

## NCAA Division I Transformation Committee Meeting Reports

This week, the Transformation Committee spent the majority of its time discussing transfer rules and regulations, and how potential changes may benefit student-athletes. Across all divisions, regardless of sport, student-athletes deserve the flexibility to play for a team and school of their choosing while maintaining a high degree of academic success. Our objective is to help student-athletes succeed in this regard, while considering the ways in which a student-athlete's team and member school can contribute to that success. There are many other factors at play for student-athlete transfers, including financial aid and degree completion. The Committee is looking at possible changes from all sides to consider implications for administrators, member schools and others.

With March Madness well underway, the Committee is continuing to solicit feedback and input from other stakeholders, including member schools and other organizations. Please check back here for new updates and for meeting reports.

*Greg Sankey and Julie Cromer, co-chairs of the Division I Transformation Committee*



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE  
MARCH 8, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**1. Discussion on student-athlete benefits and financial support.**

- The Transformation Committee continued its exploration of alternative options for student-athlete benefits and financial support in the post-Alston environment. The Transformation Committee will continue its discussions and review revised options during its meeting on March 22.

**2. Discussion on four-year college transfers.**

- The Transformation Committee reviewed a collection of transfer concepts that were considered by previous membership working groups, but not advanced, and others developed in response to ideas generated during Transformation Committee discussions.
- The Transformation Committee engaged in preliminary discussion regarding the concepts and agreed to continue its discussions at a future meeting.
- The committee recognizes that the membership recently adopted transformational change related to transfer eligibility. The committee will review the impact of the new legislation to ensure that the changes are having the intended effect while also providing appropriate notice for institutions and encouraging the academic progress of student-athletes.

**3. Discussion of current events and constituent feedback.**

- The Transformation Committee co-chairs noted that they participated in a meeting with the Presidential Forum Steering Committee and that they are working to schedule an opportunity for engagement with Knight Commission representatives.
- Transformation Committee members also reported feedback from engagement opportunities with their conferences and with Women Leaders in College Sports.

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**REPORT OF THE  
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**1. NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee.**

- The Transformation Committee received a preliminary update on the work of the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee and shared feedback on the order in which the subcommittee is reviewing the current legislation and developing concepts for potential transformational change.
  - The Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee is currently focusing its review on legislation related to athletics personnel; the use of agents; regulations on the pursuit of professional athletics opportunities (e.g., tryouts, practice and competition with professional teams); and recruiting. Concepts related to those areas will be included in the subcommittee's report to the Transformation Committee that will be provided in April. Review of additional areas of legislation will occur after the initial report is provided. Such areas will include health and safety, academic support, playing and practice seasons and student-athlete time demands.
- Transformation Committee members who have participated in the subcommittee meetings shared observations on the process and how the discussions align with the Transformation Committee's initial expectations.
- The committee recommended that the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee prioritize topics that directly impact the student-athlete experience, such as legislation that is related to professional opportunities (e.g., tryouts, use of agents), and student-athlete benefits.
- The Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee noted the possibility of an enhanced autonomy structure in which some or all sports may have additional latitude to determine sport-specific legislation in certain areas. The Transformation Committee is not opposed to further consideration of limited autonomy and encourages the subcommittee to identify areas of regulation that would benefit from sport-by-sport regulation and those that would be better served by a centralized approach.
- After the subcommittee's initial recommendations are received, the Transformation Committee will determine which concepts warrant further consideration and decide how those concepts should be packaged for broader review by the membership.

**2. NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee update.**

- The Transformation Committee reviewed and provided input on the preliminary status report from the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee.

- The Infractions Process Committee noted that a more effective infractions process with materially better outcomes can be achieved by supporting and prioritizing the timely application of penalties, commitment to cooperation, a new and proactive communications strategy and peer-review adjudication.
- The Transformation Committee reviewed the Infractions Process Committee's potential concepts in the areas of rulemaking, institutional self-detection and reporting, investigation, charging, initial adjudication and penalty calculation.
- The Transformation Committee discussed and provided additional feedback on the Infraction Process Committee's potential concepts in the area of appeals.

**3. Discussion of current events and constituent feedback.**

- The Transformation Committee co-chairs shared with the committee that they engaged with representatives of the Knight Commission, as planned.
- It was noted that the Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee has created a subgroup focused on immediate issues related to subdivisional reclassification. Transformation Committee members serving on the SVPC subgroup recommended that the Transformation Committee consider issues related to codifying requirements for subdivisional affiliation when it turns its attention to membership issues.
- Committee members shared feedback from meetings and engagements surrounding conference basketball tournaments during the previous two weeks.

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**1. Discussion on undergraduate four-year college transfer regulations.**

- The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee discussed various transfer-related concepts. The committee agreed to further explore the following undergraduate transfer concepts with the goal of developing more detailed and concrete versions for membership review coming out of the April in-person Transformation Committee meeting:
  - a. Establish a transfer decision window. The Transformation Committee directed staff to further develop a concept in which sport-specific or season-specific transfer decision-windows are established to provide additional clarity and stability for roster management purposes while continuing to support flexibility for student-athletes.
  - b. Transfer degree completion. This concept would require the receiving school to guarantee financial aid through the completion of the transfer student-athlete's undergraduate degree. The guarantee would only be required for student-athletes on athletics aid. Further, the guarantee of financial aid would be required even if the student-athlete becomes academically ineligible. The Transformation Committee will continue to explore the level at which aid must be guaranteed and whether the financial aid awarded must count towards team limits after the completion of the student-athlete's eligibility.

**2. NCAA Division I Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee update.**

- Damon Evans provided the Transformation Committee with updates on the work of the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee and the recent in-person meeting he and Jim Phillips attended on behalf of the Transformation Committee.
- The Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee noted that guidance from the Transformation Committee regarding offers and inducements in relation to other recruiting rules will be important as the Transformation Committee considers broader approaches to enrolled and prospective student-athlete benefits.
- A report from the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee that includes initial concepts will be delivered to the Transformation Committee for review during its April 18-19 in-person meeting.

**3. NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee update.**

- Greg Christopher provided an update on the work of the Infractions Process Committee.

- The Infractions Process Committee appreciated the feedback provided by the Transformation Committee. It is anticipated that the Infractions Process Committee report will be provided to the Transformation Committee for its April 18-19 in-person meeting.

**4. Discussion of current events and constituent feedback.**

- The Transformation Committee co-chairs noted that the Division I Conference Commissioners Association is meeting on the afternoon of March 22 and will receive an update on the legal landscape in which the Transformation Committee is evaluating the future of Division I.
- Dean Bresciani shared feedback received from his conference colleagues.
- Bob Jacobsen provided an update on the engagement that he and Jeri Beggs had with the DI FAR Board on March 16.

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