

Department of Athletics' Student-Athlete Transfer Policy	Revised: October 26, 2016
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Policy

To ensure compliance with NCAA bylaws and promote academic and experiential excellence, Niagara University shall use the below procedure to address transfer requests from student-athletes.

Procedure

A student-athlete must request and secure a written "permission to contact" letter from the Director of Athletics, or his designee, before it is permissible to contact coaches or institutional staff members from another collegiate institution regarding opportunities for athletics participation.

Once the student-athlete has identified an institution(s) for potential transfer, a transfer release must be secured from the Director of Athletics or his designee.

If a transfer release is not granted, the next institution cannot encourage the transfer and cannot provide athletics financial assistance until the student-athlete has attended the next institution for one academic year.

NU is not required to grant a release.

While each decision is case-specific, NU will not grant a release to the University at Buffalo, St. Bonaventure University, institutions within the same conference, or institutions that appear on future schedules of the sport in which the student-athlete participates.

In addition, in accordance with NCAA academic progress rate regulations, NU may not provide a release to any student-athlete wishing to transfer who carries a cumulative GPA of less than 2.6.

If the request for a release is denied, the student-athlete can appeal the decision through the Athletics Appeals Review Board. The procedure for an appeal can be found under "Athletic Appeals" on policies.niagara.edu.

Once a transfer release has been requested the following services will still be available to the student-athlete:

- Academic Support

- NCAA Compliance Assistance.

The following services will no longer be available to the student-athlete after the transfer request has been made:

- Strength and Conditioning
- Athletic Training (if the student-athlete is currently involved with a documented rehabilitation it may continue)
- Equipment room issue and laundry services (all issued team gear must immediately be returned).

Student-athletes that voluntarily withdraw from a team will not be entitled to retain their athletic scholarship.