



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JUNE 22-23, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Nonlegislative items.

- a. Review of annual reports from institutions in the FCS to FBS reclassification process.** The Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee (FBSOC) reviewed the annuals reports submitted by two institutions in the membership process. The FBSOC recommended the NCAA Division I Cabinet approve active FBS membership status, effective August 1, 2026, for:

- (1) University of Delaware; and
- (2) Missouri State University.

- b. Approved the applications of the following institutions to enter year one of the FCS to FBS reclassification process, effective August 1, 2026:**

- (1) California State University, Sacramento; and
- (2) North Dakota State University.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- a. NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee – Recruiting and Playing and Practice Season – Notification of Transfer Window, Out-of-Season Activities and Preseason Practice Period.**

- (1) Action. The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee introduced legislation into the October legislative cycle to modify the recruiting and playing and practice season legislation, as follows:

- (a) Notification of Transfer Window. Modify the duration of the notification of transfer period from 15 to 10 calendar days, beginning the first business day after January 1.
- (b) Out-of-Season Activities.

- i. Permit an institution to conduct up to 12 contact and a minimum of nine noncontact practices over seven weeks.

20 hours of countable athletically related activities is permitted in each of those seven weeks. The seven weeks must be divided into two periods, with neither period lasting longer than five weeks. There must be a minimum of one week between the final on-field practice and the start of the preseason practice period. An institution may not conduct contact practices during the month of July.

Require a minimum of nine discretionary weeks. At least one discretionary week must occur between the end of the spring term and the start of the preseason practice period.

- ii. Outside of the seven-week period and the discretionary weeks, permit student-athletes to participate in up to eight hours per week of countable athletically related activities, including noncontact skill instruction.

(c) Preseason Practice Period.

- i. Reduce the duration of the preseason practice period from 31 to 27 calendar days;
- ii. Reduce the total number of preseason practices from 25 to 21;
- iii. Reduce the number of fully padded and full tackle practices from eight to seven; and
- iv. Reduce the minimum number of practices in helmets and spider pads from five to four sessions.

(2) Effective date. January 1, 2027.

- (3) Rationale. The recommendation to adjust the written notification of transfer period reflects current trends in football notification of transfer data. That data indicates most student-athletes are entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal within the first ten days of the notification of transfer period. The modification of the opening of the written notification of transfer period to the first business day in January also reduces the administrative burden that occurs when the written notification of transfer period begins on a Saturday or Sunday. The out-of-season activities recommendation provides institutions discretion to plan activities that align with specific institutional practices and philosophies. Finally, a reduction in the duration and number of practices during the preseason practice period is necessary due to the

additional on-field practice opportunities provided during the January 1 through start of preseason period. The preseason practice period recommendation allows opportunities for adequate on-field preparation for the upcoming football season while maintaining the current framework for required days off and the seven-day acclimatization period.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Increases in the on-field practice time and the ability to conduct out-of-season practices during the summer may result in additional costs based on institutional decision-making. The reduction in duration and number of on-field practices during the preseason period may reduce preseason expenses for some institutions.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. This recommendation aligns the written notification of transfer legislation with current student-athlete behavior and trends, provides institutions with discretion to plan out-of-season activities according to the needs of its student-athletes, and promotes student-athlete health, safety, and well-being by reducing the duration and number of on-field practices during the preseason period.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- a. **Legislative relief waiver appeal – First Contest.** The FBSOC reviewed an appeal of a conference’s legislative relief waiver to permit two FBS institutions to conduct their first contest prior to the legislated first contest date.
- b. **Legislative relief waiver appeal – Contest Status Legislation.** The FBSOC reviewed an appeal of an institution’s legislative relief waiver to permit an institution to count a victory against a FCS opponent for purposes of the deserving team legislation.
- c. **FBS Calendar Subgroup recommendations.** The FBSOC discussed survey feedback on the concepts developed by the FBS Calendar Subgroup. The committee members charged the staff with creating and distributing a supplemental document that outlines the off-campus recruiting concept and requests conference feedback. During the July FBSOC videoconference, the committee will discuss that feedback. Following that discussion, the committee may recommend a proposal be introduced into the expedited legislative process.
- d. **Football Conference Administrative Guidelines (FCAG).** The FBSOC approved a recommendation from the DI Football Rules Subcommittee to approve Football Conference Administrative Guidelines developed by FBS and FCS conference administrators to identify football playing rules that are administrative in nature. These are rules identified as relating more to game management than to how the game is played and will be managed by the conferences.

- e. **Football Playing Rules – Experimental Rule Request.** The FBSOC approved an experimental rule proposal from the Division I football rules subcommittee to permit replay video output to be made available in real-time to both coaches' booths during conference competition. A non-conference opponent would have the ability to opt out of the replay video output, which would mean that neither team would have access to it. This experimental rule may be used for the 2026 regular season. Any conference using this rule will be required to submit feedback, findings, results and any other applicable information shortly after the conclusion of the season.
- f. **2025-26 Strategic Priorities update.** The FBSOC received an update on their progress addressing their 2025-26 strategic priorities.
- g. **Legislative relief waiver summary – Notification of Transfer.** The FBSOC received an update on the volume of legislative relief waivers filed by institutions to enter football student-athletes into the transfer portal outside of the January 2-16 notification of transfer period.
- h. **NCAA Division I Cabinet update.** The FBSOC received an update regarding the NCAA Division I Cabinet's discussions on the age-based eligibility model that included an update on discussions by the NCAA Board of Directors about eligibility scenarios involving current and future student-athletes. Further, FBSOC received an update on the NCAA Board of Directors' concept regarding an engagement period that would permit an institution to initiate recruiting conversations with a student-athlete prior to the opening of the sport-specific notification of transfer period.
- i. **Office of Legal Affairs update.** The FBSOC received an update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.
- j. **Congressional update.** The FBSOC received an update from the NCAA External Affairs staff regarding current congressional engagements.
- k. **FBS Working Group update.** The FBSOC received an update on the work of the FBS Working Group. The working group is expected to provide an interim report summarizing its recommendations in August and anticipates completing its work by October.
- l. **NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor and National Coordinator of Officials update.** The FBSOC received an update regarding the search for both positions. The job posting has closed, and it is anticipated that both positions will be filled by July.
- m. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee May 7 report.** The committee approved the May 7 FBSOC report.

n. Future meetings.

- (1) 11:30 to 1 p.m. Eastern time, July 23, 2026; videoconference.
- (2) 11:30 to 1 p.m. Eastern time, August 27, 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 June 22-23, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Mark Alnutt, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.	
Bret Bielema, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
Craig Bohl, American Football Coaches Association.	
Josh Brooks, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.	
Shonna Brown, Pac-12 Conference.	
Lisa Campos, University of Texas at San Antonio; American Conference.	
Sam Edwards, Michigan State University.	
Pat Kraft, Big Ten Conference.	
Justin Fuente, College Football Playoff.	
Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.	
Alan Green, University of Southern California.	
Erick Harper, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Mountain West Conference.	
Matt Roan, James Madison University, Sun Belt Conference.	
Graham Neff, Clemson University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Tre Stallings, Conference USA. (alternate)	
Michael Strickland, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Gene Taylor, Kansas State University; Big 12 Conference.	
Absentees:	
Clark Lea Jr., Vanderbilt University.	
Todd Stewart, Western Kentucky University; Conference USA.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Dawn Buth, Matthew Dennis, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston, Jackson Marcotte, Greg Pottorff, Geoff Silver and Lynda Tealer.	