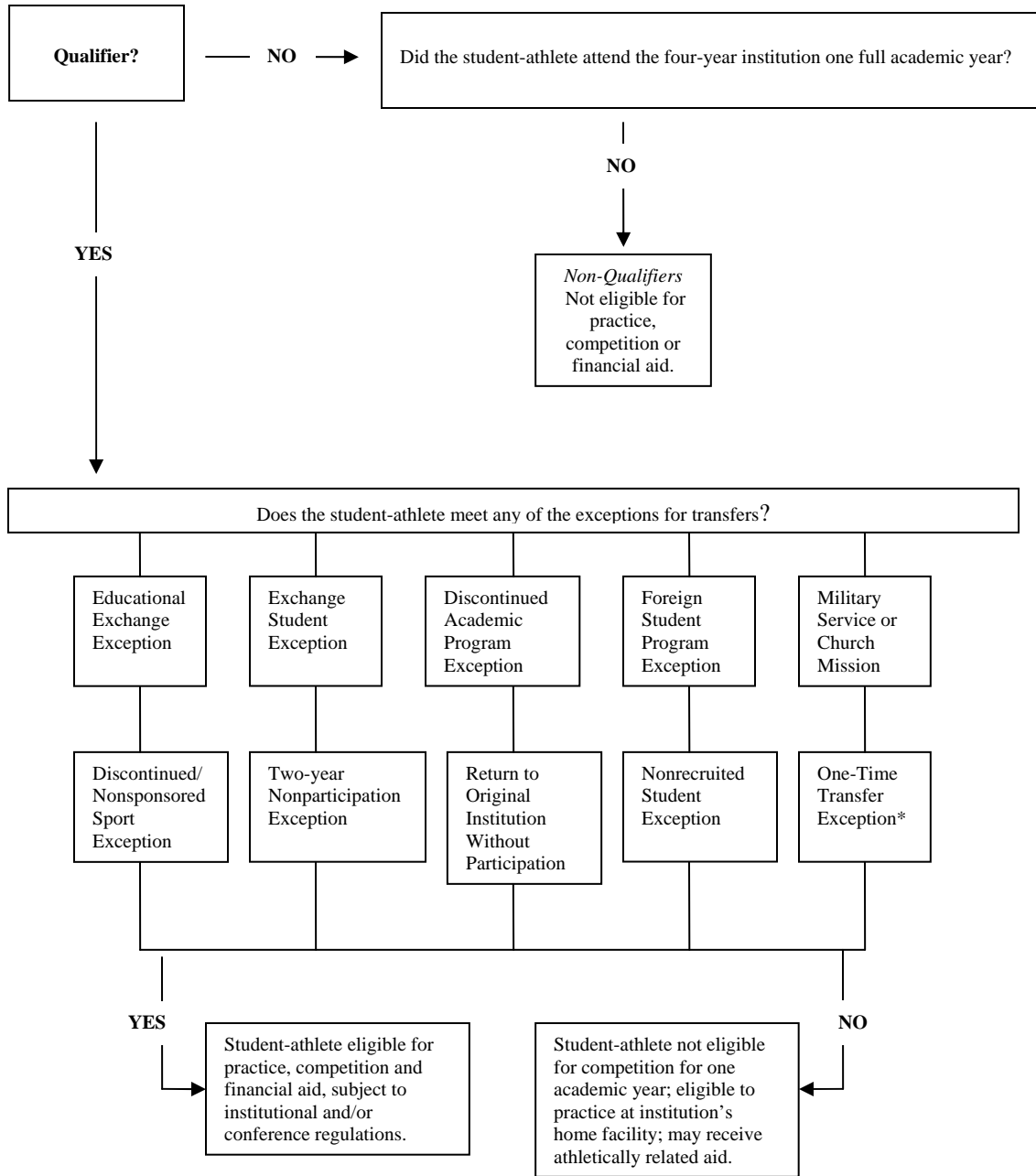


**Academic Requirements for Four-Year College Transfer Students
[for those student-athletes transferring into a Division I institution]**



* Students who participate in the sports of baseball, basketball, bowl subdivision football or men's ice hockey are not eligible for this exception.

Additional Information for Transfers from 4-year Institutions

NCAA Bylaw 13.1.1.3 Four-Year College Prospects

An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA or NAIA four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining the written permission of the first institution's athletics director (or an athletics administrator designated by the athletics director) to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer and the institution shall not provide athletically related financial assistance to the student-athlete until the student-athlete has attended the second institution for one academic year. If permission is granted to contact the student-athlete, all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply. If an institution receives a written request from a student-athlete to permit another institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall grant or deny the request within seven business days (see Bylaw 13.02.1) of receipt of the request. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within seven business days, permission shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete.

13.1.1.3.1 Hearing Opportunity

If the institution decides to deny a student-athlete's request to permit any other institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, upon request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing to the student-athlete within 15 business days (see Bylaw 13.02.1) of receipt of the student-athlete's written request for a hearing. The student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in person, via telephone) in the hearing. If the institution fails to conduct the hearing or provide the written results to the student-athlete within 15 business days, permission to contact the student-athlete shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete.

NCAA Bylaw 14.5.5.1 General Rule.

A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution (see Bylaw [14.02.13](#)).

There are ten (10) NCAA exceptions by which a four-year transfer student can enroll at GW and become eligible immediately upon transferring. The exceptions are listed below. Please note that the most common is called the "One-Time Transfer Exception" which is the last exception listed.

14.5.5.2 Exceptions or Waivers for Transfers from Four-Year Colleges

A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw [14.5.1.3](#)) from a four-year collegiate institution is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition, provided the student does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring (except for the return to original institution without participation or with minimal participation exception) and any of the following exceptions is satisfied. During the student-athlete's first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment, such conditions may serve as a basis for an exception to the residence requirement only for transfer students who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for qualifiers (set forth in Bylaw [14.3.1](#)) in Division I. In baseball and basketball, a student-athlete who initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for an exception to the one-year residence requirement shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year.

1. Educational Exchange Exception (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.1)

The student returns to his or her original institution under any of the following conditions:

- (a) After participation in a cooperative educational exchange program, provided the student is to receive a baccalaureate degree from the institution from which the student transferred to participate in the exchange program;
- (b) After one semester or quarter of attendance at another institution for purposes of taking academic courses not available at the original institution, regardless of whether they are required in the degree program the student-athlete is pursuing at the first institution. In such an instance, the student also may take additional courses that were available at the first institution; or
- (c) After one academic year of attendance at another collegiate institution, in accordance with the program recommended by the appropriate academic officer at the original institution, provided the student was in good academic standing at the time the student left the original institution.

2. Exchange Student Exception (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.2)

The student is enrolled in the certifying institution for a specified period of time as a bona fide exchange student participating in a formal educational exchange program that is an established requirement of the student-athlete's curriculum.

3. Discontinued Academic Program Exception (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.3)

The student changed institutions in order to continue a major course of study because the original institution discontinued the academic program in the student's major.

4. Foreign Student Program Exception (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.4)

The individual is a foreign student who is required to transfer (one or more times) because of a study program predetermined by the government of the student's nation or the sponsoring educational organization.

5. Military Service, Church Mission Exception (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.5)

The student returns from at least 12 months of active service in the armed forces of the United States.

6. Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.6)

In a particular sport when the student transfers at any time to the certifying institution and participates in the sport on the intercollegiate level after any of the following conditions has occurred:

- (a) The student's original four-year collegiate institution dropped (or has publicly announced it will drop) the sport (in which the student has practiced or competed at that institution in intercollegiate competition) from its intercollegiate program; or
- (b) The student's original four-year collegiate institution reclassified (or has publicly announced it will reclassify) the sport (in which the student has practiced or competed at that institution in intercollegiate competition) from Division I to Division III status, and the student subsequently had not competed in that sport on the Division III level; or
- (c) The student's original four-year collegiate institution never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at the institution, provided the student had never transferred from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport.

7. Two-Year Nonparticipation Exception (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.7)

The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately prior to the date on which the student begins participation (practice and/or competition), the student has not competed in intercollegiate competition and has not engaged in other countable athletically related activities in intercollegiate athletics in the involved sport beyond a 14 consecutive-day period, or has neither practiced nor competed in organized non-collegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14 consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-

athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1) This two-year period does not include any period of time prior to the student's initial-collegiate enrollment.

8. Return to Original Institution Without Participation (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.8)

The student transfers to a second four-year collegiate institution, does not compete at the second institution and does not engage in other countable athletically related activities in the involved sport at the second institution beyond a 14 consecutive-day period and returns to the original institution. The 14 consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1). A student may use this exception even if he or she has an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring.

9. Nonrecruited Student Exception (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.9)

The student transfers to the certifying institution, and the following conditions are met:

- (a) The student-athlete was not recruited by the certifying institution (per Bylaw 13.02.12.1);
- (b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete; and
- (c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not engaged in other countable athletically related activities in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14 consecutive-day period at any previous institution. The 14 consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1).

10. One-Time Transfer Exception (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10)

The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met (for graduate students, see also Bylaw [14.1.9.1](#)):

- (a) The student is a participant in a sport other than baseball, basketball, bowl subdivision football or men's ice hockey at the institution to which the student is transferring. A participant in championship subdivision football at the institution to which the student is transferring may use this exception only if the participant transferred to the certifying institution from an institution that sponsors bowl subdivision football and has two or more seasons of competition remaining in football or the participant transfers from a Football Championship Subdivision institution that offers athletically related financial aid in football to a Football Championship Subdivision institution that does not offer athletically related financial aid in football;
- (b) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw [14.5.5.2.6](#) (discontinued/ nonsponsored sport exception);
- (c) The student is in good academic standing and meets the progress-toward-degree requirements. The transferring student must be one who would have been academically eligible had he or she remained at the institution from which the student transferred, and he or she also must be eligible at the certifying institution as a regularly enrolled, full-time, degree-seeking student who was admitted in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of the institution. The student shall not be required to fulfill the necessary percentage-of-degree requirements at the previous institution; and
- (d) If the student is transferring from an NCAA or NAIA member institution, the student's previous institution shall certify in writing that it has no objection to the student being granted an exception to the transfer-residence requirement. If an institution receives a written request for a release from a student-athlete, the institution shall grant or deny the request within seven business days. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within seven business days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete

14.5.5.2.10.1 Hearing Opportunity. If the student's previous institution denies his or her written request for the release, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, upon

written request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing to the student-athlete within 15 business days (see Bylaw 14.04.2) of receipt the student-athlete's written request for a hearing. The student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in person, via telephone) in the hearing. If the institution fails to conduct the hearing or provide the written results to the student-athlete within 15 business days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete.

14.5.5.2.10.1 Nonrecruited Student. A student-athlete who does not qualify for the exception due to Bylaw [14.5.5.2.10](#)-(a) may use the one-time transfer exception, provided he or she was not recruited by the original four-year institution and has never received institutional athletically related financial aid from any four-year institution.

Please remember that if you are currently attending another four-year institution you MAY NOT contact any GW head coach until we have received a transfer release from your current four-year institution. You can request this release through your athletic director at your four-year institution or you can contact the GW Associate Athletics Director/Compliance and request that GW send a release for a request to your current institution.

ALSO CHECK OUT THE NCAA TRANSFER GUIDE – SPECIFICALLY PAGES 19 – 20.