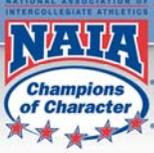




**NAIA Basics of Eligibility: Transfer Rule**

Welcome to a discussion of the NAIA's Transfer Rule.

# TRANSFER RULE



## Transfers

**Are students who identified previously at any other collegiate institution**

If came from a four-year institution	✓ <b>16-week residency required</b>
If attended <b>only</b> two-year institutions before	✓ <b>No residency period</b>
Never competed at the immediately previous four-year institution.	✓ <b>No residency period</b>
If previous four-year institution provides "release" and has a 2.0 GPA	✓ <b>No residency period</b>
If within an NAIA conference	✓ <b>Conference rules apply</b>

Let's begin by defining a transfer student. A transfer student is someone who identified previously at any other collegiate institution. The most important question is when can transfers start competing on your campus.

The basic transfer rule for any NAIA student who came from another four-year institution is that they must sit out 16 weeks before being eligible to compete.

Sixteen weeks starts the first day of class and runs through the following 16 weeks. That student can play for you on the first day of week 17.

If the student came from a **two-year institution** and only has attended a two-year institution previously, there is no residency period.

If the student **never competed at the immediately previous four year institution**, the student is not required to serve a residency period.

If the student **did compete at the immediately previous four year institution** and that institution provides a release stating that that the institution has no objection to the student transferring and playing immediately and the student has a 2.0 GPA, there is no residency period.

If the previous institution does not release the student, the student is required to serve the 16-week residency period. The other thing to remember, if a student transfers within an NAIA conference, the student will be subject to whatever conference rules you have about transferring within the conference. Some conferences in the NAIA may require a one-year residency period with no exception if a student transfers within a conference.