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Sport Labor Migration and Collegiate Sport in the United States: A Typology of Migrant Athletes.

The global migration of athletes has been increasing in a variety of sporting contexts around the globe, including collegiate sport in the United States. In accordance with such growing internationalization, a body of research in the area of sport labor migration has developed. The intent of this paper is to bring added understating to the forces that lead athletes to migrate to the United States for the purposes of collegiate sport and to explicitly connect research on migrant athletes in U.S. collegiate sport to the broader context of sport labor migration research. In doing so, we utilize the typologies of migrant athletes developed by Maguire (1999) and Magee and Sugden (2002) as a conceptual framework for analysis. Qualitative interviews with 12 international athletes participating in U.S. collegiate sport were conducted to explore their motivations for coming to the U.S. Based on the findings, a revised typology including the categories of mercenary, nomadic cosmopolitan, settler, returnee, exile, and ambitionist is presented to explain some of the key dimensions involved in the migration of athletes to U.S. collegiate sport.