

Uthoff transfers to Iowa after season in Wisconsin

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Former Wisconsin basketball player Jarrod Uthoff announced his decision Wednesday evening to transfer to Iowa and join the men's basketball program. *ESPN's* Dave Telep [first tweeted the news Wednesday](#), which was then later confirmed by the *Cedar Rapids Gazette's* Scott Dochterman, [who spoke to Uthoff directly](#).

The Cedar Rapids native's decision to become a Hawkeye comes two months after Wisconsin had placed transfer restrictions on numerous programs – including Iowa – for Uthoff's services before reducing the number down solely to Big Ten programs only.

Big Ten regulations allow Uthoff to transfer to Iowa, but in addition to redshirting the 2012-13 season, Uthoff has to walk on and cannot be placed on scholarship by head coach Fran McCaffery until 2013 at the earliest. Also, McCaffery and his coaching staff were not allowed to have any sort of direct communication with Uthoff during his transferring process.

While Uthoff won't suit up in a game for the Hawkeyes until the 2013-14 season, he will be allowed to play in the Prime Time League this summer. PTL director Randy Larson said last month [Uthoff would participate](#) under the condition he got approval to from whichever school he transferred to. Prior to his senior year at Jefferson High School in 2010, Uthoff committed to Wisconsin over Iowa and redshirted during this past season.

Uthoff's ended up choosing Iowa over Iowa State, where he

could have received a scholarship right away but would have still had to redshirt the 2012-13 season due to NCAA guidelines. Other schools considered to be in the hunt for Uthoff's services included Marquette and Florida.

Once Uthoff's redshirt is completed, he will have three years of eligibility for the Hawkeyes. Uthoff is also the sixth addition to the 2012-13 roster, joining the five incoming freshmen who all signed letters of intent back on Nov. 9.