



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JULY 23, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee – Off-Campus Recruiting Model.**

- (1) Action. The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Cabinet adopt expedited legislation to amend the recruiting and personnel legislation, as follows:
 - (a) Modify off-campus recruiting activities to permit an institution to engage in up to 300 recruiting person days from January 1 through May 31 during any contact period.
 - (b) Increase the number of fall evaluation days from 33 to 50.
 - (c) Eliminate the requirement to count an institution's head football coach's off-campus recruiting activity against the number of recruiting person days; however, an institution's head football coach may not recruit off campus during the spring contact period.
 - (d) An institution may engage in up to four recruiting opportunities per prospective student-athlete during the January 1 through May 31 period and one evaluation day during the fall evaluation period. During the January 1 through May 31 period, an institution may not engage in more than one recruiting opportunity per week per prospective student-athlete (measured from Monday through Sunday).
 - (e) Increase the number of institutional staff members who may recruit off campus on behalf of the institution from 11 to 17. An institution's head football coach must be designated as one of the 17 off-campus recruiters.
 - (f) Modify the current legislation to permit an institution to designate off-campus recruiters before any contact or evaluation period.
 - (g) Eliminate the requirement that an off-campus recruiter must provide instruction to current student-athletes.
- (2) Effective date. January 1, 2027.
- (3) Rationale. The changes to off-campus recruiting legislation reflect the current college athletics landscape by providing more institutional autonomy to determine recruiting philosophies and practices.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Varies, depending on institutional decisions.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- a. Designation of Off-Campus Recruiter Blanket Waiver.** The FBSOC approved a blanket waiver to increase the number of individuals who may recruit on behalf of the institution from 11 to 17 for the fall evaluation period. The institution's head coach must be one of the 17 off-campus recruiters, and any recruiting activity conducted by the institution's head coach during the fall evaluation period must count towards the permissible number of recruiting opportunities or evaluation period days. Further, the blanket waiver removes the student-athlete instruction requirement for off-campus recruiters. The blanket waiver is effective through January 1, 2027.
- b. Discussion on Recruiting Model and feedback from the FBS Conferences.** The FBSOC reviewed and discussed conference feedback on the off-campus recruiting concept.

Recruiting Person Days. The committee discussed conference feedback on the annual allotment of recruiting person days. Based on feedback from the head coaches, the committee recommended 350 recruiting person days divided into two periods: Winter/Spring and Fall. A two-period allotment of recruiting person days model allows additional flexibility to determine recruiting activities during the winter and spring contact periods while limiting off-campus recruiting activities during the season.

Fall Evaluation Period. The committee discussed conference feedback on a change from a fall evaluation to contact period. The committee recommended maintaining the existing fall evaluation period for the 2027 recruiting calendar.

FBS Head Coach Off-Campus Recruiting Prohibition. The committee discussed conference feedback on the FBS head coach off-campus recruiting prohibition in the spring. The committee referred the discussion back to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) to develop a recommendation for football coaches balancing on-campus responsibilities with current student-athletes and engagement with future student-athletes.

Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete (IAWP). The committee discussed the conference feedback on IAWP legislation with the recommended changes to the off-campus recruiters' legislation. The committee did not recommend changes to the IAWP legislation and will continue to review the impact of the changes to off-campus recruiters' legislation and IAWP legislation.

- c. **2026-2027 FBS Recruiting Calendar.** The FBSOC approved recommendations from the FBS Calendar Subgroup to amend the 2026-27 FBS recruiting calendar beginning January 1, 2027. The 2027 recruiting calendar will be modified to include a quiet period beginning January 1 through the final day of the notification of transfer period. After the quiet period, the remainder of January will be a contact period. The committee did not recommend any changes to the fall evaluation period.
- d. **Review of the membership feedback on NCAA Division I Proposal Nos. 2026-52 and 2026-57.** The FBSOC reviewed feedback on Division I Proposal No. 2026-57. Additionally, the committee received an update on the proposed calendar changes recommended by the Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee.
- e. **NCAA Division I Cabinet update.** The FBSOC received an update on the recent NCAA Division I Cabinet's videoconferences. In response to a referral from the Cabinet, the FBSOC agreed to reconvene at a future date to discuss potential policy solutions to address fact patterns of recent waiver requests to enter a student-athlete's information into the transfer portal outside of the legislated transfer portal windows and provide feedback to the Cabinet.
- f. **Appointment of new committee members.** The FBSOC appointed Sam Edwards, Michigan State University, and Asa Newsom, Kansas State University, to the oversight committee. Edwards will also serve on the DI Football Rules Subcommittee.
- g. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee June 22-23 report.** The committee approved the June 22-23 FBSOC report.
- h. **Future meetings.**
 - (1) 11:30 to 1 p.m. Eastern time, August 27, 2026; videoconference.
 - (2) 11:30 to 1 p.m. Eastern time, September 24, 2026; videoconference.

Committee Chair: Mark Alnutt, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York.

Staff Liaisons: Geoff Bentzel, NCAA Division I Governance and Membership Services.

Jenn Fraser, NCAA Division I Governance and Membership Services.

Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

Kris Richardson, NCAA Division I Governance and Membership Services

NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee July 23, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Mark Alnutt, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.

Bret Bielema, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
Josh Brooks, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.
Shonna Brown, Pac-12 Conference.
Lisa Campos, University of Texas at San Antonio; American Conference.
A.J. Edds, Big Ten Conference. (alternate)
Sam Edwards, Michigan State University.
Justin Fuente, College Football Playoff.
Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.
Alan Green, University of Southern California.
Pat Kraft, Big Ten Conference.
Clark Lea Jr., Vanderbilt University.
Graham Neff, Clemson University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Bob Nielson, American Football Coaches Association. (alternate)
Matt Roan, James Madison University, Sun Belt Conference.
Tre Stallings, Conference USA. (alternate)
John Sullivan, Mountain West Conference. (alternate)
Gene Taylor, Kansas State University; Big 12 Conference.
Absentees:
Craig Bohl, American Football Coaches Association.
Erick Harper, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Mountain West Conference.
Todd Stewart, Western Kentucky University; Conference USA.
Michael Strickland, Atlantic Coast Conference.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Amanda Conklin, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston, Jackson Marcotte, Greg Pottorff, Geoff Silver and Lynda Tealer.