APPEALS PROCESS FOR DENIAL OF RELEASE/PERMISSION TO CONTACT

A student-athlete may transfer to another institution at will and begin practicing with the new team immediately. In football and in men’s and women’s basketball, NCAA rules prevent competition for a full year following the transfer, but the student-athlete may receive athletics financial aid if the previous institution releases him or her (viz., "permission to speak to another institution"). In other sports, a student-athlete may practice, play, and receive athletics financial aid immediately if the previous institution releases him or her (viz., "one-time transfer exception").

A student-athlete may appeal any denial of release to the Boulder campus Transfer Appeals Committee, which consists of faculty and staff outside the Department of Athletics. This committee has the power to affirm, amend, or overturn the denial. Its decision is final and binding.

Procedures for this process are as follows:

- Within seven business days of the receipt of a request from a student-athlete for either form of release, the Department of Athletics shall inform the student-athlete of the decision to grant or deny that request. Notification shall be delivered via return-receipt certified mail, with a copy via e-mail. If the request is denied, the notification letter must inform the student-athlete that he/she has the right to appeal the decision to the Transfer Appeals Committee.

- If the student-athlete wishes to appeal the decision, he/she must notify the Director of Athletics. CU Boulder shall conduct an appeal hearing and provide written results within 15 business days of receipt of the student-athlete’s request for the appeal.

- The hearing will be conducted by the Transfer Appeals Committee, which consists of three members: the Registrar, the chair of the Boulder Faculty Assembly’s Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC), and the chair of the CU Boulder Athletics Board (BAB). Substitute committee members can be appointed by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, in consultation with the IAC and BAB chairs.

- The student-athlete may choose to participate by telephone, videoconference, in writing, or in person. He or she may be accompanied by a friend or family member but that person may not participate in the hearing process.

- The student-athlete will present his/her reasons why the denial of the release should be overturned.

- A Department of Athletics representative will present reasons for the denial of the release.

- Both presentations will be private (i.e., the other party will not be present). The student-athlete may choose the order of presentation.

- The committee reserves the right to recall either side for additional information, or to call upon other individuals who may provide more information (roommate, teammate, etc.)

- In making its determination, the committee shall weigh the interests and responsibilities of the student-athlete and the interests and responsibilities of the Department of Athletics. A majority decision is required.
- The committee shall notify the student-athlete, Director of Athletics, Head Coach, and Director of Compliance of its decision by email.

- If CU Boulder fails to meet any of the conditions described above, the release shall be granted by default.

Copy of Letter of Appeal to Student-Athlete

Dear Student-Athlete:

This serves to notify you that you have the right to appeal the denial of your release to discuss transfer. Appeals are heard by a campus committee consisting of faculty and staff outside the Department of Athletics. This outside committee has the power to affirm, amend, or overturn the denial of your release. Its decision is final and binding.

Please find enclosed a copy of the transfer appeals committee policies and procedures. If you choose to appeal, you must notify the Director of Athletics by email and/or US mail.

Michael Bohn
Director of Athletics

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