



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE
APRIL 18, 2019 TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items. The NCAA Football Rules Committee reviewed and reaffirmed its proposals that were approved during the February 27-March 1 annual meeting, with one exception. After reviewing the membership feedback and discussing the proposal with the Division I Competition Committee and College Football Officiating, LLC Board of Managers, the committee believes an adjustment, listed below, addresses the intent of the proposal without creating some unintended consequences. The committee approved the language below and requests that the Playing Rules Oversight Panel approve it as part of the package of proposals to take effect with the 2019 football season.

- **Targeting Penalty (Rule 9-1-2 and 9-1-4).**

(1) Recommendation. To adjust this rule to read: “If a student-athlete receives a **third** targeting foul within the same season, that player is disqualified for the remainder of that game and the player would receive an automatic one-game suspension in his team’s next scheduled game.”

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. This change continues the evolution of the targeting rule. In very few cases, a student-athlete has been disqualified for targeting more than twice in the same season. This underscores the need for coaches and student-athletes to review their approach after any targeting penalty.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. For those student-athletes that are penalized under this rule, the penalty will be more stringent.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Introductions. The chair welcomed the committee and reviewed a series of calls and discussions that took place after the annual meeting.

2. **Educational Efforts.** Rogers Redding and Steve Shaw discussed the upcoming clinics and educational materials that are being developed. The committee noted two specific areas: The definition of a blind-side block and the prohibition of the two-man wedge blocks on kickoff plays.
3. **Future Meeting Schedule.** Ty Halpin noted that the committee would plan a summer teleconference to review any issues before the season that may need to be addressed. During the season, periodic calls will be established to allow for strong communication with the committee. The annual meeting dates were established as February 25-28, 2020 to coincide again with the NFL Combine.

Committee Chair: David Shaw, Stanford, Pacific-12 Conference

Staff Liaison(s): Ty Halpin, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Football Rules Committee April 18, 2019 Teleconference	
Attendees:	
Bill Carollo, Big Ten Conference.	
Monte Cater, Shepherd University.	
Dave Eavenson, Methodist University.	
Josh Looney, Missouri Western State University.	
Steve Shaw, secretary-rules editor.	
David Shaw, Stanford University, chair.	
Chris Smithley, Waynesburg University.	
Matt Viator, University of Louisiana-Monroe.	
Vaughn Williams, Boston College.	
Doug Zipp, Ohio Wesleyan.	
Absentees:	
Anthony Reno, Yale University.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Ty Halpin.	