



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 6, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee's July 30, 2020, Report.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and suggested an addition to its July 30, 2020, videoconference report. Subsequent to the meeting, the edited report was distributed.
2. **2020 COVID-19 Action Items by NCAA Division I Board of Directors.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update on the NCAA Board of Governors directives regarding the impact of COVID-19 and the status of fall championships. The Football Oversight Committee provided preliminary feedback on the status of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Championship, reaffirming that if the fall championship is canceled, then it prefers to explore the opportunity to conduct the championship in the spring of 2021. The Football Oversight Committee will seek additional feedback from FCS commissioners.

In addition, the Football Oversight Committee provided feedback on several student-athlete well-being items included in the Board of Governors directive that the NCAA Division I Council will address during its August 12 meeting. The Football Oversight Committee noted that decisions regarding the extension of eligibility for student-athletes must be coupled with decisions about how financial aid limits will be impacted in future years to provide clarity and assist with decision making. The Football Oversight Committee supported providing relief from counting returning senior student-athletes from equivalency limitations during the 2021-22 academic year. The Football Oversight Committee did not support providing blanket relief from financial aid equivalencies for the 2020-21 academic year nor providing relief from maximum limits beyond the 2020-21 academic year at this point, noting that institutions could pursue relief on a case-by-case basis.

Council supported providing blanket relief for extensions of the five-year clock. It will seek additional feedback from the NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group regarding relief from the season of competition legislation prior to the Council meeting. Council's recommendation on student-athlete well-being issues will be reviewed by the Board of Directors by August 14. The Board of Directors, with Council input, will determine the status of fall championships by August 21.

3. **Discussion on COVID-19.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update from Dr. Brian Hainline on COVID-19 related topics.

4. **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 continues to believe providing student-athletes as much transparency as possible is critical. The Football Student-Athlete Connection Group plans to collect and provide feedback to the Football Oversight Committee on requested items.
5. **Feedback to the NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers.** The Football Oversight Committee deferred its discussion of this item to a future videoconference.
6. **NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) Update.** The Football Oversight Committee deferred this update to a future videoconference.
7. **Discuss Flexibility for Last Date of Competition for 2020 Football Season.** The Football Oversight Committee deferred its discussion of this item to a future videoconference.
8. **Future Meetings and Teleconferences.**
  - a. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, August 13; Videoconference.
  - b. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, August 20; 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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<b>NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee August 6, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
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	
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.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Patrick Fields, University of Oklahoma.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Michael Bazemore, Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Brian Hainline, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Jessica Kerr, Kevin Lennon, Sarah Otey, Greg Pottorff and Chad Tolliver.	