Notification of Transfer: What Division I Student-Athletes Should Know

The transfer process previously known as “permission to contact” has been changed to “notification of transfer.” Student-athletes should be aware of the process and implications. Read below for more information. (New Process Effective Oct. 15, 2018.)

THE PROCESS:

Talk to your coach and/or administrator about your intention to transfer.

Once notification of transfer is communicated, compliance will place your name in the transfer portal within two business days.

After your name enters the transfer portal, you will receive an email notification, verifying a coach’s ability to contact you.

Select the school you will attend next. You will have the opportunity to receive financial aid.

Benefits of Notification of Transfer

✓ Gives student-athletes more control over the decision to transfer.
✓ Prohibits current school from blocking a student-athlete from getting athletics aid at the receiving school.
✓ Creates a transfer portal to identify student-athletes who have notified their school of transfer, streamlining the process.
✓ Strengthens ethical recruiting with guardrails around tampering (now a Level II violation), by helping coaches and student-athletes manage instances when they are contacted about potential transfer.
✓ Prompts conferences to review their own transfer rules.

RESOURCE LINKS

• Notification of Transfer
• Autonomy Proposal – Financial Aid

IMPLICATIONS:

• Once notification of transfer is signed, your current school has the right to reduce or cancel your financial aid at the end of the academic term. (Read more about the financial aid proposal on ncaa.org.)
• After notification, your original school is not obligated to take you back as a student-athlete.
• Failure to follow the listed steps may result in NCAA violations.

YOU decide your future but CONSIDER all options carefully before making any decisions.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Who can enter my name into the portal?
A: Your school’s compliance officer, or other authorized athletics administrators.

Q: Who do I need to talk to when wanting to transfer with the new legislation?
A: A student-athlete always should be communicating with their coach and compliance officer about transferring to another institution.

Q: When can communication start with prospective coaches?
A: Communication with coaches at other schools can begin after the student-athlete notifies the current school of the intent to transfer and the student-athlete’s name has been entered into the transfer portal.

Q: What actions can I take before providing my notification to transfer?
A: Communication with the new school’s office of admissions is permissible. You also can contact other student-athletes at the school you are looking to transfer to, provided communication is not at the direction of the coach from that school.

Q: When I notify my current school that I want to transfer, what can happen to my financial aid?
A: After notifying your current school of your intent to transfer, your current school can reduce or cancel your athletically related financial aid for the next academic term and subsequent terms. (Read more information here.)

Q: Am I able to receive financial aid at my next school immediately?
A: Yes! With the notification of transfer model comes the opportunity to receive financial aid immediately at your new school, provided you depart your current school academically eligible.

Q: What information will be on the portal?
A: The student-athlete’s NCAA ID number, school, sport and email address will be the only information listed on this portal. After the compliance office submits the notification of transfer, the student-athlete’s academic and athletics history will be entered to determine their NCAA eligibility.

Q: Are there any consequences if I give a notification of transfer and then don’t transfer?
A: NCAA rules do not apply any consequences if a student notifies a school of an impending transfer and then does not transfer. Although, once you have communicated your intention to transfer to your coach and compliance officer, your coach does not have to invite you back on the team and your financial aid or scholarship also may be discontinued for the following term.