



## NCAA Transfer Rules – Four-Year College Transfers

This is a guideline and does not include all NCAA or Conference Transfer rules and regulations.

The compliance office at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) frequently receives questions about the NCAA transfer rules. Some of the basic rules that apply when a student-athlete wishes to transfer from one NCAA institution to another are set forth below.

**Permission to Contact:** As a general rule, a student-athlete attending 4 year institution may not have contact with a coach at UTSA to discuss a transfer until the other institution grants written permission (Must be sent/received from the compliance office/or designee) for such contact to occur. If the request for permission to contact is denied, then no contact or recruiting by UTSA would be permitted. The student-athlete may still choose transfer to UTSA and could join the team upon enrollment. However, because of the denial of permission to contact, the student-athlete in this case would not be permitted to receive any athletics aid from UTSA until he or she has attended UTSA for a full academic year.

**Transfer Rule:** In most cases, a student-athlete who transfers from one NCAA institution to another is permitted to practice and receive athletics aid immediately at the second institution. As a general rule, the transfer student is required to serve an "academic year-in-residence" at the second institution prior to competing. However, some exceptions to the transfer rule exist that enable a student-athlete to be immediately eligible for competition at the second institution. If you feel your situation is unique and may meet an NCAA exception, please contact the Compliance Office.

**Right to a Hearing:** Whenever a request for permission to contact 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.

**Intra-Conference Transfer Rule:** Under the Conference USA transfer rule, the eligibility of a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with a Conference USA institution who transfers directly or indirectly from one conference member institution to another shall be determined by NCAA regulations. In the event NCAA regulations require the student-athlete to complete one full academic year in residence before being eligible to compete in a sport, the student-athlete shall also forfeit one season of competition in that sport.

Thank you for supporting UTSA athletics and our compliance program. If you have any questions about NCAA rules, please contact the compliance office: (210) 458-5493 fax: (210) 458-7902