



## Membership Feedback on Transfer Concepts

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### Methods

- ▶ In collaboration with the NCAA Division I Council Transfer Working Group (TWG), NCAA research staff helped to craft the Division I Transfer Concepts Survey.
- ▶ Ten-minute survey administered online through QuestionPro survey software. Designed to be taken via phone, tablet, or computer by athletics administrators and head coaches.
- ▶ A memo drafted in collaboration with the TWG was distributed to all directors of athletics, senior woman administrators, faculty athletics representatives, senior compliance officers and conference commissioners. The memo prompted them to take the survey after reviewing the transfer concepts briefing document and executive summary, and also to distribute the survey link to all head coaches on their campus. Conference offices and coaches associations also were notified to encourage participation.
- ▶ Survey was open September 5 through 24, 2017.

## Response Rate

### ▶ Administrators.

- ▶ 173 directors of athletics (49%);
- ▶ 155 senior woman administrators (44%);
- ▶ 129 faculty athletics representatives (37%);
- ▶ 205 senior compliance administrators (58%);
- ▶ 49 conference staff members; and
- ▶ 255 others (assistant coaches and athletics administrators) completed the survey.

### ▶ Head Coaches.

- ▶ 1,255 (32%) head coaches completed the survey.



## Number of Administrator Responses by Role

Role	Overall N	Overall %	A5 N	A5 %
Director of Athletics	173	49%	29	45%
Senior Woman Administrator	155	44%	35	54%
Faculty Athletics Representative	129	37%	36	55%
Senior Compliance Administrator	205	58%	48	74%
Conference Staff	49	--	--	--
Other	255	--	--	--



## Number of Head Coach Responses by Sport

Men's Sports	N	%	A5	A5 %
Basketball	254	73%	45	69%
Gymnastics	7	47%	6	60%
Soccer	67	33%	11	38%
Baseball	95	32%	21	34%
Ice Hockey	19	32%	5	56%
Football-FBS	37	29%	21	32%
Wrestling	20	26%	8	29%
Volleyball	5	24%	1	20%
Lacrosse	15	21%	4	40%
Football-FCS	21	17%	--	--
Golf	49	16%	17	27%
Tennis	38	15%	11	21%
Water Polo	2	8%	0	0%

Co-Ed Teams	N	%	A5	A5 %
Skiing	7	37%	3	100%
Track & Field	111	30%	30	43%
Swimming & Diving	55	25%	21	35%
Rifle	5	19%	2	100%
Fencing	4	15%	3	75%
Cross Country	44	11%	5	7%

Women's Sports	N	%	A5	A5 %
Basketball	199	58%	32	49%
Volleyball	180	55%	41	65%
Gymnastics	27	44%	16	50%
Softball	123	42%	35	65%
Soccer	114	35%	21	33%
Rowing	30	34%	15	48%
Lacrosse	32	29%	6	29%
Ice Hockey	10	28%	2	33%
Field Hockey	20	25%	6	33%
Water Polo	7	21%	1	14%
Beach Volleyball	10	19%	5	36%
Golf	46	17%	21	35%
Tennis	42	13%	14	22%
Equestrian	2	11%	2	29%
Bowling	2	6%	0	0%

Note: Sports with less than 10% of Division I head coaches responding or N<4 will not be included in analyses due to low response rate.



## Addition of Impermissible Contact Regarding Transfer to Level II Violations

**How supportive would you be of adding “tampering” to the list of Level II violations in NCAA Bylaw 19.1.2**  
(Percent endorsing “Supportive” and “Very Supportive”)

	All	A5	Non-A5
Director of Athletics	92%	90%	93%
Senior Woman Administrator	81%	71%	83%
Senior Compliance Officer	69%	65%	71%
Faculty Athletics Representative	80%	69%	84%
Conference Staff	94%	--	--
Head Coach	87%	82%	88%
Other	78%	75%	79%



**How supportive would you be of adding “tampering” to the list of Level II violations in Bylaw 19.1.2**  
(Percent head coaches endorsing “Supportive” and “Very Supportive”)

Men’s Sports	%	A5 %
Volleyball	100%	--
Football-FCS	95%	--
Ice Hockey	95%	80%
Baseball	91%	85%
Soccer	90%	82%
Basketball	89%	87%
Football-FBS	89%	86%
Golf	88%	81%
Lacrosse	87%	75%
Wrestling	85%	75%
Tennis	82%	82%
Gymnastics	29%	33%

Women’s Sports	%	A5 %
Beach Volleyball	100%	100%
Basketball	93%	91%
Golf	91%	95%
Volleyball	90%	90%
Tennis	88%	86%
Field Hockey	85%	67%
Softball	81%	77%
Soccer	81%	76%
Ice Hockey	80%	--
Rowing	80%	73%
Lacrosse	78%	67%
Gymnastics	74%	81%
Water Polo	43%	--

Co-Ed Teams	%	A5 %
Track & Field	93%	93%
Cross Country	80%	60%
Fencing	75%	--
Swimming & Diving	75%	81%
Skiing	57%	--
Rifle	20%	--

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## Summary of Comments

- ▶ Challenges in monitoring and enforcing this rule.
  - ▶ *Love the idea of this but not sure how it would be monitored or how it would be 'proven' that tampering happened.* – WSO Head Coach
  - ▶ *I like the concept but not sure it is practical to enforce...what constitutes 'tampering'? A clear definition or list of items would need to be included/outlined...and is it practical to enforce?* – Director of Athletics
- ▶ Coaches also call for addressing the role of third-party “tampering.”
  - ▶ *The SAs work directly with their summer coaches and use them as the link between their potential schools and themselves. I am not sure the NCAA can sanction summer coaches, but they can sanction athletes who may then choose to go about a transfer in the improper manner.* – WSB Head Coach
  - ▶ *Majority of the time an AAU or HS coach reaches out to schools to gauge interest. Sometimes the college will reach out to HS/AAU Coach to see if kid is happy and thinking about transferring.* – MBB Head Coach



## Notification of Intent to Transfer



## Summary of Notification of Intent to Transfer Feedback

- ▶ Notification Model.
  - ▶ While a slight majority of athletics administrators support this model, coaches in most sports do not.
- ▶ Including “notification of transfer” as a reason for nonrenewal.
  - ▶ Generally strong support for this portion of Concept No. 3 among both administrators and head coaches.
- ▶ Development of a national database listing prospective transfers.
  - ▶ A majority of athletics administrators support the development of the database, however senior compliance officers stand out (83%) strongly in favor of this idea. Baseball, Field Hockey, Football, Men’s Gymnastics, Rifle, and Track & Field were the sports that did not receive majority head coach support for this portion of Concept No. 3.



### How supportive would you be of replacing the permission to contact model with a notification model? (Percent endorsing “Supportive” and “Very Supportive”)

	All	A5	Non-A5
Director of Athletics	56%	69%	53%
Senior Woman Administrator	61%	68%	59%
Senior Compliance Officer	59%	64%	60%
Faculty Athletics Representative	59%	71%	53%
Conference Staff	76%	--	--
Head Coach	45%	48%	44%
Other	46%	54%	42%



**How supportive would you be of replacing the permission to contact model with a notification model?  
(Percent head coaches endorsing “Supportive” and “Very Supportive”)**

Men's Sports	%	A5 %
Gymnastics	71%	67%
Wrestling	69%	50%
Baseball	51%	44%
Volleyball	50%	--
Golf	46%	63%
Soccer	45%	90%
Basketball	42%	42%
Tennis	40%	64%
Ice Hockey	33%	40%
Football-FBS	33%	38%
Lacrosse	20%	50%
Football-FCS	18%	--

Women's Sports	%	A5
Ice Hockey	90%	--
Beach Volleyball	78%	60%
Water Polo	57%	--
Gymnastics	56%	53%
Volleyball	54%	49%
Soccer	53%	42%
Tennis	48%	54%
Softball	47%	56%
Basketball	46%	44%
Golf	40%	50%
Rowing	38%	29%
Lacrosse	34%	40%
Field Hockey	25%	60%

Co-Ed Teams	%	A5 %
Fencing	67%	--
Skiing	60%	--
Swimming & Diving	43%	56%
Track & Field	33%	31%
Cross Country	31%	0%
Rifle	25%	--

**Note: Sports with less than 10% of Division I head coaches responding or N<4 are not included in analyses due to low response rate.**



**How supportive would you be of the addition of “notification to transfer” to the legislated list of reasons an institution may not renew a scholarship?**

**(Percent endorsing “Supportive” and “Very Supportive”)**

	All	A5	Non-A5
Director of Athletics	80%	81%	80%
Senior Woman Administrator	80%	88%	76%
Senior Compliance Officer	77%	76%	78%
Faculty Athletics Representative	52%	56%	49%
Conference Staff	62%	--	--
Head Coach	71%	76%	70%
Other	67%	73%	65%



**How supportive would you be of the addition of “notification to transfer” to the legislated list of reasons an institution may not renew a scholarship?**

(Percent head coaches endorsing “Supportive” and “Very Supportive”)

Men’s Sports	%	A5 %
Wrestling	81%	67%
Baseball	78%	72%
Soccer	77%	100%
Volleyball	75%	--
Football-FBS	75%	76%
Tennis	74%	82%
Gymnastics	71%	67%
Basketball	67%	67%
Golf	63%	75%
Football-FCS	59%	--
Ice Hockey	56%	60%
Lacrosse	40%	50%

Women’s Sports	%	A5
Ice Hockey	90%	--
Volleyball	83%	92%
Gymnastics	80%	93%
Golf	75%	83%
Basketball	74%	78%
Tennis	73%	79%
Soccer	73%	67%
Softball	72%	78%
Lacrosse	62%	80%
Rowing	50%	36%
Field Hockey	47%	80%
Beach Volleyball	44%	40%
Water Polo	43%	--

Co-Ed Teams	%	A5 %
Track & Field	69%	79%
Cross Country	60%	25%
Fencing	67%	--
Swimming & Diving	67%	80%
Skiing	60%	--
Rifle	50%	--

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**How supportive would you be of the development of a national database listing prospective transfers?**

(Percent endorsing “Supportive” and “Very Supportive”)

	All	A5	Non-A5
Director of Athletics	57%	54%	57%
Senior Woman Administrator	66%	65%	67%
Senior Compliance Officer	83%	84%	82%
Faculty Athletics Representative	50%	57%	46%
Conference Staff	72%	--	--
Head Coach	59%	60%	58%
Other	72%	74%	71%





**How supportive would you be of the development of a national database listing prospective transfers?**  
(Percent head coaches endorsing "Supportive" and "Very Supportive")

Men's Sports	%	A5 %
Volleyball	75%	--
Ice Hockey	67%	80%
Tennis	63%	55%
Basketball	61%	68%
Lacrosse	60%	50%
Golf	59%	50%
Soccer	52%	60%
Wrestling	50%	17%
Baseball	45%	44%
Football-FBS	44%	48%
Gymnastics	43%	50%
Football-FCS	29%	--

Co-Ed Teams	%	A5 %
Skiing	80%	--
Swimming & Diving	67%	56%
Fencing	67%	--
Cross Country	52%	75%
Track & Field	45%	55%
Rifle	0%	--

Women's Sports	%	A5
Beach Volleyball	89%	100%
Water Polo	71%	--
Golf	70%	67%
Volleyball	69%	74%
Lacrosse	69%	60%
Tennis	68%	57%
Rowing	64%	50%
Soccer	61%	58%
Ice Hockey	60%	--
Gymnastics	60%	60%
Basketball	59%	59%
Softball	57%	66%
Field Hockey	41%	40%

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## Financial Aid to Postgraduates

**How supportive would you be of providing aid to postgraduate student-athletes for the duration of their graduate degree program and counting such aid against team financial aid limits?**

(Percent endorsing "Supportive" and "Very Supportive")

	All	A5	Non-A5
Director of Athletics	47%	36%	50%
Senior Woman Administrator	27%	24%	27%
Senior Compliance Officer	21%	15%	22%
Faculty Athletics Representative	58%	71%	52%
Conference Staff	63%	--	--
Head Coach	28%	22%	30%
Other	28%	26%	30%



**Support providing and counting aid to postgraduate student-athletes for the duration of their graduate degree program?**

(Percent head coaches endorsing "Supportive" and "Very Supportive")

Men's Sports	%	A5 %
Basketball	57%	43%
Ice Hockey	44%	20%
Wrestling	29%	33%
Lacrosse	27%	75%
Football-FCS	26%	--
Soccer	25%	10%
Football-FBS	24%	24%
Golf	23%	38%
Baseball	20%	20%
Tennis	17%	9%
Volleyball	0%	--
Gymnastics	0%	0%

Women's Sports	%	A5 %
Beach Volleyball	33%	20%
Field Hockey	33%	0%
Basketball	32%	38%
Soccer	29%	25%
Water Polo	29%	--
Volleyball	25%	21%
Lacrosse	23%	40%
Tennis	22%	29%
Softball	17%	9%
Gymnastics	12%	20%
Rowing	10%	7%
Ice Hockey	10%	--
Golf	7%	0%

Co-Ed Teams	%	A5 %
Cross Country	26%	0%
Track & Field	19%	10%
Skiing	17%	--
Swimming & Diving	16%	12%
Fencing	0%	--
Rifle	0%	--

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## To which postgraduates should this apply?

(Results restricted to those who support Concept No. 2)

	Graduate Transfers	Graduates Remaining	Continuing Undergrads
Director of Athletics	84%	29%	16%
Senior Woman Administrator	83%	34%	20%
Senior Compliance Officer	95%	19%	17%
Faculty Athletics Representative	87%	67%	26%
Conference Staff	93%	17%	17%
Head Coach	77%	42%	23%
Other	80%	41%	23%



## To which postgraduates should this apply?

(Results restricted to head coaches in selected sports who support Concept No. 2)

	Graduate Transfers	Graduates Remaining	Continuing Undergrads
Baseball	63%	47%	5%
Men's Basketball	85%	22%	17%
Women's Basketball	77%	47%	16%
Men's Soccer	63%	63%	38%
Women's Soccer	81%	65%	32%
Softball	70%	45%	35%
Track & Field	70%	30%	20%
Women's Volleyball	82%	57%	32%

Note: Limited to sports where 15 or more head coaches supported Concept No. 2.



## Summary of Comments

- ▶ Supportive of offering aid post-eligibility, but unsupportive of having aid be counted toward scholarship limits.
  - ▶ *I would be in favor of providing aid for the duration of the graduate program, however I am not in favor of having the aid count towards team limits.* – Associate AD
- ▶ Concern about the affordability of this concept.
  - ▶ *My institution cannot afford to have a scholarship student-athlete on the roster and not be eligible to play.* – Director of Athletics
- ▶ Aid post-eligibility should be permissible, but not mandatory.
  - ▶ *I support allowing institutions to provide money if available to Graduate Students, but not mandatory amounts equal to their final year award. It should be at the discretion of the coach and the school.* – WSO Head Coach
- ▶ May lead to unwanted academic consequences—enrolling in one-year graduate programs or requiring undergraduate course work (e.g., second major/minor only)
  - ▶ *If current SAs are included, coaches will want to slow down the graduation process, which could have an adverse effect on particular SAs graduating ever.* – Academic Athletics Advisor
  - ▶ *This favors institutions with several one-year master's programs.* – Director of Athletics



## Uniform One-Time Transfer Rule



## Summary of Concept No. 4 Feedback

- ▶ Uniform, academically-based transfer rule.
  - ▶ While a majority of athletics administrators support this model, a majority of coaches in select sports do not. This includes all sports currently prohibited from the one-time transfer exception as well as Women's Ice Hockey, Rifle, and Track & Field.
- ▶ Applying one-time transfer exception in the case of graduate transfer.
  - ▶ A slight majority of athletics administrators and head coaches indicated that the one-time transfer exception should apply to the *entirety* of one's eligibility.



### How supportive would be of a uniform transfer rule based on academic progress rather than sport? (Percent endorsing "Supportive" and "Very Supportive")

	All	A5	Non-A5
Director of Athletics	56%	54%	57%
Senior Woman Administrator	68%	50%	74%
Senior Compliance Officer	75%	66%	77%
Faculty Athletics Representative	80%	71%	85%
Conference Staff	70%	--	--
Other	55%	61%	50%
Head Coach	47%	46%	47%



**How supportive would be of a uniform transfer rule based on academic progress rather than sport?**  
(Percent head coaches endorsing "Supportive" and "Very Supportive")

Men's Sports	%	A5 %
Wrestling	81%	67%
Lacrosse	73%	50%
Gymnastics	57%	50%
Golf	57%	50%
Tennis	55%	45%
Volleyball	50%	--
Soccer	47%	56%
Baseball	42%	29%
Ice Hockey	31%	25%
Football-FBS	31%	29%
Basketball	24%	26%
Football-FCS	24%	--

Women's Sports	%	A5
Beach Volleyball	89%	80%
Water Polo	86%	--
Field Hockey	65%	60%
Lacrosse	64%	80%
Gymnastics	64%	67%
Golf	62%	71%
Volleyball	56%	56%
Soccer	56%	56%
Tennis	55%	38%
Rowing	52%	43%
Softball	46%	52%
Ice Hockey	40%	--
Basketball	36%	19%

Co-Ed Teams	%	A5 %
Fencing	67%	--
Swimming & Diving	64%	69%
Cross Country	62%	75%
Skiing	60%	--
Track & Field	48%	39%
Rifle	25%	--

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**How should the one-time transfer exception be applied in the case of graduate transfer?**

(Percent endorsing "One-time exception for the entirety of eligibility")

	All	A5	Non-A5
Director of Athletics	52%	48%	52%
Senior Woman Administrator	53%	59%	51%
Senior Compliance Officer	51%	48%	51%
Faculty Athletics Representative	46%	46%	46%
Conference Staff	45%	--	--
Head Coach	55%	53%	56%
Other	50%	52%	48%



**How should the one-time transfer exception be applied in the case of graduate transfer?**  
(Percent head coaches endorsing "One-time exception for the entirety of eligibility")

Men's Sports	%	A5 %
Volleyball	100%	--
Football-FCS	76%	--
Golf	69%	53%
Ice Hockey	63%	50%
Basketball	62%	61%
Football-FBS	58%	59%
Lacrosse	57%	50%
Baseball	52%	59%
Tennis	50%	45%
Wrestling	47%	50%
Gymnastics	43%	33%
Soccer	42%	20%

Women's Sports	%	A5
Ice Hockey	90%	--
Field Hockey	69%	60%
Softball	68%	64%
Basketball	67%	62%
Tennis	62%	85%
Golf	61%	53%
Lacrosse	52%	60%
Rowing	50%	50%
Soccer	49%	42%
Volleyball	46%	47%
Gymnastics	40%	40%
Water Polo	14%	--
Beach Volleyball	13%	25%

Co-Ed Teams	%	A5 %
Skiing	50%	--
Rifle	50%	--
Swimming & Diving	49%	53%
Track & Field	36%	38%
Fencing	33%	--
Cross Country	27%	50%

**Note: Sports with less than 10% of Division I head coaches responding or N<4 are not included in analyses due to low response rate.**



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