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# RALPHIE'S HOT TOPIC

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# GRADUATE STUDENT TRANSFER WAIVER

- ✘ NCAA rules prohibit a student-athlete to transfer from one 4 year institution to another 4 year institution if:
  - + The student-athlete is in the sport of football or basketball
  - + The student-athlete is in a sport OTHER than football or basketball and has already used his/her one-time transfer exception.

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- ✘ During the 2006-07 academic year, there was a rule in place that allowed student-athletes to have an exception to this prohibition
- ✘ This rule stated that a student-athlete could transfer to another institution to pursue a post-graduate degree and would not have to sit a year in residence.

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- ✘ This rule was only in effect for one year, and was taken off the books due to coaches concerns that a “free agent” system would be created.
- ✘ Coaches in multiple sports did not want their student-athletes to leave before their senior year of eligibility.

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- ✘ Even though the rule was taken “off the books,” the NCAA does still allow students to transfer to another institution in order to pursue a post-graduate degree.
- ✘ Currently, instead of the exception being met automatically, a student-athlete must go through a waiver process

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- ✘ If there is a student-athlete considering a transfer to CU for Graduate School, please notify Compliance so we can explore the possibility of this waiver.
- ✘ These are not guaranteed to be passed by the NCAA, but the major criteria they are looking for is that CU offers their desired field of study
  - + The NCAA looks at whether or not that degree program is offered at their current institution.

# BYLAWS WE ARE REFERENCING

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- ✘ 14.1.9.1 One-Time Transfer Exception.
- ✘ A graduate student who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if the student fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10 and has eligibility remaining per Bylaw 14.2. (Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96 for those student-athletes who transfer to the certifying institution on or after 8/1/96, Revised: 4/27/06, 1/6/07 effective 8/1/07)