



# U SPORTS ELIGIBILITY

Transfer Policies

Minimum Academic Entry Standards

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# INTRODUCTION

- Intended outcomes:
  - For institutions to receive greater clarity on issues at hand and proposed solutions
  - Direction on where members institutions would like these items to move
  - Intention behind the current policies and where they will go
  - Establishing concerns regarding current policies and proposed changes





# FORMAT

- Breakout Groups
- Dot on back of accreditation will direct you to your table
- Eligibility Review Officers and National Office staff will be facilitating tables
- One voice per institution will be recorded for and straw poll





# TRANSFER POLICY

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# TRANSFER POLICY

## RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

- Frequently supported / requested by member institutions
- Simplified process
- Harmonizing all current transfer exceptions (swimming, track & field, repatriation) into a catch-all one-time
- Student-athlete centred

## COMPASSIONATE APPEAL NUMBERS

- 2016 – 2017 Compassionate Appeals:
  - 37 percent appeals were transfer based appeals
  - 65 percent were supported
  - Spanning 8 of 12 sports



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- Student-athlete would need to be:
  - In good-academic standing in the last year they were charged with eligibility
  - Originating school would have to sign off their approval for the transfer
- All current transfers would fall under the one-time transfer policy.
- Graduate Studies + Designated Programs exemption would remain and allow for a potential second transfer in cases of forward academic progression.
- Transfers not supported by the originating institution could be brought forward as a Compassionate Appeal.



# BREAKOUT GROUP QUESTIONS

1 Would you support this proposal, as written with implementation for the 2017-2018 season?

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2 What concerns you about the current proposal?

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3 What other conditions would you need us to add in order to support this?  
What would you like to be addressed in a One-Time Transfer policy?



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## CURRENT AND PROPOSED STANDARDS BY ENTRY ROUTE

Admission Route	Current Entry Standards	Proposed Entry Standards (to be added)
High School	60% averages on the courses normally used to admit a student to the institution	
Post-Secondary Transfer Student		60% averages on the courses normally used to admit a student to the institution
CEGEP	60% averages on the courses normally used to admit a student to the institution	
Combination – High School and Post-Secondary		60% averages on the courses from combined transcripts, normally used to admit a student to the institution
Mature Student	Normal admission route of the individual institution.	
International		60% averages on the courses normally used to admit a student to the institution
Continuing Education/Non-Degree Seeking		60% averages on the courses normally used to admit a student to the institution

\*note: non-qualifiers could become eligible after completing **9 degree granting credit hours** in one academic semester (was supported in January by membership for Sept 2018 implementation)



# MINIMUM ACADEMIC ENTRY STANDARDS

## COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- 1 Lack of entry requirements for the following categories create loopholes:
  - 1 Internationals
  - 2 Post-secondary transfers
  - 3 Combined high school and post-secondary
  - 4 Continuing education / non-degree seeking programs
  - 5 Mature students according to institution requirements
  
- 2 These loopholes create unequal minimum standards for student-athletes



# BREAKOUT GROUP STRAW POLL

## ENTERING STUDENT-ATHLETES SHOULD (IN SEPTEMBER 2018):

- 1 Follow current requirements (Status Quo)
- 2 Have a 60% average AND be in a degree-granting program
- 3 Be in a degree-granting program (no minimum standard outside of current policy)
- 4 Have a minimum 60% average to enter into any program (not necessarily degree-granting)
- 5 Have no minimum standards, allowing anyone accepted into any university program to be eligible



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Committee to evaluate responses from breakout groups and determine next step:

- 1 Determine that there was consensus
  - Propose change to Board of Directors
- 2 Determine that the items have merit, but no consensus met
  - Solicit further consultation
- 3 Determine that no changes are in order
  - Drop topic from Eligibility Committee annual calendar



# THANK YOU!

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