



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
AUGUST 13, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Recommendation for Countable Athletically Related Activities During Fall 2020 for Institutions that have Postponed Competition Until Spring 2021.** The NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee discussed potential options for institutions who have postponed fall competition but plan to compete during the spring 2021 term. The Football Oversight Committee recommends that institutions who have decided to postpone competition to the spring return to activities that were permitted during the second segment of 2020 summer access (i.e., up to 20 hours of activities per week, including up to eight hours of strength and conditioning activities per week) through at least September 15 while the Football Oversight Committee develops a model for athletic activities for the remainder of the fall 2020 term. The Football Oversight Committee will engage in additional discussion regarding fall 2020 athletic activities in future meetings.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of Football Oversight Committee's August 6, 2020, Report.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its August 6, 2020, videoconference report.
2. **Division I Governance Update.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update on the August 12 NCAA Division I Council meeting. Council recommended that the NCAA Division I Board of Directors give student-athletes impacted by the coronavirus pandemic an extension of their five-year period of eligibility and an additional season of competition if they participate in 50 percent or less of the maximum number of competitions allowed in each sport under NCAA rules. The Board of Directors will review the recommendation on August 14. The Football Oversight Committee also received an update on the extension of the temporary recruiting dead period in all sports through September 30, 2020.
3. **NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee Update.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update on preliminary plans for a possible spring NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Championship. The Football Oversight Committee is expected to receive a formal recommendation from the Football Championship Committee at its meeting next week.
4. **Issues Related to the Impact of COVID-19.**
 - **NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel Update.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update on recent action taken by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel regarding rules adjustments related to COVID-19 and to allow student-athletes and teams to show support for social justice causes. NCAA staff confirmed that the rules adjustments would extend to the spring 2021 term.

5. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group Feedback.** Ryan Cassidy, a student-athlete at Rutgers University and a representative of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, shared an update from the Football Oversight Committee's Football Student-Athlete Connection Group. The Football Student-Athlete Connection Group expressed its concerns regarding eligibility status for student-athletes who opt out or compete during the 2020-21 academic year and the countable athletically related activities that may occur at institutions that have postponed competition until the spring.
6. **Future Meetings and Teleconferences.**
 - a. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, August 18; Videoconference.
 - b. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, August 27; Videoconference.

Committee Chair: Shane Lyons, West Virginia University.

Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

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Attendees:	
Mark Alnutt, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York.	
Whit Babcock, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.	
Sandy Barbour, Pennsylvania State University.	
Todd Berry, American Football Coaches Association.	
Greg Byrne, University of Alabama.	
Ryan Cassidy, Rutgers University, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Troy Dannen, Tulane University	
Patrick Fields, University of Oklahoma.	
Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern University, AFCA Board of Trustees.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana.	
Bret Gilliland, Mountain West Conference.	
Doug Gillin, Appalachian State University.	
Michael Hamrick, Marshall University.	
Mark Harlan, University of Utah.	
Samantha Huge, College of William & Mary.	
Shane Lyons, West Virginia University.	
Frank Messina, University of Alabama at Birmingham.	
Greg Seitz, Jacksonville State University.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Michael Bazemore, Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Jessica Kerr, Sarah Otey, Greg Pottorff and Chad Tolliver.	