

# Transfer

## **Transfer 101**

Basic information you need  
to know about transferring  
to an NCAA college

For Divisions I/II/III

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- Support opportunities for participating in athletics



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# 1

## So, you're thinking about transferring

### Relieve your anxiety:

#### Read this guide to learn what you need to know

If you're thinking about transferring to a different school to play a sport, you just might be confused and full of questions like ...

- ▼ Do I have to tell my current school that I want to transfer?
- ▼ When can I play after I transfer?
- ▼ Do the transfer rules apply to me?
- ▼ What do I need to do at my two-year college to make sure that I'm eligible to play?
- ▼ What do I do if I have more questions?
- ▼ Where do I start?

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, (also called the NCAA) understands that the decision to transfer to another school is an important and often difficult one in your college career. But you need to make the move to transfer only after you know all the consequences. We don't want you to negatively affect your education or your chances to play college sports.

We'd like to help you make your transition to your next school a smooth one so that you can continue your education and, at the same time, continue in your sport. But you have a responsibility in this process as well. You need to learn as much as you can to protect your own future. While NCAA schools have a responsibility and interest in giving you accurate advice about transfer and eligibility rules, you must understand exactly how the

rules apply to YOU. Based on the facts, every situation is different.

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**Before you act, do your homework. Make sure you understand how transferring will affect YOU.**

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We've written this guide to try to help you answer as many questions as we can. We'll also tell you about other places to go for more information if you need it. Since we believe that both the academic and athletics aspects of your life are valuable, we're committed to supporting you as you make this critical decision about changing schools.

In this guide, we directly address students who are interested in transferring to an NCAA school. However, parents, guardians, coaches and other school staff may find this guide helpful as well in learning the basic rules about transferring to NCAA schools.

### Focus on both school and sports

The NCAA wants your college experience to be exciting, rewarding and successful. The most important result is that you have the opportunity to receive a quality education and take your place among the student-athletes who have attended college, played sports, received their degrees and gone on to make important contributions to society.

To be a true student-athlete, you'll need a basic academic foundation before you are eligible to play sports. That's why NCAA rules and regulations cover both academics and sports. And that's why you'll need to be a successful student before you can play at an NCAA school.

Be sure to carefully review the requirements for both academics and sports before you make a move to change schools. Transferring schools could put you further away from earning your degree.

## You may need more information

This guide introduces you to the key issues involved in transferring. But before you transfer to another school to play your sport, you may need more information than we include here. In this guide, we'll mention a few resources to get you on the right path. Key people can help you successfully work through the process, so you should seek their advice and ask them all your questions. We'll point you toward several people to contact and some helpful Web sites to browse. You should take advantage of all the information that is available to you.

In addition to NCAA rules, you need to know that conference and individual college rules apply to you as well. You should consider all the rules before you decide whether transferring is right for you. Don't jeopardize your future; don't rely on this guide alone.



### Where to get help

- **Visit the NCAA Web site at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org).** You'll find publications to download and key topics to read.
- **Talk to people at your current school.** Staff in the athletics compliance office or athletics department can explain the rules to you.
- **Talk to the school you want to attend.** To find out what the school's requirements are, talk to someone in the school's athletics compliance office or athletics department. Note, however, that you will probably need written permission before talking to someone. See *Know when you need to get permission to talk to another school* on Page 11.
- **Call the conference of your new school.** For a list of NCAA conferences, see *Where to go for more information* on Page 31. Also go to <http://www.ncaa.org/conferences>.
- **Contact the NCAA.**

To speak to someone, call us Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. Eastern time at 317/917-6222.

## About the NCAA

The NCAA — made up of more than 1,290 schools, conferences, organizations and people — is the organization through which many colleges and universities govern their athletics programs. It is committed to fairly administering college athletics and protecting the best interests of more than 380,000 student-athletes.

The 1,027 active member schools are divided into three major divisions: Divisions I, II and III. Schools choose which division they will join. One key difference is that Divisions I and II may offer athletics scholarships; Division III does not award athletics scholarships, but does offer financial aid based on academics or need.





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## Before you do anything, figure out where you're headed

### First, decide which school is right for you

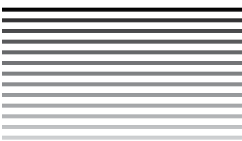


#### The bottom line

- Decide which school you want to attend.
- Find out about the school's division
- Learn the specific NCAA and conference rules that apply to the new school.
- Learn the new school's rules or policies.

We understand that your first question is probably, "When can I play after I transfer?" We know that your goal is to be able to play your sport at a new school as soon as possible. But before you can answer that question, you need to do some homework to find out which rules you must follow.

The first step in the transfer process is to decide if you want to transfer at all and which school you want to attend. Either narrow your choices down to a few schools or decide exactly where you want to go.



Throughout this initial process, keep in mind that academics are just as important as athletics. The new school should help you satisfy both your academic goals and your athletics ones. In short, your academic success and pursuing your degree should be most important in your mind.

When you begin to think about going to a new school, understand that the rules are different depending on whether you want to transfer to a Division I, II or III school.

For instance, schools in Division I or II may offer athletes financial aid to cover costs of tuition, fees, room and board, or books. Division III schools do not award athletics scholarships, but they do offer financial aid based on academics or need.

The rules also depend on whether you are currently in a two-year or a four-year school. For instance, if you are in a two-year school

(some people call that a community college or a junior college) and want to transfer to a Division I or II school, you may need to graduate first from your two-year school before you will be able to play your sport at the new school. If you transfer before you graduate, you will have to wait a year before you can play.

That's why it's important to learn more about how the rules apply to your particular situation before you do anything.

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**Learn the transfer and eligibility rules — for the NCAA, the conference and the new school you plan to join.**

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### Then, learn about the division and conference of the new school

Once you've selected your new school, look up the eligibility rules for the conference of the school.

In some cases, conference rules can be more strict than NCAA rules, so you need to have a clear picture before you make a move. For instance, conferences may differ on how long you must attend the new school before you can play. So, it's important to know all the rules that apply to the new school you want to attend.

See *Where to go* for more information on Page 31 for a list of conferences and phone numbers or go to [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org).

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**Remember, you still must apply to be admitted to the school you want to attend.**

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A word of caution...

Meeting the NCAA transfer rules DOES NOT guarantee that you will be admitted to the school you are thinking about attending. To be able to play at the new school, you must remember to apply for admission. You will have to be accepted according to the school's admissions and academic requirements before you can play your sport.



## Where to start

- **Go to <http://www.ncaa.org/> sponsorships** for information about the school you want to attend. You'll find a complete list of NCAA schools, sorted by division, sport, conference and region. You'll also find a database to help you find the names, addresses and phone numbers for athletics contacts at each school.
  - **Talk to the school you're interested in attending** so that you're sure you understand all that you have to do to be accepted both academically and athletically. Talk to the staff in the admissions office. Ask for the athletics department or athletics compliance office, as well. **But before you call, understand that you will probably need to get written permission from your current school before you have a conversation with the new school.** See *Know when you need to get permission to talk to another school* on Page 11.
  - **If you're still confused, contact the NCAA national office or the appropriate conference office** for more information about your specific case.
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# 3

## Find out if the transfer rules apply to you

### Figure out if you're a transfer



#### The bottom line

- Figure out if you're a transfer.
- Get your high school academic records.
- Find out your Eligibility Center status or whether you need to register with the Eligibility Center.
- Get written permission, if you need it.

The first question you want to ask is, "Am I a transfer?" It seems fairly simple, but you need to answer this basic question before you can move forward.

So, how do you figure out if you're considered a transfer? First, we would ask several questions about the most common conditions involved in transferring from one school to another. We call these conditions **transfer triggers**. The triggers are important because they tell you if you'll need to know the transfer rules.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Have you ever been enrolled full time at a two- or four-year school in a regular academic term? (Summer does not count.)
- Have you ever reported for practice with the regular squad?
- Have you ever practiced or played while you were enrolled part time?

If you answered Yes to any of these questions, you are a transfer. That means you now need to learn the transfer rules if you still want to play your sport at your new NCAA school.

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#### Let's look at a case study

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Brady was recruited to play basketball at Wisteria Lane College, an NCAA school. He

enrolled in classes as a full-time student and attended class on the first day of the semester.

On the fourth day of class, Brady went to the registrar's office and dropped from 12 credit hours to nine, making him a part-time student for the rest of the semester.

At the end of the semester, Brady decided that he wanted to go to Marcus U, another NCAA school.

Is Brady a transfer student?

Yes.

The transfer rules applied to Brady the minute he became a full-time student and went to class on the first day of the semester. He must get written permission from Wisteria's athletics director before he can speak to the coach at Marcus U.

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### Get your high school academic records

Once you have identified which school you want to attend, you need to look at your high school academic records. Since NCAA schools agree that all athletes must meet minimum academic standards before they can play, make sure that you have met the requirements.

Here's why: If you're thinking about transferring to a Division I or II school, you must first figure

out if you would have qualified to play had you chosen to go there as a freshman after you graduated from high school. We call that being a **qualifier**.

The core courses you took in high school, the grades and number of credits you earned, and your scores on standardized tests all combine to help determine whether you are a qualifier.

## Figure out if you're a qualifier, partial qualifier or nonqualifier

You need to know whether you are a qualifier, partial qualifier or nonqualifier. Why is this important?

In part, your qualifier/Eligibility Center status determines which transfer rules apply to you and how many seasons you may have remaining to play at your new school.

Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine your qualifier/eligibility center status:

- Go to [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net), or
- Call **877/262-1492**.

### Should you register with the eligibility center?

The Eligibility Center is responsible for evaluating academic records of high school athletes who want to play at Division I or II schools as freshmen.

Division III athletes do not need to go through the Eligibility Center.

Note that if you never registered with the Eligibility Center, you will be classified as a nonqualifier. Schools cannot assume that you would have been either a qualifier or a partial qualifier unless they have a final certification report from the Eligibility Center.

## Where to go for help

If you want to go to someone for help in figuring out if you're a qualifier:

- Contact your high school guidance office. Your high school will have all the records you need about your grades, test scores, which courses you took and how many credits you earned.
- Check with the Eligibility Center. Representatives there can help you evaluate your academic record to determine if you are a qualifier.

— Call **877/262-1492** or

— Visit the Eligibility Center Web site at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).

## Eligibility Center

### NCAA Eligibility Center:

P.O. Box 7110  
Indianapolis, IN 46207

### Package or overnight delivery:

1802 Alonzo Watford Sr. Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

### Web address:

[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

### Eligibility Center customer service

Representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

U.S. callers (toll free): 877/262-1492

International callers: 317/223-0700

Fax: 317/968-5100

**In part, your qualifier/Eligibility Center status determines which transfer rules apply to you and how many seasons you may play.**

## Amateurism eligibility requirements

In response to the NCAA membership's concern about amateurism issues related to both international and domestic students, the Eligibility Center will determine the amateurism eligibility of all freshman and transfer prospective student-athletes for initial participation at an NCAA Division I or II member institution. In Division III, certification of an individual's amateurism status is completed by each institution, not the Eligibility Center.

If you plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II institution, you must have both your academic and amateurism status certified by the Eligibility Center before representing the institution in competition.

The information you provide about your athletics participation will be reviewed and a determination will be made as to whether your amateurism status should be certified or

if a penalty should be assessed. If a penalty is assessed, you will have an opportunity to appeal the decision. The following precollegiate enrollment activities will be reviewed:

1. Contracts with a professional team.
2. Salary for participating in athletics.
3. Prize money.
4. Play with professionals.
5. Tryouts, practice or competition with a professional team.
6. Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
7. Agreement to be represented by an agent.
8. Delayed initial full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized sports competition.

Additional information regarding NCAA amateurism rules is available on the NCAA Web site ([www.NCAA.org](http://www.NCAA.org)).

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## Know when you need to get permission to talk to another school

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Generally, if you're now going full-time to an NCAA or National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) four-year school and you want to transfer to a different NCAA school to play, your current school's athletics director must give written permission to the new coach or member of the athletics staff before you or your parents can talk with one of them. That's called having a **permission-to-contact letter**.

You may write to any NCAA school saying that you're interested in transferring, but the new coach must not discuss transfer opportunities with you unless he or she has received written permission from your current school.

If your current school does not give you permission, another school cannot contact you and encourage you to transfer. This does not preclude you from transferring; however, if the new school is in Division I or II, you cannot receive an athletics scholarship until you have attended the new school for one year.

Also, if your current school officials do not give you permission to transfer, they must tell you in writing that you have a right to appeal your case. In that instance, a panel of people from your current school who are not involved in athletics will meet to decide the issue.

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## Don't talk to another school's coach until you know the rules about receiving written permission.

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### You don't need a letter if ...

In Divisions I and II, if you're transferring from a school that is not a member of the NCAA or NAIA, you don't need written permission-to-contact.

Also, if you are now in Division III, you may issue your own release (called a self-release) to allow another Division III school to contact you about transferring.

The self-release applies only to transfers from a Division III school to another Division III school. For a sample self-release, go to our Web site at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org).

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### Another case study

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Rachel attended U2 College in Division I as a freshman and practiced with the swim team. Before swimming in a meet, she was cut from the team.

After spending a summer at the beach, Rachel decided she wanted to transfer to a Division II school and join the swim team.

Does Rachel need to ask U2 for permission to contact other schools?

Yes.

Because Rachel practiced with the swim team at U2, she was considered a member of the team and a student-athlete, even though she never participated in a meet.

She needs written permission from U2 before she can talk to another school.

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## Take a closer look at the rules

### Understand the basic transfer rule

If you transfer from a two-year school and do not meet the transfer requirements, or you transfer from a four-year school, whether you are an international or domestic student, this basic transfer rule applies to you:

**You must spend one academic year in residence at your new school before you are eligible to play.**

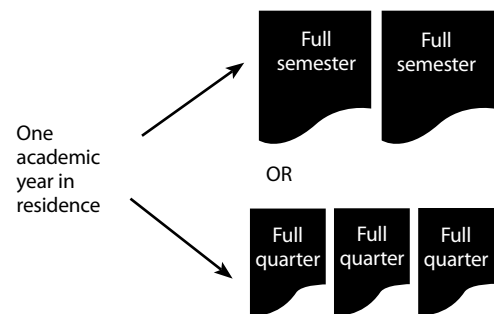
#### Learn the language

Many people have the wrong idea about what the transfer rules really mean. That's why we suggest that you take a few minutes to become familiar with the key definitions that apply to transfers. We define several of the most commonly used words here. For a more extensive list, see *Important definitions you might need to know* on Page 27.

**One academic year in residence** = How long you must spend at your new school before you can play. Sometimes people call the year in residence "sitting out."

For your academic year in residence to count toward your eligibility to play, you must sit out only at the school where you intend to play and you must be a full-time student. You cannot meet this requirement by going part time or by not being in school at all.

For a semester or quarter to count toward your one academic year in residence, you must be enrolled full time (which is generally at least 12-credit hours) and you must be enrolled before the 12th day of class.



**Full-time enrollment** = Each school determines the meaning of full-time status on its own.

Typically, you are a full-time student if you are enrolled for at least 12-credit hours a term. However, some schools define a full-time student as someone who takes fewer than 12-credit hours a term.

**Transferable credit hours** = Credit hours from your first school that your new school will accept toward your degree. Each school determines how many and which credit hours are acceptable for transferring.

**Progress toward degree** = Whether you are moving toward earning your college degree at a reasonable pace. Each school determines how many credits you should take within a given time period to be considered meeting progress toward a degree. The school applies the same definition to all its students.

The NCAA also determines what progress toward degree means. To be able to play, you must meet NCAA, conference and school rules that govern whether you are

#### The bottom line

- Understand the basic transfer rule.
- Look up the rules that apply to your situation.
- Find out if any exceptions apply to you.

appropriately making progress toward earning your degree.

**Five-year clock** = The first time you enroll anywhere as a full-time student, you start your five-year clock of eligibility. If you play in Division I, you have five-calendar years to play four seasons of competition — even if you are not enrolled, even if you go part time within that time frame.

**10-semester/15-quarter clock** = The first time you enroll anywhere as a full-time student, you start your 10-semester/15-quarter clock of eligibility. If you play at a Division II or III school, you have the first 10 semesters or 15 quarters in which to complete all your seasons of competition. Unlike Division I, in Division II or III, you are not charged during a term that you are not enrolled in school or go part time.

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### Here's how the rules apply in one case

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Kyle transferred to CBB College before the beginning of the school year and is sitting out a year. He completed 12-credit hours in the fall term and 12 in the spring term. At CBB, students who take 12-credit hours are considered full-time students.

Did Kyle complete his academic year in residence?

Yes.

Since Kyle completed two full-time semesters (12 + 12), he satisfied the full-time requirement for the year.

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### Here's a different look at the issue

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Megan transferred to Gatsby College and is sitting out a year. At Gatsby, students with 12-credit hours are considered full-time students.

Megan completed 12 hours in the fall term at Gatsby. In the spring, she enrolled for nine hours and was considered a part-time student.

Did Megan complete her academic year in residence?

No.

Megan did not complete two full-time terms. She must still complete a

second semester as a full-time student before she has fulfilled her academic year in residence.

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## When can you play?

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Several key factors determine when you will be eligible to play. According to the NCAA, the specific rules that apply to you depend on:

- If you are a qualifier, partial qualifier or nonqualifier;
- If you are now in a two-year or a four-year school;
- Whether you want to go to a Division I, II or III school;
- Which sport you play (for instance, if you play baseball, basketball, football and ice hockey additional rules may apply); and
- Whether you meet academic rules for eligibility.

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**If you want to transfer and play at a different school, remember that NCAA, conference and school rules all apply to you.**

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On the next few pages, you'll find several charts to help you figure out which transfer rules apply to you.

But remember that these are the NCAA rules only; other rules from the conference and the particular school you want to attend may affect your ability to play as well.

We've divided the information first by the type of school that you now attend (whether you now go to a two-year or four-year school). Then we show you which rules generally apply according to your qualifier/Eligibility Center status. Other situations may exist, but the charts show you the most common rules.

- **If you are now in a two-year school**, go to Page 15.
- **If you are now in a four-year school**, go to Page 20.
- **If you have been at a four-year school and now attend a two-year school**, go to Page 23.

## If you are now in a two-year school and have never previously attended a four-year institution/school...

If you are now in a two-year school, never previously attended a four-year school, and want to transfer to a four-year school, we sometimes refer to you as a **2-4** transfer. Here are the rules that generally apply to you. If you have previously attended a four-year school prior to enrolling in the two-year school, go to the 4-2-4 rules on page 22. **Note: If you are an international student and attend a school outside of the United States, go to the rules for athletes who are now in a four-year school on Page 19, even if you are in a two-year school.**

### 2-4 and you want to go to Division I

#### If you are a qualifier...

##### At the two-year school, did you:

- Complete at least one term (that means one semester or one quarter) as a full-time student? Summer school does not count.
- Earn an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter credit hours for each term you started full time at the two-year school? These credit hours must be transferable toward your degree at the four-year school.
- Earn a GPA of 2.000 in those transferable credit hours?

##### If Yes to all

You can practice  
 You can receive athletically related financial aid  
 You can play right away during the first year after you transfer\*

##### If No to at least one

You can practice  
 You can receive athletically related financial aid  
 You cannot play until you complete one full academic year of residence\*  
 (See the exceptions on page 18.)

\* Additional progress-toward-degree rules from the NCAA, the conference or the school may affect whether you can play.

#### If you are a nonqualifier ...

##### At the two-year school, did you:

- Complete at least three semesters or four quarters as a full-time student? Summer school does not count.
- Graduate from a two-year school? You must earn 25 percent of the credit hours at the two-year school that awards your degree.
- Earn 48-semester or 72-quarter credit hours at the two-year school? These credit hours must be transferable toward your degree at the four-year school.\*\*
- Earn a GPA of 2.000 in those transferable credit hours?

##### If Yes to all

You can practice  
 You can receive athletically related financial aid  
 You can play right away during the first year after you transfer\*

##### If No to at least one

You cannot practice  
 You cannot receive athletically related financial aid from your school  
 You cannot play until you complete one full academic year of residence\*

\* Additional progress-toward-degree rules from the NCAA, the conference or the school may affect whether you can play.

\*\*NOTE: If you transfer from the two-year school to the four-year school after August 1, 2009, the transferrable credits MUST include six-semester or eight-quarter hours of English AND three-semester or four-quarter hours of math.

**2-4 and you want to go to Division II**  
**If you are a qualifier...**

**At the two-year school, did you:**

- Spend one full-time semester or quarter at the two-year school?
- Earn a GPA of 2.000 in those transferable credit hours?
- Complete an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter credit hours for each full-time term at the two-year school? These credits must be transferable toward your degree at the four-year school.

If Yes to all:	If No to at least one:
You can practice You can receive athletically related financial aid You can play right away during the first year after you transfer*	You can practice You can receive athletically related financial aid from your school You cannot play until you complete one full academic year of residence* (See the exceptions on page 18.)

Additional progress-toward-degree rules from the NCAA, the conference or the school may affect whether you can play.

**If you are a partial qualifier...**

**At the two-year school, did you:**

1. Complete at least two full semesters or three full quarters? (Summer school does not count.)  
**AND**
- 2a. Graduate from the two-year school? You must earn 25 percent of the credit hours at the two-year school that awards your degree.  
**OR**
- 2b. Complete an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter credit hours for each term of full-time attendance at the two-year school that can be transferred to your degree at the four-year school **AND** earn a GPA of 2.000 in those transferable credit hour.

If Yes to 1 and 2a or 2b:	If No to 1 or 2:
You can practice You can receive athletically related financial aid You can play right away during the first year after you transfer*	You can practice You can receive athletically related financial aid You cannot play until you complete one full academic year of residence* (See the exceptions on page 18.)

\* Additional progress-toward-degree rules from the NCAA, the conference or the school may affect whether you can play.

**If you are a nonqualifier...**

**At the two-year school, did you:**

1. Complete at least two full semesters or three full quarters? (Summer school does not count.)  
**AND**
- 2a. Graduate from the two-year school? You must earn 25 percent of the credit hours at the two-year school that awards your degree.  
**OR**
- 2b. Complete an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter credit hours for each term of full-time attendance at the two-year school that can be transferred to your degree at the four-year school **AND** earn a GPA of 2.000 in those transferable credit hours.

If Yes to 1 and 2a or 2b:	If No to 1 or 2:
You can practice You can receive athletically related financial aid You can play right away during the first year after you transfer*	You cannot practice You cannot receive athletically related financial aid from your school You cannot play until you complete one full academic year of residence* (See the exceptions on page 18.)

\* Additional progress-toward-degree rules from the NCAA, the conference or the school may affect whether you can play.

## 2-4 and you want to go to Division III

At any college, did you:

- Practice or play in intercollegiate sports?

### If Yes:

You can practice and play provided that you would have been considered academically and athletically eligible if you had stayed at your two-year school.

### If No:

You can practice

You can play right away after you transfer\*

\* Additional progress-toward-degree rules from the NCAA, the conference or the school may affect whether you can play.

**If you answered No to any of the questions in the previous charts, do not give up yet. See Rules have exceptions on page 19.**

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### Case study

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Michele was a qualifier who runs cross country. She attended Bono Community College for two full semesters during the 2007-08 academic year and continued there for the fall term of 2008. (She attended for three full terms.)

In total, she completed 24 credit hours that will transfer toward her degree. Her GPA was 2.345.

Can Michele run in Division I, II or III?

Whether Michele can run depends on which school she attends. She cannot play at Division I or II because she needed an average of 12 credit hours for each term that she attended. Since she attended Bono for three terms, she needed 36 credit hours that would transfer toward her degree to be eligible ( $12 \times 3 = 36$ ). She has only 24.

Since Michele is a qualifier, if she transfers to a Division I or II school, she can practice and receive aid, but she cannot run until she sits out a year.

But, if Michele transfers to Division III, she can run right away if Bono (the two-year school) certifies that she would have been both athletically and academically eligible had she stayed there.

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### Take a look at another case study...

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Joaquin, a qualifier, plays basketball and attended Marcus Community College for two years. As a full-time student, he earned his AA degree. (He attended four full terms.) He wants to transfer to a four-year school. His GPA is 1.95 and he has 29 credits that can be transferred toward his degree.

Is Joaquin immediately eligible to play in Division I, II or III?

As with the previous case, Joaquin's eligibility depends on which school he attends. He cannot play basketball right away in Division I because he needed to average 12 hours of credit that can be transferred for each term (Since he went four terms, he needed 48 transferable credit hours;  $12 \times 4 = 48$ ).

He also needed a GPA of 2.000. He had neither.

But he can play in Division II because he earned his AA degree and spent four semesters at MCC (The rule is at least one semester since he is a qualifier).

If Joaquin wants to transfer to a Division III school, MCC (the two-year school) must certify that he would otherwise have been both academically and athletically eligible had he stayed there.

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### A third look at the issue...

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Jack is a nonqualifier. He attended KB Community College in 2007-08 and 2008-09. He earned his AA degree after the fall 2008-09 term. (He went to KB for three full semesters.) He has 45 credit hours that can be transferred toward his degree.

Jack's GPA is 2.280. He practiced with KB's baseball team, but did not play in a game.

Will he be able to play in spring 2009 for Division I, II or III?

As with the other two cases, whether Jack can play right away depends on which four-year school he attends.

Jack is not eligible to play baseball in Division I in spring 2009. Even though he met the transfer requirements because he earned his AA degree, had a GPA above 2.0, and fulfilled three semesters in residence, he cannot play in Division I because he has fewer than 48 credit hours that can be transferred.

However, Jack can play in Division II because he earned his AA degree and attended for at least two full-time semesters.

If Jack wants to transfer to a Division III school, KB (the two-year school) must certify that he would otherwise have been both academically and athletically eligible had he stayed there.

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## Rules have exceptions:

### Possible exceptions if you're in a two-year school

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There are exceptions to the rules that may allow you to play right away after you transfer, even if you do not meet the 2-4 transfer requirements. These exceptions are applied by the new school (sometimes called the **certifying school**).

The certifying school determines whether you are eligible. It has the authority to grant exceptions, based on the conditions that we explain here.

#### **If your sport is discontinued or is no longer sponsored at your two-year school ...**

If your school dropped your sport from its program or never sponsored it while you were a student, you may be able to use this exception to transfer to a Division I or II school to play.

You may only use this exception after the date that the school publicly announced that it would discontinue the sport. For example, if your school announces during the fall semester that it will discontinue baseball at the end of the academic year, you can use this exception only if you transfer after the announcement. You may not use it if you transfer before then.

To use this exception, you must:

- Be a qualifier; and
- Have a GPA of at least 2.000.

#### **If you have never been recruited ...**

If you have never been recruited by the Division II school you plan to attend, you may use this exception, if you:

- Are a qualifier;
- Have not received an athletics scholarship;
- Have not participated in any athletically related activities or meetings (except preseason tryouts); and

- Were eligible for admission at the Division II school before you enrolled at the two-year college.

#### **If you did not participate in your sport for two years with minimal participation and no athletically related activity beyond 14 days...**

If you did not practice or play for two years in your sport and you want to transfer to a Division II or III school to play right away, you may be able to use this exception. This exception applies if you:

- Are a qualifier (in Division II only); and
- Did not practice or play in intercollegiate sports for two years before you will practice or play for your new Division II or III school; or
- Did not practice or play in noncollegiate amateur competition while you were enrolled as a full-time student during the two-year period.

## If you are now in a four-year school ...

If you are now in a four-year school and want to transfer to another four-year school, we sometimes refer to you as a 4-4 transfer. Generally, these rules apply to you.

If you transfer from a four-year school to another four-year school, generally you are not eligible to play at another four-year school until you sit out a year.

But, do not give up yet. Read this section to see if an exception can apply to you to allow you to play right away.

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### Rules have exceptions:

#### Common exceptions if you're in a four-year school

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Exceptions are applied by the new school (sometimes called the certifying school). The certifying school determines whether you are eligible to play right away without sitting out a year.

The certifying school has the authority to grant exceptions, based on the conditions that we explain here:

- You can use an exception during your first year of collegiate enrollment only if you are a qualifier.  
[(Note: if you are a qualifier, have signed a National Letter of Intent, and transfer during the first year after you enrolled full time, you may have to sit out for a period of time at the certifying school, even if you meet an exception. (For more information about the National Letter of Intent program, go to Page 27.)]
- If you are a partial qualifier or a nonqualifier, you must spend at least one academic year in residence before you are allowed to use an exception.
- You cannot use an exception if you are sitting out a year of residence at your current school.

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**Only qualifiers are allowed to use exceptions during the first year after they enroll at the new school.**

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## Exceptions for Divisions I and II

### If this is your first transfer ...

If you have never transferred before from a four-year school, you might be able to use the one-time transfer exception to play right away at a Division I or II school.

To use this exception, you must:

1. Be playing a sport other than baseball in Division I, basketball in Division I, men's ice hockey in Division I or football in Division I. Note that in football you may be eligible to use this exception if:
  - a. You transfer from a Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) school to a football championship subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) school and have at least two seasons of competition remaining; or
  - b. You transfer from a football championship subdivision (formerly I-AA) school that offers athletics scholarships to a football championship subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) that does not offer athletics scholarships.

**Note:** If you do not qualify for this exception due to any of the conditions in Subsection 1 above, you may be able to use the exception if you were not recruited by your first four-year school and have never received an athletics scholarship.
2. Be in good academic standing and making progress toward your degree;
3. Have been considered eligible if you had stayed in your first school; and
4. Have a written release agreement from your first school saying that it does not object to your receiving an exception to the transfer residence requirement.

## **If your sport is discontinued or not sponsored at your four-year school ...**

If your school dropped your sport from its program or never sponsored it while you were a student, you may be able to use this exception to transfer to a Division I or II school.

You may only use this exception after the date that the school publicly announced that it would discontinue the sport. For example, if your school announces during the fall semester that it will discontinue baseball at the end of the academic year, you can use this exception only if you transfer after the announcement. You may not use it if you transfer before then.

## **If you have never been recruited ...**

If you have never been recruited by the Division I or II school you plan to attend, you may be able to use this exception if you:

- Have not received an athletics scholarship; and
- Have not practiced beyond a 14-consecutive day period at any school or played in intercollegiate competition before you transfer.

## **If you return to your first school without participating at the second school ...**

To go back to your first school in Division I or II, you may use this exception if you did not practice or play at the second school.

## **Other exceptions in Divisions I, II and III**

### **If you did not practice or play in your sport for two years ...**

If you did not participate in your sport for the two years immediately before you want to transfer, you may be able to use this exception.

You may use this exception if you:

- Did not practice beyond a consecutive 14-day period or play in intercollegiate sports for two years before you practice or play for the new school; or
- Did not practice or play in noncollegiate amateur competition while you were enrolled as a full-time student during the two-year period.

## **Exception for Division II only If you are a graduate student ...**

In Division II, if you are a graduate student-athlete enrolled in a graduate or professional school or are enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at an institution other than the institution from which you graduated, you may use this exception if you:

- have remaining seasons of competition; and
- such participation occurs within the applicable ten-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility.

## **Exception for Division III only If you are transferring to a Division III school ...**

If you transfer to Division III and you have never participated in your sport on the college level, you may be eligible to play right away after you transfer.

However, if you did participate at your first school, you may be immediately eligible only if you would have been both academically and athletically eligible had you stayed at your first school.

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### **Case study**

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Billy is a nonqualifier. He enrolled for one year at a four-year college and played football. His GPA was 1.987, which did not meet that school's requirement to be eligible for the next year. So, Billy transferred to Ceylon University, a Division II school.

Is Billy eligible to play right away?

No.

Billy is eligible to use the transfer exceptions since he completed an academic year, but he does not meet any of the exceptions. He cannot use the one-time transfer exception because he was not in good academic standing at the previous four-year school. Before he can play, Billy must spend one academic year in residence at Ceylon U.

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### Another case study

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Dauber is a freshman soccer player who enrolled at Bonzo College, a Division I school. He just finished the fall semester and played in only one game. Dauber's coach is unhappy with his ability, so Dauber wants to transfer to Richardo College, another Division I school.

Can Dauber use a transfer exception?

Yes.

Because Dauber is a qualifier, he can use an exception. Because this is the first time he has transferred, he may be able to use the one-time transfer exception.

If he is in good academic standing and Bonzo does not object, Dauber can use the one-time transfer exception.

## If you have been at a four-year school and now attend a two-year school ...

If you started at a four-year school, then transferred to a two-year school and now want to transfer to a four-year school, we refer to you as a **4-2-4** transfer. Generally, here are the rules that apply to you.

### 4-2-4 and you want to go to Division I

#### If you are a qualifier...

##### Did you:

- Complete an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter credit hours for each term of full-time attendance that can be transferred toward your degree at the four-year school?
- Earn a GPA of 2.000 in those transferable credit hours?
- Graduate from the two-year school AND have one-calendar year elapse after you left your previous four-year school?

##### If Yes to all:

You can practice

You can receive athletically related financial aid

You can play right away during the first year after you transfer\*

##### If No to any:

You can practice

You can receive athletically related financial aid

You cannot play until you complete one full academic year of residence\*

\* Additional progress-toward-degree rules from the NCAA, the conference or the school may affect whether you can play.

#### If you are a nonqualifier ...

##### Did you:

- Complete an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter credit hours for each term of full-time attendance that can be transferred toward your degree at the four-year school?
- Earn a GPA of 2.000 in those transferable credit hours?
- Graduate from the two-year school AND have one-calendar year elapse after you left your previous four-year school?

##### If Yes to all:

You can practice

You can receive athletically related financial aid

You can play right away during the first year after you transfer\*

##### If No to any:

You can practice if you have completed one academic year in all your colleges combined

You can receive athletically related financial aid from your school if you have completed one academic term at the two-year school

You cannot play until you complete one full academic year of residence\*

\* Additional progress-toward-degree rules from the NCAA, the conference or the school may affect whether you can play.

## 4-2-4 and you want to go to Division II

### If you were a qualifier or a partial qualifier...

#### At the two-year school, did you:

1. Complete at least two full semesters or three full quarters? (Summer school does not count.)

#### AND

- 2a. Graduate from the two-year school? You must earn 25 percent of the credit hours at the two-year school that awards your degree.

#### OR

- 2b. Complete an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter credit hours for each term of full-time attendance that can be transferred to your degree at the four-year school **AND** earn a GPA of 2.000 in those transferable credit hours.

#### If Yes to 1 and 2a or 2b:

You can practice

You can receive athletically related financial aid

You can play right away during the first year after you transfer\*

#### If No to 1 or 2:

You can practice

You can receive athletically related financial aid

You cannot play until you complete one full academic year of residence\*

\* Additional progress-toward-degree rules from the NCAA, the conference or the school may affect whether you can play.

### If you were a nonqualifier...

#### At the two-year school, did you:

1. Complete at least two full semesters or three full quarters? (Summer school does not count.)

#### AND

- 2a. Graduate from the two-year school? You must earn 25 percent of the credit hours at the two-year school that awards your degree.

#### OR

- 2b. Complete an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter credit hours for each term of full-time attendance that can be transferred to your degree at the four-year school **AND** earn a GPA of 2.000 in those transferable credit hours.

#### If Yes to 1 and 2a or 2b:

You can practice

You can receive athletically related financial aid

You can play right away during the first year after you transfer\*

#### If No to 1 or 2:

You cannot practice

You cannot receive athletically related financial aid

You cannot play until you complete one full academic year of residence\*

\* Additional progress-toward-degree rules from the NCAA, the conference or the school may affect whether you can play.

#### 4-2-4 and you want to go to Division III

- Would you have been both academically and athletically eligible if you remained at your previous four-year school?

OR

- Did you successfully complete 24-semester or 36-quarter credit hours at the two-year school that can be transferred toward your degree AND did you spend at least two semesters or three quarters at the two-year school?

If Yes:	If No:
You can practice	You can practice
You can receive financial aid	You can receive financial aid
You can play right away during the first year after you transfer*	You cannot play until you complete one full academic year of residence*

\* Additional progress-toward-degree rules from the NCAA, the conference or the school may affect whether you can play.

**If you answered No to any of the questions in the previous charts, do not give up yet. Read the section below to see if an exception can apply to you to allow you to play right away.**

Rules have exceptions:

**Possible exceptions if you are a 4-2-4 transfer**

There are exceptions to the rules that may allow you to play right away after you transfer, even if you do not meet the 4-2-4 transfer requirements. These exceptions are applied by the new school (sometimes called the certifying school). The certifying school determines whether you are eligible. It has the authority to grant exceptions, based on the conditions that we explain here.

**If you want to return to your original school ...**

If you want to go back to your original school in Division I, you may use this exception if you were not sitting out a year at the original school when you transferred to the two-year school.

If you want to go back to your original school in Division II, you may use this exception if you

are a qualifier and were not sitting out a year at the original school when you transferred to the two-year school.

**If your sport was never sponsored at your original four-year school ...**

If the first four-year school that you attended never sponsored your sport while you were a student, you may be able to use this exception to transfer to a Division I or II school (only if you have never attended another four-year school that offered your sport).

You may be able to use this exception if you:

- are a qualifier;
- completed an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours at the two-year school that can be transferred toward your degree;
- earned a minimum GPA of 2.000 at the two-year school; and

- spent two full semesters or three full quarters at the two-year school. (Summer school does not count.)

#### **If you are transferring to a Division II school ...**

If you transfer to Division II and you are a qualifier, you can use any exception that applies to 2-4 transfer students. For more information, go to Page 18.

#### **If you are transferring to a Division III school ...**

If you transfer to Division III and you have never participated in your sport on the college level, you can play right away.

#### **If you did not participate in your sport for two years ...**

If you did not practice or play in your sport for the two years immediately before you want to transfer to a Division III school, you may be able to use this exception.

You may use this exception if you:

- did not practice or play in intercollegiate sports for two years before you practice or play for the new school; and
- did not practice or play in noncollegiate amateur competition while you were

enrolled as a full-time student during the two-year period.

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#### **Case study**

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In 2006-07, Jeff enrolled at Oscar University, a Division I school. Jeff was a qualifier and was on the swim team.

He then transferred to Felix College, a two-year school, in 2007-08 and was on the swim team there as well. He did not receive an AA degree.

Now in 2008-09, Jeff wants to return to Oscar U.

Must Jeff serve an academic year in residence at Oscar?

No.

Even though he does not meet the requirements because he did not earn his AA degree from Felix, Jeff does not have to serve an academic year in residence at Oscar because he is returning to his original school.



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## Important definitions you might need to know

**Two-year college** — An institution where students can earn an Associate of Arts (AA) degree, an Associate of Science (AS) degree or an Associate of Applied Science degree within two years. Some people call these schools community colleges or junior colleges.

**Five-year clock** — If you play at a Division I school, you have five-calendar years in which to play four seasons of competition — even if you sit out a year, even if you go part time during your college career. Your five-year clock starts the minute you become a full-time student at any college.

**10-semester/15-quarter clock** — If you play at a Division II or III school, you have the first full-time 10 semesters or full-time 15 quarters in which to complete your four seasons of competition for participation. You use a semester or quarter any time you attend class as a full-time student. You do not lose a term if you go part time or are not enrolled for a term.

**Certifying school** — The new school that you want to attend determines whether you are eligible to play.

**Eligibility Center** — The Eligibility Center evaluates your high school academic record and amateurism history to determine if you are eligible to play as a freshman at a Division I or II college. The Eligibility Center is a separate legal entity that provides service to NCAA member institutions.

**Exception** — If you meet an exception, it means that a specific regulation will not apply to you (for example, the residence

requirement for a transfer student to become eligible for competition). The certifying school determines whether you are eligible and has the authority to grant exceptions.

**Financial aid** — or **scholarship** — any money you receive from a college or another source, such as outside loans or grants. Financial aid may be based on athletics, financial need or academic achievement.

**International students** — An international student is any student who is enrolled in a two-year or four-year school outside the United States.

**Full time** — Each school determines what full-time status means. Typically, you are a full-time student if you are enrolled for at least 12 credit hours a term, but some schools define a full-time student as someone who takes fewer than 12 credit hours a term.

**Membership or members of the NCAA** — The colleges, universities and athletics conferences that make up the NCAA. The members introduce and vote on rules. They establish programs to govern, promote and further the purposes and goals of intercollegiate athletics. The membership is divided into three main divisions — Divisions I, II and III — each with its own governing structure.

**National Letter of Intent** — The Eligibility Center administers the National Letter of Intent program, not the NCAA. NCAA schools that are part of the program send National Letters of Intent to prospective student-athletes they have recruited to participate in their intercollegiate sports.

The letters are legally-binding contracts. They explain what financial aid the school offers the student for one full academic year, only if the student is admitted to the school and is eligible for financial aid under the NCAA rules. If you sign a National Letter of Intent, you agree to attend that school for one year; other schools that are part of the National Letter of Intent program can no longer recruit you. For more information, go to <http://www.national-letter.org>.

**NCAA** — also **National Collegiate Athletic Association** — the national governing body for more than 1,290 colleges, universities, conferences, organizations and people.

**Nonqualifier** — A student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation, had not earned the GPA or number of core-curriculum courses or the SAT or ACT score required to qualify. If you are a nonqualifier, you cannot practice, play or receive financial aid from a Division I or II school for one academic year. You will have only three seasons of competition in Division I.

**One-time transfer exception** — You may be immediately able to play a sport at your new school if you:

- Do not transfer to a Division I school for baseball, men's or women's basketball, football or men's ice hockey;
- Have never transferred before from a four-year school;
- Are both academically and athletically eligible; and
- Receive a release agreement from the school from which you are transferring.

**Partial qualifier** — A freshman who has met some but not all of the academic requirements necessary to be a qualifier. If you are a partial qualifier, you can practice on campus and receive financial aid from a Division II school, but you cannot play for one academic year. Division I does not have partial qualifiers.

**Permission-to-contact letter** — or **written permission to contact** — If you are now full time in a four-year school, athletics staff members from an NCAA school cannot contact you or your parents unless

they first have a letter from your current athletics director (or athletics administrator designated by the athletics director). If your current school does not give you written permission, the new school cannot encourage you to transfer and — in Divisions I and II — cannot give you an athletics scholarship until you have attended the new school for one academic year. In Division I or II, if you are transferring from a school that is not a member of the NCAA or NAIA, you do not need the permission-to-contact letter.

**Play** — Competing against a team from another school or participating in a contest, game, match, meet, event against another school's team or player.

**Progress toward degree** — Whether you are moving toward earning your college degree at a reasonable pace. The definition applies to all students of the school and is governed by the school, the conference and NCAA legislation.

**Qualifier** — A student who, for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition, has:

- Graduated from high school;
- Successfully completed a required core curriculum consisting of a minimum number of courses in specified subjects;
- A specified minimum GPA in the core curriculum; and
- A specified minimum SAT or ACT score.

**Redshirt** — In Divisions I or II, redshirting refers to someone who is enrolled full time at a school but does not play for an entire academic year for the sole purpose of saving a season. A redshirt does not play in any college game or scrimmage in a given sport for an entire academic year, even though that student is eligible. If you do not play in a sport the entire academic year, you have not used a season of competition. However, if you play in even one second of a game as a college athlete, you are not a redshirt. Redshirting does not exist in Division III because in Division III, if you play or practice after your first opportunity to compete, you are charged with a season of participation.

**Recruited** — If a college coach calls you more than once, contacts you off campus, pays your expenses to visit the campus, or issues you a National Letter of Intent or a written offer of financial aid or admissions, you are being recruited.

**Season of competition** — Generally, NCAA rules say that any competition in a season — regardless of the amount of time — counts as having played a season in that sport. If you play any time during a season, regardless of how long you played, it counts as having played for an entire season in that sport. Your season of competition starts when you spend one second in competition on the field, court, gym or track.

**Self-release** — If you are in a Division III school and you want to transfer to another Division III school, you may issue your own permission-to-contact release to allow the second Division III school to contact you about transferring.

**Sitting out** — or **year of residence** — Under the transfer regulations, you must spend an academic year in residence at the school to which you are transferring. Unless you qualify for a transfer exception or waiver, if you transfer from a four-year college to an NCAA school, you must complete one academic year in residence at the new school before you can play for or receive travel expenses from the new school. To satisfy a year in residence, you must be enrolled in and pass a full-time program of studies for two full semesters or three full quarters. Summer school terms and part-time enrollment do not count toward a year in residence.

**Student-athlete** — Anyone who attends college and is recruited by a school to play a sport or reports to practice at a school.

**Student Release Form** — To register with the Eligibility Center, you must fill out and sign a Student Release Form. This also authorizes the Eligibility Center to send your academic records to any college that asks about your eligibility status.

**Transferable credit hours** — Credit hours from your previous school that your new school will accept toward your degree. Each school determines how many and which credit hours are acceptable for transferring.

**Transfer trigger** — A condition that can affect your transfer status.

**Waiver** — An action that sets aside a rule because a specific, extraordinary circumstance prevents you from meeting the rule. An NCAA school may file a waiver on your behalf; you cannot file it for yourself. The school does not administer the waiver, the NCAA does.

**Walk-on** — Someone who is not recruited by a school to participate in sports and does not receive a scholarship from the school but who becomes a member of one of the school's teams.

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## Where to go for more information

### NCAA resources

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**NCAA Web site:** [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

**Send mail to:** NCAA  
P.O. Box 6222  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
46206-6222

**Send packages to:** NCAA  
1802 Alonzo  
Watford Sr. Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

**Phone:** 317/917-6222  
Monday-Friday  
Noon to 4 p.m. Eastern

**Fax:** 317/917-6622

### Publications from the NCAA

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#### NCAA publications hotline 800/638-3731

- *Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete*
- *National Collegiate Athletic Association general information brochure*

### NCAA Eligibility Center

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**Web site:** [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

**Send mail to:** NCAA Eligibility Center  
1802 Alonzo Watford Sr. Dr.  
P.O. Box 7110  
Indianapolis, IN 46207

**Send packages to:** NCAA Eligibility Center  
1802 Alonzo Watford Sr. Dr.  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

**US callers:** 877/262-1492 toll free  
317/223-0700  
Monday through Friday  
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern  
time

**Fax:** 317/968-5100

#### National Letter of Intent (NLI)

P.O. Box 7132  
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7132

**Phone:** 317/223-0700 or  
**Fax:** 877/262-1492  
317/968-5105

**Web site:** <http://www.national-letter.org>

## Resources outside of the NCAA

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### National Junior College Athletic Association

1755 Telstar Drive, Suite 103, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

**Phone:** 719/590-9788

**Fax:** 719/590-73242

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### Conferences as listed in the NCAA Directory

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#### Division I

America East Conference	617/695-6369
American Lacrosse Conference	740/593-3410
Atlantic Coast Conference	336/854-8787
Atlantic Hockey Association	781/246-2595
Atlantic Soccer Conference	215/951-2720
Atlantic Sun Conference	478/474-3394
Atlantic 10 Conference	215/546-6678
Big East Conference	401/272-9108
Big Sky Conference	801/392-1978
Big South Conference	704/341-7990
Big Ten Conference	847/696-1010
Big 12 Conference	469/524-1000
Big West Conference	949/261-2525
Central Collegiate Hockey Association	248/888-0600
College Hockey America	218/760-7825
Collegiate Water Polo Assn	610/277-6787
Colonial Athletic Association	804/754-1616
Conference USA	214/774-1300
Eastern College Athletic Conference	508/771-5060
Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Assn	508/771-5060
Eastern Wrestling League	412/648-8226
ECAC Division I Hockey League	774/238-6365
Gateway Football Conference	314/421-2268
Great Western Lacrosse League	317/940-9523
Hockey East Association	781/245-2122
Horizon League	317/237-5622
Ivy Group	609/258-6426
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	732/738-5455
Mid-American Conference	216/566-4622
Mid-Continent Conference	630/516-0661
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	757/416-7100

Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association	740/397-4539
Missouri Valley Conference	314/421-0339
Mountain Pacific Sports Federation	530/669-7600
Mountain West Conference	719/488-4040
Northeast Conference	732/469-0440
Northern Pacific Field Hockey Conference	262/567-2246
Ohio Valley Conference	615/371-1698
Pacific-10 Conference	925/932-4411
Pacific Coast Softball Conference	206/417-5944
Patriot League	610/289-1950
Pioneer Football League	314/421-2268
Southeastern Conference	205/458-3000
Southern Atlantic Softball Alliance	336/854-8787
Southern Conference	864/591-5100
Southland Conference	972/422-9500
Southwestern Athletic Conference	205/251-7573
Sun Belt Conference	504/299-9066
West Coast Conference	650/873-8622
Western Athletic Conference	303/799-9221
Western Collegiate Hockey Association	303/871-4223

#### Division II

California Collegiate Athletic Association	925/472-8299
Carolinas-Virginia Athletic Conference	336/884-0482
Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	203/773-6411
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	757/865-0071
Deep South Lacrosse Conference	803/981-5240
Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	989/894-2529
Great Lakes Valley Conference	317/237-5633
Great Northwest Athletic Conference	509/535-5291
Gulf South Conference	205/991-9880
Heartland Conference	877/505-6509
Lone Star Conference	972/234-0033
Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association	913/341-3839
New York Collegiate Athletic Conference	516/609-2714
North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	605/338-0907
Northeast-10 Conference	508/230-9844
Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	651/288-4015
Pacific West Conference	406/657-2932
Peach Belt Conference	706/860-8499

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	570/893-2512
Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	719/471-0066
South Atlantic Conference	803/981-5240
Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	770/908-0482
Sunshine State Conference	407/248-8460
West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	304/487-6298

### Division III

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference	724/934-1978
American Southwest Conference	972/234-0033
Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference	401/284-0919
Capital Athletic Conference	301/373-3293
Centennial Conference	717/358-4463
City University of New York Athletic Conference	718/997-4270
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	630/637-5693
Commonwealth Conference	717/867-6395
Commonwealth Coast Conference	508/829-3459
Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	910/ 630-7282
ECAC Division III East Women's Hockey League	518/771-5060
ECAC East Ice Hockey League	518/771-5060
ECAC Northeast Ice Hockey League	518/771-5060
ECAC Women's West Ice Hockey League	518/771-5060
Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association	914/337-9300
Empire-8	585/581-0834
Freedom Conference	717/867-6395
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	401/598-1604
Great South Athletic Conference	706/880-8262
Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	317/882-8090
Illini-Badger Intercollegiate Football Conference	630/844-5111
Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	319/366-4845
Knickerbocker Lacrosse Conference	201/216-5688
Lake Michigan Conference	608/663-3249
Liberty League	518/388-6433
Little East Conference	860/677-1269
Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference	413/572-8212
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	248/336-1677

Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation	717/867-6395
Midwest Conference	920/748-8157
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	651/644-3965
New England College Wrestling Association	401/254-3428
New England Football Conference	978/665-3313
New England Small College Athletic Conference	413/587-2105
New England Women's and Men's Athletics Conference	781/239-4944
New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance	802/468-1365
New Jersey Athletic Conference	856/582-3679
New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association	315/792-3182
North Atlantic Conference	802/368-0050
North Coast Athletic Conference	440/871-8100
North Eastern Athletic Conference	518/320-7354
North Eastern Collegiate Volleyball Association	201/684-7675
Northern Athletics Conference	608/225-1640
Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference	708/524-6556
Northwest Conference	541/388-1678
Ohio Athletic Conference	330/259-9090
Old Dominion Athletic Conference	540/389-7373
Pennsylvania Athletic Conference	610/361-5344
Pilgrim League	413/748-3332
Presidents' Athletic Conference	724/933-4630
St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	314/997-2580
Skyline Conference	732/586-5922
Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	323/851-4284
Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference	678/546-3470
State University of New York Athletic Conference	716/673-3105
University Athletic Association	585/273-5881
USA South Athletic Conference	910/630-7282
Western Water Polo Association	714/639-9106
Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	608/263-4402

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