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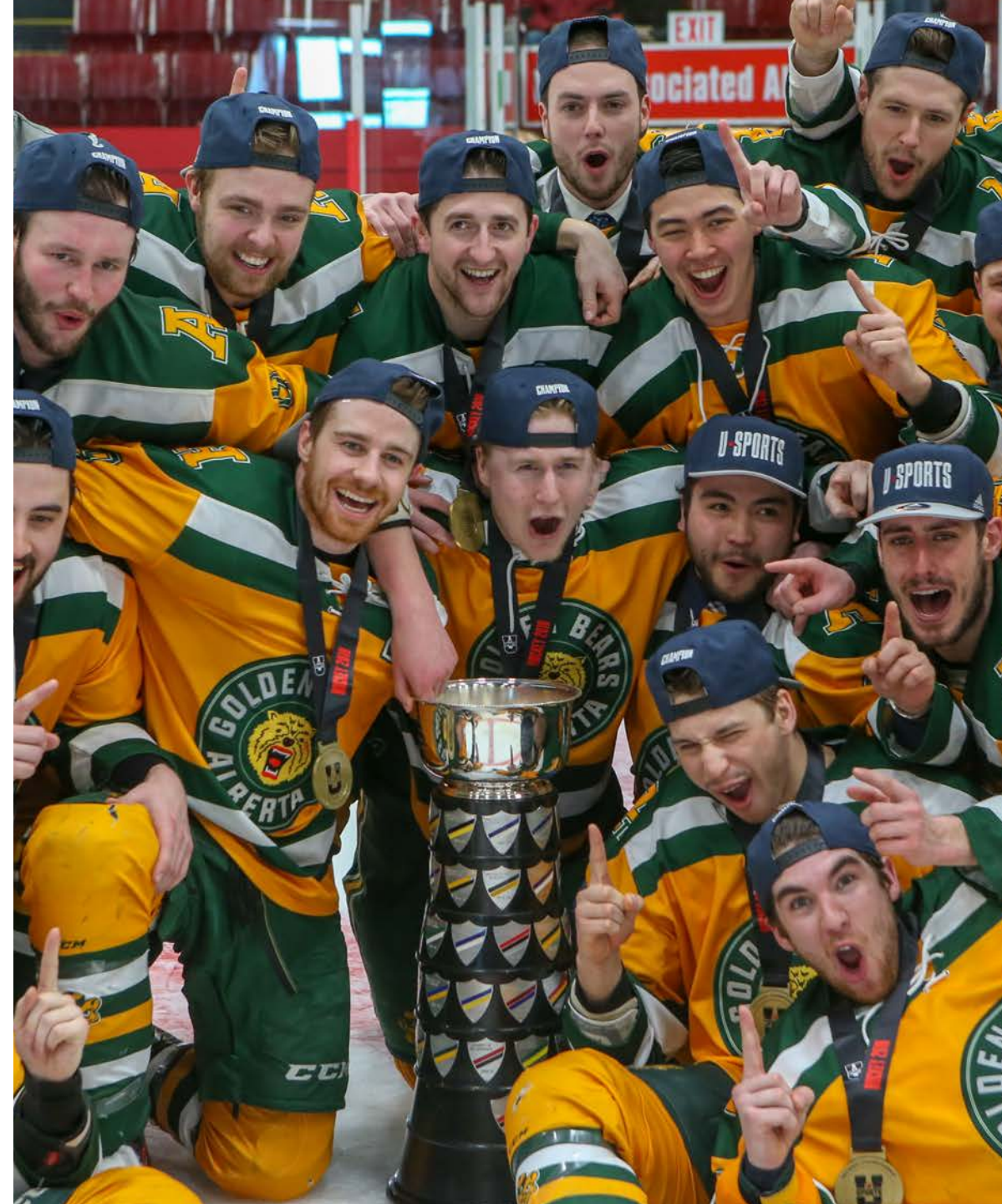
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Interpretations

- A university can request an interpretation of an eligibility policy rule via its AD or Compliance Designate
- The Conference's ERO will provide an interpretation within five business days (but often sooner)



COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

Summer 2018

1. Publish eligibility casebook
2. Continue developing recruiting casebook

2018-2019 season

1. Determine whether there is forward movement or abandonment of proposed transfer policy
2. Continued work to clarify the sport specific participation leagues
3. Data analysis on student-athlete age and international participation numbers
4. Clarification and clean-up of wording within the recruiting policy
5. Enhance education to institutions



TRANSFER ISSUE PREP

Proposed in 2016-2017 versus 2017-2018:

Background:

In 2015-2016 the Eligibility Committee began exploring a one-time unencumbered transfer to replace our current 365-day sit-out transfer policy. In January 2017 the proposal was an **Athletic Director sign-off system**, where an **AD** could **“block”** an **unencumbered transfer**. There were some **concerns** surrounding this proposal:

- Integrity of a student-athlete's academic path
- Poaching between programs
- Being the “bad guy” by opposing transfers
- Student-athletes “banner chasing”

Winter 2018

The Committee came back in January 2018 with another proposal, which limited the unencumbered transfer to prior to their third academic year, and **removed the requirement for an AD to “sign off”** on the transfer. The Conference meeting feedback directed some changes leading into the AGM break-out session:

- Change of the limitation from prior to an athlete's third academic year to **prior to an athlete's second year of eligibility**
- A requirement for an athlete to submit a **declaration to transfer**, which would provide the university with warning of their departure
- Confirmation that this was a **one-time exemption**, however an athlete could additionally access the graduate student transfer exemption

THIS WOULD NOT BE IN EFFECT UNTIL 2019-2020 AND WOULD BE A THREE YEAR PILOT PROJECT WITH DATA EVALUATED BY COMMITTEE ANNUALLY



BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

What's on the table:

Despite it being removed following the 2017 AGM, the Waiver System, which would allow an AD to “approve” or “block” a transfer, is experiencing a resurgence of support.

For example, a student-athlete who expended a year of eligibility would:

- Declare their intent to transfer by May 31
 - Following the declaration to transfer, the AD is providing the opportunity to sign off on the transfer
 - If sign-off occurred, the student-athlete could have the 365-day sit-out waived
 - If the AD did not sign-off, the student-athlete would be subject to the 365-day sit-out (but the receiving institution could file a Compassionate Appeal)
- If an Intent to Transfer is not submitted:
 - Institution can still sign off, and Committee will hear as e-disposition
 - If not, they fall into the traditional Compassionate Appeal status

DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS?

IF NOT:

- 1) Based on member feedback, the Eligibility Committee will decline to pursue any reform to the transfer policy





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THANK YOU

