



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 10, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of NCAA Division I Council-Governance Proposal No. 2020-11.** The NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee provided its feedback to the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee on Proposal No. 2020-11. The Football Oversight Committee supports the adoption of the proposal and noted strong concerns about the potential impact on a school's NCAA Division I Academic Performance Rate (APR) and about the tampering the proposal may encourage. The Football Oversight Committee recommended that any tampering violation be considered a Level I violation and that the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics continue to evaluate likelihood and significance of any unintended APR impact.
- 2. Review of Football Oversight Committee's December 3 Report.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its December 3, 2020, videoconference report.
- 3. Issues Impacting COVID-19.**
 - a. Timing of Final Date for Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) Regular Season Contests.** The Football Oversight Committee agreed that relief from the end of playing season legislation (NCAA Bylaw 17.11.4) may be provided to allow an FBS program to participate in one contest after December 19 in some circumstances. The Football Oversight Committee supports relief being provided on a case-by-case basis to replace a conference affiliated (or, for an independent institution a contracted) postseason bowl contest that was cancelled for the 2020-21 fall season due to the impact of COVID-19 provided the additional contest is between members of conferences affiliated with (or, for an independent institution, contracted with) a cancelled postseason bowl game, the participating schools are not members of the same conference, neither school exceeds its maximum football contest limit for the 2020-21 season, the contest is scheduled to be conducted not later than Thursday, December 31, and that the request for relief is submitted to the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff through the NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online Case Management System not later than the close of business on Monday, December 21. The Football Oversight Committee noted that institutions should be permitted to provide their student-athletes transportation home from the site of the contest and did not support any waiver of the awards legislation.
 - b. Impact of COVID-19 Season of Competition Relief.** Chris Howard, director of NCAA enforcement, provided an update to the Football Oversight Committee on the impact of the extension of eligibility on the National Football League draft process. Additionally, it was noted that the NCAA Division I Football Championship season will be played in spring 2021, which overlaps with the draft process. The Football Oversight Committee did not support relief from the

Committee Chair: Shane Lyons, West Virginia University.

Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee December 10, 2020, Videoconference
Attendees:
Mark Alnutt, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York.
Sandy Barbour, Pennsylvania State University.
Whit Babcock, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.
Todd Berry, American Football Coaches Association.
Craig Bohl, University of Wyoming, AFCA Board of Trustees.
Greg Byrne, University of Alabama.
Ryan Cassidy, Rutgers University, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Adam Cushing, University of Eastern Illinois, Head Football Coach.
Troy Dannen, Tulane University.
Bret Gilliland, Mountain West Conference.
Doug Gillin, Appalachian State University.
Michael Hamrick, Marshall University.
Mark Harlan, University of Utah.
Shane Lyons, West Virginia University.
Frank Messina, University of Alabama at Birmingham.
Chrissi Rawak, University of Delaware.
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University.
Absentees:
Patrick Fields, University of Oklahoma.
Jean Gee, University of Montana.
Kyle Moats, Missouri State University.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Michael Bazemore, Geoff Bentzel, Emily Capehart, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Jessica Kerr, Greg Pottorff and Chad Tolliver.