfer Exception – Bylaw 14.1.8.1

Other exceptions:

- Nonrecruited Student Exception
- One-Time Transfer Exception
- Two-Year Nonparticipation Exception
- Return to Original Institution Exception

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