

Transfer Regulations

Permission to Contact

NCAA Bylaw 13.1.1.3 states that “an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution’s athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA or NAIA four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining the written permission of the first institution’s athletics director (or an athletics administrator designated by the athletics director) to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact.”

As a general rule, this rule means that if you are a current Razorback student-athlete who is enrolled at the University of Arkansas that other schools may not contact you without first obtaining permission from our institution. Therefore, if you are interested in transferring from the University of Arkansas to another school, it is important for you to contact the Compliance Office. The Compliance Office can send a permission to contact form, on your behalf, to those institutions you may be interested in transferring to. Once received, the permission to contact form grants those other institutions permission to contact you.

Please note that if you have withdrawn from the University of Arkansas for one or more academic years, no permission to contact form is needed.

For more information or if you have any questions about the transfer process, please contact the Compliance Office.

The Basics of Transfer Rules

As a general rule, the transfer student is required to serve an "academic year-in-residence" at the second institution prior to competing. However, several exceptions to the transfer rule exist that enable a student-athlete to be immediately eligible for competition at the second institution. The most commonly used exception is known as the "one-time transfer exception." This exception allows a student-athlete to transfer from one NCAA institution to another on one occasion and be immediately eligible for competition. Certain conditions must be met to use this exception, including:

1. The student-athlete must have been in good academic standing and academically eligible for competition at the previous institution;
2. The previous institution must grant the student-athlete written permission to use the exception; and
3. The student-athlete cannot have transferred previously from a four-year institution.

[Note: In Division I, the one-time transfer exception is not available if the student-athlete wishes to participate in basketball, men's ice hockey or FBS football at the second institution.]

Right to a Hearing

Whenever a request for permission to contact or permission to use the one-time transfer exception is denied, the institution denying the request must notify the student-athlete in writing of the right to request a hearing to contest the denial. The committee conducting such hearings must be comprised entirely of individuals who work outside of the athletics department.

For more information, please visit the read the [NCAA Transfer Guide](#).