



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 15-16, 2022, MEETING**

1. Transfers.

- The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee developed the following recommendations to stabilize the transfer environment, require additional accountability for schools that receive four-year college transfer student-athletes and provide student-athletes with a window of time to enter the NCAA Transfer Portal each year in order to be eligible to compete in the following year. These changes will be effective for students-athletes seeking to establish eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year.
 - (1) **Base Rule.** Revise base rule to permit undergraduate student-athletes to transfer to another four-year institution and be immediately eligible provided the student-athlete: (1) Left the previous institution academically eligible and in good standing (i.e., not under disciplinary suspension); (2) Will be academically eligible at the new institution prior to competition; (3) Does not compete for more than one school, in the same sport in the championship segment during the same academic year; and (4) provides written notification of transfer to the previous institution (i.e., enter transfer portal) within a specified period.
 - (2) **Transfer Windows.** Four-year college transfer student-athletes in *winter and spring sports* may not provide notification of transfer (i.e., enter the transfer portal) until the day after the championship selections in the sport and must enter the portal within 60 calendar days of that date. In *fall sports*, there will be two separate transfer windows that will amount to 60 days total. The first window would be a 45 days beginning the day following championship selection and the second window from May 1 to May 15. If a student-athlete does not enter the transfer portal during the relevant window, the student-athlete must serve an academic year of residence at the new institution. Reasonable accommodations will be made for participants in the FCS championship game.
 - (3) **Financial Aid for Degree Completion.** Institutions accepting undergraduate four-year college transfer student-athletes would be required to provide financial aid to the student-athlete through completion of the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility or until undergraduate graduation, whichever comes first, unless the student-athlete departs the institution to transfer to another institution or enters a professional draft. Institutions would be required to count the student-athlete and the aid against applicable team roster and financial aid limitations unless the student-athlete is medically disqualified, exhausts eligibility or transfers to another institution or enters a professional draft.
 - (4) **Transfer Waivers.** Waivers of the new transfer provisions, if adopted, should not be allowed or should be extremely limited. The committee requested that the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief and the NCAA Division I

Committee on Academics take this philosophical approach and establish new guidelines for waivers of the transfer windows and academic eligibility requirements, respectively.

2. Infractions.

- a. In April, the Transformation Committee received a report from the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee outlining a comprehensive approach to address existing challenges associated with the resolution of infractions cases.
- b. In May, the Transformation Committee sought membership input on several concepts, which it received and reviewed at its June 15-16 in-person meeting. Based on membership input and subsequent discussion, the Transformation Committee recommends that the concepts be advanced for membership consideration and potential action.

3. Development of framework around Division I membership standards.

- a. Taking a fresh look at Division I membership standards is included in the charge provided to the Transformation Committee by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors.
- b. The Transformation Committee agreed to the following statements related to its review of minimum expectations for Division I members:
 - 1) Given the changes in the Division I landscape since the standards were last reviewed, the Transformation Committee recognizes that now is the appropriate time to consider changes to the membership standards. Status quo is not the preferred outcome.
 - 2) The Transformation Committee believes that elements of the student-athlete experience should be included as part of membership standards.
 - 3) The Transformation Committee believes it is appropriate to commit to enhancing the student-athlete voice in the decision-making process at all levels as part of membership standards.
- c. In its preliminary discussions, the Transformation Committee identified the following categories of membership requirements for further consideration as it develops enhanced membership expectations. These categories are the result of open discussion and do not represent areas of consensus from the Transformation Committee at this point.
 - 1) Sports-sponsorship requirements.
 - 2) Minimum financial aid standards.

- 3) Minimum financial commitment and/or staffing requirements for student-athlete support services in particular areas (e.g., mental health, athletic training, academic support).
- 4) Requirement to meet benchmarks related to student-athlete academic performance or other metrics related to student-athlete outcomes.
- 5) Equity diversity and inclusion. Building on the foundation articulated in the NCAA Constitution and consideration of Title IX compliance.
- 6) Requirement for student-athlete involvement in decision-making at all levels (e.g., campus, conference, national) of governance.
- 7) Postgraduate commitment to student-athletes (e.g., health care and career services)
- 8) Education and training requirements for coaches.

4. Student-athlete support and benefits.

- a. The Transformation Committee continued its exploration of options for student-athlete benefits in the post-Alston environment.
- b. In addition, the committee contemplated the intersection between potential enhancements to student-athlete support and benefits regulations and congressional engagement.

5. NCAA government relations strategy.

- The Transformation Committee received an introduction to the NCAA government relations office and discussed congressional engagement strategy, tactics, and policy.

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JULY 12, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

- 1. Review of benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes – decentralization concepts.**
 - a. The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee reviewed concepts recommended by the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee that would decentralize particular rules related to benefits and expenses for student-athletes. The concepts were previously socialized with the NCAA Division I Council, Legislative Committee and Board of Directors.
 - b. The Transformation Committee expressed general support for the concepts except for a recommendation related to expenses for family members. The Transformation Committee directed the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee to continue discussing the concept and consider additional parameters that would provide clear guidance to the membership regarding how often and under what circumstances the contemplated expenses could be provided. In addition, the subcommittee should consider whether the effective date of the concept should be delayed to allow institutions to appropriately plan for additional expenses.
 - c. The Council will take positions on the concepts during its July 20 meeting, as directed by the Board of Directors. The Transformation Committee’s discussion and feedback will inform the Council’s discussion and the Board of Directors’ actions. The Board of Directors expects to take legislative action on the recommendations during its August 3 videoconference.
- 2. Review of personnel and recruiting – decentralization and modernization concepts.**
 - a. The Transformation Committee reviewed personnel and recruiting concepts during its April in-person meeting. Since then, the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee has worked to refine the concepts based on membership feedback.
 - b. The Transformation Committee reviewed the updated concepts designed to decentralize and modernize personnel and recruiting rules and provided feedback regarding the concepts and input on next steps and timeline for continued development.
 - c. The Transformation Committee engaged in additional discussion regarding the recommendations related to personnel and directed the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee to consider amending its personnel recommendations in light of the feedback provided by the membership and Transformation Committee members.
 - d. The Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee will continue work to final recruiting recommendations for consideration by the Council in the coming months.
- 3. Student-athlete experience and membership standards and expectations.**

- a. Consistent with the charge from the Board of Directors, the Transformation Committee began exploring models for enhanced Division I student-athlete experience (academics, health and safety, well-being), including an examination of enhanced support to student-athletes.
- b. During the Transformation Committee's May 3, 2022, videoconference, the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee presented a series of recommended standards and unifying characteristics.
- c. As the Transformation Committee continues its exploration of an enhanced student-athlete experience, these unifying characteristics and standards will inform and complement its recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- d. In its preliminary discussions during the June in-person meeting, the Transformation Committee identified additional categories of potential membership requirements for further consideration and discussion as it develops enhanced membership expectations.
- e. The Transformation Committee briefly reviewed the draft categories, noting that additional discussion will occur during future meetings.

4. Discussion of current events, constituent feedback, and correspondence from external organizations.

- a. The Transformation Committee members shared feedback received during recent meetings, including the June 30 Board of Directors meeting, the Collegiate Commissioners Association June meetings and the 2022 National Association of Directors of Athletics Convention.
- b. The Transformation Committee also reviewed memos submitted from the Atlantic-10 Conference, Mountain West Conference and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee providing feedback on key issues under the committee's purview.

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JULY 19, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

1. Presidents and Chancellors Meeting.

- The presidents and chancellors serving on the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee met with the committee co-chairs to discuss a number of strategic issues, including presidential engagement, preparation for the August 3 NCAA Division I Board of Directors meeting and congressional strategy.
- The group provided guidance on next steps with the review of student-athlete benefits for consideration by the Board of Directors during its August 3 meeting.
- The presidents and chancellors support the Transformation Committee engaging in subgroup work in the areas of championships and decision-making/governance and of following draft timeline outlining the timing of the remaining work of the Transformation Committee.
 - **August 3** – The Board of Directors will consider action on legislative recommendations related to transfers and decentralization/rules modernization (NCAA Bylaw 16 benefits for student-athletes).
 - **August 31** – The Board of Directors will consider a package of recommendations intended to enhance the timeliness and fairness of the infractions process.
 - **October 26** – The Board of Directors will receive Transformation Committee recommendations related to membership minimum expectations.
 - **December 2022** – Transformation Committee action anticipated on recommendations related to student-athlete benefit models, championships and decision-making/governance models. Action by the Board of Directors is anticipated in January 2023.

2. Full Transformation Committee Meeting.

- The full Transformation Committee received an update on outcomes from the meeting of the presidents and chancellors.
- The Transformation Committee continued its discussions related to its review of membership standards and expectations.
 - The committee noted the importance of raising membership expectations with the goal of enhancing the student-athlete experience.
 - Members of the committee noted the importance of providing an appropriate runway for any new requirements to provide the membership an opportunity to meet the new standards.

- The committee agreed that minimum sports sponsorship, scheduling and financial aid requirements should remain in any new model, but agreed that the current requirements in those areas may need to be adjusted.
- The committee will continue its discussions on membership requirements during its upcoming weekly videoconferences with a goal of providing recommendations to the Board of Directors by October 2022.

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