

Positives and Negatives of the Transfer Portal

One significant factor that has dominated the world of collegiate athletics over the past few years is the transfer portal. The transfer portal is fairly new, making its debut in October of 2018. The goal of the transfer portal was to provide more transparency for athletes. It enables students to declare their desire to transfer by adding their names into an online database that other institutions can see. Depending on how you view the transfer portal, there are some advantages and disadvantages. The main advantage includes better opportunities for athletes. It gives athletes the opportunity to be in a place that better fits them, provides them with a fresh start, potentially gets them more playing time along with a better education. You hear of many toxic environments that athletes are brought into, but this gives them another chance for a new start that significantly helps their mental health. The main disadvantage is the potential of not regaining a scholarship once you have chosen to opt out of your former school, which means you can possibly lose your scholarship. Due to the popularity of the transfer portal, athletes are competing against a ridiculous number of other athletes. In theory, there is a possibility you might not get picked up by another school; leaving you without a school to attend and no scholarship.