

Chicago State Sport Sponsorship FAQ

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What sport is being discontinued and why?

The Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that will discontinue the sport of baseball. The decision was made in light of the difficult budgetary climate across the intercollegiate athletics landscape. The discontinuation of baseball will provide Chicago State with the ability to realign resources with needs that impact all fifteen (15) sport programs.

What support are we going to provide?

Chicago State will honor current athletic scholarships for student-athletes who wish to continue their studies at Chicago State. We will provide assistance to any student-athlete interested in continuing their athletic pursuits elsewhere. Per NCAA rules, student-athletes who transfer because their athletic program has been eliminated will be able to compete immediately. For incoming baseball student-athletes, Chicago State will honor the scholarship agreement that was signed with the NLI and honor the terms of that agreement. Per the NLI provisions, the Chicago State NLI is "null and void" which will allow signees to accept a scholarship offer from another institution should they wish. Members of the athletic administration are available to assist with any transition. CSU Athletics Compliance Services will be a valuable resource during this transition and can be reached at marques.dantzler@csu.edu. Should student-athletes need additional support, the Counseling Center can provide assistance 773-995-2383.

What does this mean for other sports?

The University is maintaining all other sports at this time. Chicago State remains committed to providing a competitive Division I athletics program with high-quality academic and competitive athletics to all student-athletes. Chicago State will add men's soccer in fall of 2020.

Transfer Portal Request Process

Student-athletes need to contact CSU Athletic Compliance Services via email (marques.dantzler@csu.edu) and provide their telephone number and best email address to be contacted. Once we receive these items, they will be entered into the transfer portal.

One-Time Transfer Exception

Would not be applicable in the student-athletes transfer within Division I. However, student-athletes would all qualify for the discontinued sport exception. Both exceptions are listed as questions in the tracer section of their transfer portal profile.

Facility Access

Chicago State Athletics will schedule appointments for student-athletes to go to the JCC to clean out their lockers and retrieve any personal items they may have left in the locker room.

Scholarship Renewal Process

For those student-athletes who choose to remain at CSU, their scholarships would be processed through the normal scholarship renewal process with Financial Aid.