REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 22, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

- **None.**

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative item.

- **Division I Proposal No. 2026-57 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Bowl Subdivision Football -- Out-of-Season Activities and Preseason Practice Period.**

1. Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee amended and adopted, as amended NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-57 to incorporate language reminding institutions to consult with their sports medicine staff in the development of out-of-season activities and the requirement that institutions provide consensus-based care, education and services to their student-athletes. The committee affirmed support to maintain a February 1 start date for noncontact skill instruction and practice periods.

2. Effective date. January 1, 2027.

3. Rationale. This amendment reminds institutions that the timing and duration of out-of-season activities, practice periods and discretionary weeks must be consistent with applicable consensus-based sports medicine guidance, which includes Cardiac Care Best Practices; Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist; Independent Medical Care Best Practices; Mental Health Best Practices; and Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes.

4. Estimated budget impact. None.

5. Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Notification of Transfer Period – Informed Decision Making. The FBSOC continued its discussions related to notification of transfer period waivers involving requests to enter the transfer portal outside of a legislated window. The committee reviewed two concepts that would require student-athletes to receive information about their team standing. The FBSOC did not introduce a legislative proposal. The committee agreed to engage in educational efforts to ensure student-athletes receive notification of team standing before the notification of transfer period. The committee also will continue to monitor waiver trends and data to determine if action is necessary at a later date.

b. Division I Football Playing Rules – Review of season data. The FBSOC reviewed data from the 2026 season with a focus on trends and implementation of recently adopted playing rules.

c. FBSOC strategic priorities. The FBSOC reviewed the committee's areas of focus and approved the following strategic priorities for the 2026-27 academic year: modernization

of football legislation; implementation of FBS Working Group recommendations, if adopted; and support for game operations, technology, and officiating.

d. **FBS Working Group final report**. The FBSOC received an update on the FBS Working Group's final report, including its recommendations regarding the governance of FBS football.

e. **NCAA Governance Dashboard demonstration.** The FBSOC received a demonstration on accessing the NCAA Governance Dashboard, a centralized system designed to provide committee members with easier access to committee information and materials. More information detailing access to the Dashboard will be made available to committee members as soon as it is finalized.

f. **NCAA Office of Legal Affairs update.** The FBSOC received an update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.

g. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Engagement Group update.** The FBSOC received an update from the Football Student-Athlete Engagement Group's October videoconference which included a guest speaker regarding life after football and continued discussion of their 2026-27 strategic priorities.

h. **College Football Playoff update.** The FBSOC received an update from Justin Fuente on the work of the College Football Playoff.

i. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee August 27 and September 24 reports.** The FBSOC approved the August 27 and September 24 FBSOC reports.

j. **Future meetings.**

(1) 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Eastern time, November 19, 2026; videoconference.

(2) 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eastern time, December 3, 2026; videoconference.

(3) 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Eastern time, December 17, 2026; videoconference.

(4) 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Eastern time, January 14, 2026; videoconference.

(5) February 17-18, 2027, in-person meeting, Indianapolis.

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 October 22, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
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.
Chris Davis, Georgia Southern University, Sun Belt Conference.
Sam Edwards, Michigan State University.
Justin Fuente, College Football Playoff.
Alan Green, University of Southern California.
Pat Kraft, Big Ten Conference.
Maura Smith, Sun Belt Conference. (alternate)
Graham Neff, Clemson University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Asa Newsom, Kansas State University.
Todd Stewart, Western Kentucky University; Conference USA.
Michael Strickland, Atlantic Coast Conference.
John Sullivan, Mountain West Conference. (alternate)
Chris Turner, Mid-American Conference. (alternate)
Gene Taylor, Kansas State University; Big 12 Conference.
Absentees:
Mark Alnutt, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.
Bret Bielema, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
Erick Harper, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Mountain West Conference.
Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.
Clark Lea Jr., Vanderbilt University.
Invited Guests:
Dean Blandino, National Director of Instant Replay, College Football Officiating.
Ron Snodgrass, National Coordinator of Officials.
Matt Young, NCAA Secretary Rules Editor.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Amanda Conklin, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston, Haydyn Makins, Jackson Marcotte and Greg Pottorff.