

Transfer Portal Parent Checklist

A quick-reference guide for parents and guardians navigating transfers, NIL, and next commitments across all college divisions.

Eligibility & Scholarship Risks

- Do we understand how this transfer affects eligibility and remaining seasons?
- Is the scholarship guaranteed, partial, or year-to-year?
- Will academic credits transfer cleanly?
- Are there conference or division rules that could limit eligibility?
- Have we considered what could be lost by transferring?

Common Transfer Mistakes

- Are decisions being driven by emotion or pressure?
- Are we confusing interest with a real offer?
- Are we relying on verbal promises instead of written clarity?
- Are we rushing because of outside voices?
- Have we compared realistic alternatives?

Parent Advocacy (Without Hurting Recruiting)

- Is the athlete leading communication when appropriate?
- Are we using the right channels and timing?
- Could parent involvement be misinterpreted negatively?
- Are we preparing our athletes rather than speaking for them?
- Are we supporting growth, not control?

Before Saying Yes Again

- What is the athlete's realistic role in year one?
- How are scholarships handled after year one?
- What happens if expectations aren't met?
- Are NIL opportunities guaranteed or projected?
- Have contracts been reviewed independently?

If pressure were removed, would this decision still feel right for the athlete's long-term success?

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