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Four-Year College Transfers

- Consider modifying current four-year college transfer requirements to include academic component(s).

- **Rationale:** Legislation governing the eligibility of four-year college transfers currently attempts to balance a number of concerns. The current legislation may not adequately address academic issues. In light of the Association's emphasis on student-athlete academic success and academic-based metrics, an assessment of the four-year college transfer legislation is needed to ensure requirements align with academic success and the enduring values of the Association.

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Points to Consider:

- Permitting a student-athlete to transfer and be immediately eligible based on leaving the first institution academically eligible and meeting eligibility requirements (e.g., percentage-of-degree requirements) at the second institution is consistent with the principle of graduating within five years after initial collegiate enrollment.
- This concept only includes a recommendation for transfer regulations; would need to discuss NCAA Division I Bylaw 13 (recruiting) requirements for institution's permission to contact.
- The transfer requirements could also include an NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) component. For example, the student-athlete will not, and has not previously, impacted an institution negatively in the academic performance report (e.g., student-athlete maintained a 2.600 GPA).
- Opportunity to potentially align transfer regulations and APR (e.g., 2.600 requirement).

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Questions:

- Should all student-athletes be required to serve an academic year in residence at the time of transferring from one four-year institution to another four-year institution?
- Should student-athletes in some sports be required to serve an academic year of residence at the time of transferring from one four-year institution to another? If so, what sports?
- Is there an academic reason to support prohibiting student-athletes in certain sports from transferring and being immediately eligible?
- Do you support sport-specific transfer requirements determined by the overall APR for that sport?
- Do you support a multiple-layer approach to a student-athlete's access to practice, competition and athletically related financial aid?
- Do you support the establishment of research-based academic requirements for transfers (this could be in addition to requiring a year of residence in certain sports)?

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