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Rules of the Transfer Portal

Timing is a crucial part for athletes on scholarships entering the transfer portal. All sports have a "championship selection", which marks their allowed transfer window. Winter sports have a 60-day window, whereas fall and spring sports have a 45-day window. Examples of championship selection would be when the NCAA tournament brackets or bowl announcements are released. As a walk-on, you are allowed to transfer whenever you'd like. Transferring from a D3 institution to a D2 or D1 institution requires you to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Transferring from a D3 to another D3 requires the completion of the NCAA Self-Release form. Transferring from NAIA to a D2 or D1 institution, you only need to get approved by the NCAA Eligibility Center. Additionally, you'll be required to get a letter of authorization from your athletic department. Coaches from the NCAA won't be able to reach you without it. Transferring from NCAA to NAIA requires you to register with NAIA Eligibility. Colleges do allow multiple transfers but depending on the institutions can possibly lead to sitting out. In most cases, sitting out only occurs when transferring from a four-year to another four-year. Sitting out can vary as you can sit out for only games, but in some cases it can be both practices and games. There is no waiting period when transferring to a junior college from a four-year university. When attending a junior college, you are free to transfer to another four-year university. Grades are another important aspect of the transfer portal. You cannot be in the transfer portal if your GPA is below a 2.0. It is in your best advantage to obtain a 3.0 or higher if you wish to transfer to a high-end four-year institution. Graduates have three rules. They need to be fully graduated, have at least one year of eligibility left, and must be going to graduate school at their new institution.

