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JOSH CENTOR: Welcome to Mondays with Myles.

Today we're going to discuss transfer roles in Division I. In basketball, mens and women's; football; and men's ice hockey, student athletes have to sit out a year if their transfer institutions. In other NCAA sports. They don't have to do this.

Dr. Brand, why is this.

DR. MYLES BRAND: Well, let's take a particular sport, like baseball. Perhaps there should be a transfer rule in baseball, as well.

What happens in Division I baseball, for example, is that we see a lot of movement between teams. That makes it harder for the fans, but it certainly makes it harder for the coaches too.

What happens every summer is that many of the players go off and play summer league. One famous one is Cape Cod. And coaches go there and essentially recruit a whole new team. I'm not sure that that's the best approach.

JOSH CENTOR: It doesn't seem to be in the spirit of NCAA.

DR. MYLES BRAND: No, it doesn't. And in the other sports, particularly in other divisions, people

1 do tend to stay with their teams, which is good. But the
2 movement between teams in baseball, I think is actually
3 harming the sport right now.

4 Now, not everyone agrees with that
5 statement. Some of the coaches who don't - haven't
6 recruited well in the first year, may well want to go to
7 the summer leagues and attract new players. Those who
8 have recruited well would prefer to keep their players.
9 So there's a split in the baseball coaching community on
10 this.

11 But I think it needs very serious
12 consideration.

13 JOSH CENTOR: And we've heard that that --
14 having to sit out that one year for those basketball and
15 football student athletes is -- isn't that friendly, but
16 it seems like it works the other way with the transfer
17 rule. It's not that friendly for baseball players, is
18 it?

19 DR. MYLES BRAND: It's not that friendly
20 for baseball players. And the fact of the matter is the
21 baseball players are almost like free agents. They keep
22 transferring between institutions. And that can't be
23 healthy for their education, let alone their ability to
24 have teammates, make friends, and for the fans who want
25 to follow these players year after year.

1 JOSH CENTOR: You talked a little bit about
2 those graduation rates for baseball players. The APR
3 just came out.

4 DR. MYLES BRAND: The APR for baseball
5 players isn't as high as we would like. I don't think
6 that has a great deal to do with the transfer rule, but
7 it might have something to do with the transfer rule.

8 I think part of it is that some of the
9 players once they begin their season don't, in fact,
10 apply themselves enough to make sure that they're
11 eligible for the next year.

12 JOSH CENTOR: All right. Well, we will
13 certainly keep our eye on that.

14 Thank you for tuning into Mondays with
15 Myles, which can be found on the NCAA blog, the
16 DoubleAZone, each and every Monday morning.

17 We will see you next week.

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