



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 12-13, 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Championship Review.** The committee reviewed several aspects of the championship overall and identified some areas of potential improvement. In general, the committee was pleased with some changes made (e.g., earlier review of potential sites) and will continue to focus on improving all aspects of the event.
2. **Championship game date.** The committee met with representatives from Team Frisco and representatives from ESPN to discuss the championship final in Frisco. There may be some possible adjustments to the championship game date that could be a better window and potentially enhance exposure for the championship. NCAA staff will work to assist the committee in evaluating the options and finalize the date and time as soon as possible.
3. **Seeding exercise.** The committee spent a significant portion of its meeting going through a mock selection using a 16-seed model. In the end, seeding 16 would have added one more flight in the first round based on the 2023 bracket. NCAA staff will follow-up with the NCAA travel and finance staff to estimate the impact. The committee continues to believe a 16-seed model is the best fit for the championship. This exercise was extremely helpful to the committee to identify some bracketing policy questions.
4. **Identification of selection metrics.** The committee met with Kevin Pauga (KPI, Inc.) and discussed identifying some new metrics for the 2024-25 season to be used during selections. The committee agreed to use two predictive metrics and two results-based metrics and will continue to review options. The committee noted the continued value of the NCAA Regional Advisory Committees (RACs) and monitoring teams and viewing games throughout the season. The committee believes adding some metrics to assist the committee in its work is imperative for this season and beyond.
5. **Joint session with Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee (FCSOC).** The Division I Football Committee met jointly with the FCSOC and heard updates on the new NCAA media rights contract, playing rules and four-year undergraduate transfers.
6. **National Football League College Relations Committee.** Ed Kull, director of athletics at Fordham University, noted his engagement as part of the NFL's College Relations Committee. This relatively new group was formed to provide a connection with the college community and Mr. Kull will keep the committee updated.

Committee Chair: Kent Haslam, University of Montana.

Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

Alyssa Rice, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee February 12-13, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Mark Benson, University at Albany.	
Brian Hardin, Drake University.	
Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University.	
Kent Haslam, University of Montana.	
Edward Kull, Fordham University.	
Matt Larsen, North Dakota State University.	
Tom Michael, Eastern Illinois University.	
Steve Moniaci, Houston Christian University.	
Thomas Pincince, Central Connecticut State University.	
Absentees:	
Mark Wharton, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ty Halpin and Alyssa Rice.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Antonio Cannavaro, Kristen Jacob-Smith, David Lentz and Julia Longo.	