



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative item.

- **Division I Proposal No. 2026-53 -- Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Division I Contest Attendance Restriction.**

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee recommends the NCAA Division I Cabinet amend NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-53. The committee recommends that an institutional staff member with responsibilities specific to football shall not attend another Division I football regular season or postseason contest, unless the contest involves a family member of the institutional staff member as a participant. Further, the committee also recommends three exceptions: (a) FCS football staff members may attend the FCS national championship game and the College Football Playing national championship game (b) football staff members at institutions who are members of the Southwest Athletic Conference and the Mid-eastern Athletic Conference may attend the Celebration Bowl and (c) football staff members from the Southwest Athletic Conference institution may attend the SWAC championship game.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate, pending NCAA Division I Cabinet action at its October 6-7 meeting.
- (3) Rationale. This proposal addresses concerns about attendance for recruiting purposes by institutional staff members at events involving other Division I institutions. The exceptions provide an opportunity for engagement at championship events and postseason contests established to promote community amongst members of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and Southwestern Athletic Conference.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Varies, depending on institutional decisions.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative item.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Legislative Item.

- **Division I Proposal No. 2026-59 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Championship Subdivision Football -- Out-of-Season Activities and Preseason Practice Period.**
 - (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee amended NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-59 to specify that out-of-season activities and noncontact skill instruction may not occur until February 1.
 - (2) Effective date. January 1, 2027.
 - (3) Rationale. This amendment addresses concerns about conducting out-of-season activities with incoming student-athletes during the notification-of-transfer period on a trial basis to determine their readiness for the roster, and to avoid overlap with the start of the academic term.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- a. **NCAA Division I Football Playing Rules update.** The FCSOC received an update from the NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor and National Coordinator of Officials on a recent interpretation of instant replay procedures and media/fan video distributions.
- b. **Injury surveillance program.** The NCAA Sport Science Institute staff provided the committee an update on enhancements to the NCAA Injury Surveillance Program (ISP) aimed at improving injury and exposure data collection from NCAA institutions. The enhancements include greater compatibility with other electronic medical records systems.
- c. **Division I Football Championship update.** The FCSOC received an update on planning for the 2027 Division I Football Championship, including this year's version of the FCS Forum (Sunday, January 10). It was noted that several conferences have indicated interest in holding meetings during the weekend. Planning is underway for other ancillary events and staff will continue to update the committee during future meetings.

- d. **NCAA Secretary Rules-Editor and National Coordinator of Officials update.** The FCSOC received an update from the NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor and the National Coordinator of Officials on expectations for the 2026 season.
- e. **FBS Working Group recommendations.** The FCSOC received an update on the recommendations developed by the FBS Working Group that will be shared with the NCAA Board of Directors during the BOD's October 27 videoconference.
- f. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Engagement Group update.** The FCSOC received an update from the Football Student-Athlete Engagement Group's September videoconference, which included a discussion of strategic priorities for the 2026-27 academic year and interest in programming focused on life after football.
- g. **NCAA Office of Legal Affairs update.** The FCSOC received an update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.
- h. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee August 31 report.** The committee approved the August 31 FCSOC report.
- i. **Future meetings.**
 - (1) 1 to 5 p.m. Eastern time, October 26, 2026; videoconference.
 - (2) 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, November 23, 2026; videoconference.

Committee Chair: Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University.

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 Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee September 28, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Lenny Brown, Virginia Military Institution; Southern Conference. (alternate)	
Sherryta Freeman, Lafayette College; Patriot League.	
Dena Freeman-Patton, Morgan State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.	
Anton Goff, Prairie View A&M; Southwest Athletic Conference.	
Mike Harrity, Dartmouth College; The Ivy League.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Curt Mallory, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Football Conference.	
Michael McBroom, Stephen F. Austin University; Southland Conference.	
Kurt McGuffin, University of Tennessee Martin; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Kyle Moats, Eastern Kentucky University; Atlantic Sun Conference.	
Bob Nielson, American Football Coaches Association.	
Colby Ramshaw, University of New Hampshire, Coastal Athletic Association.	
Jeff Roberts, Tennessee Technological University.	
Amy Strickland, Central Connecticut State University; Northeast Conference.	
Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League.	
George Wiley, Central Connecticut State University; Northeast Conference.	
Absentees:	
Kit Hughes, College of Holy Cross; DI Football Championship Committee Chair.	
Jamaal Walton, Virginia Military Institute; Southern Conference.	
Invited Guests:	
Ron Snodgrass, National Coordinator of Officials.	
Matt Young, NCAA Secretary Rules Editor.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
LaGwyn Durden, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston, Jackson Marcotte, Mallory Mickus, Nicki Pieart, Greg Pottorff, Kenedi Rutherford and Liz Suscha.	