

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS  
*The Fifty-Seventh Annual Meeting*  
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PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CIAC BYLAWS  
(To be voted on by the CIAC membership only)

**CHANGE #1: ARTICLE IX (Rules of Eligibility) / SECTION II.C #14**

**Explanation of Change:** Section II.C #14 concerns the eligibility of students who participate in athletics and transfer in or out of a public school of choice. The proposed change specifically speaks to the eligibility of an athlete who transfers at a time other than the start of a school year.

Proposed language (**changes in *bold italics***):

Section II.C (Student Eligibility)

- (14) Athletes will be permitted to transfer ***upon entering*** grade ten to participate in any public school open choice plan enacted by the State Legislature or any state authorized charter, regional cooperative, vo-tech, inter-district satellite, magnet or other public school choice option. Transfers ***in or out of a school of choice*** may only take place once during grades 10, 11 or 12. ***Student-athletes who transfer in or out of a school of choice at the start of the school year will retain their eligibility providing they are otherwise eligible. Student-athletes who transfer out of a school of choice at the end of a school year must return to the school to which they would have been normally assigned by the Board of Education or be subject to the transfer rule. Student-athletes who transfer during the school year will be subject to all the provisions of the transfer rule unless they have a legal change of address to a new school district or meet one of the exceptions to the transfer rule.*** If a new charter, regional cooperative inter-district satellite, magnet or other public school choice option receives state approval subsequent to the year of a transfer, the athlete may transfer ***at the start of the school year*** to that school without loss of eligibility. ***Transfers during the school year will be subject to the transfer rules.***

**Rationale for change:** Currently, an athlete who transfers in or out of a school of choice during the school year is not subject to the provisions of the Transfer Rule. The proposed language will subject any student-athlete who transfers in or out of a choice school during the school year to the same restrictions as an athlete who transfers without a legal change of address.