



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 17, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of Football Oversight Committee's December 10 Report.** The NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its December 10, 2020, videoconference report.
2. **Division I Governance Update.** Amanda Conklin, director of Division I governance, provided the Football Oversight Committee with an update on the December 16, 2020, Division I Council meeting. In addition, Conklin provided an update on the Presidential Forum's review of sustainability. In response, the committee noted that it plans to prioritize a review of the football recruiting calendar during its upcoming meetings with an eye towards adjustments that balance effective recruiting practices with the sustainability benefits of leveraging virtual recruiting.
3. **Issues Impacting COVID-19.**
  - a. **Feedback on NCAA Division I Legislative Relief Waivers.** The committee provided feedback to the NCAA staff on legislative relief waivers involving the graduate assistant coach legislation and financial aid counter limits. Due to the impact of COVID-19 on the 2020-21 football season, the committee supported a blanket waiver to permit current graduate assistant coaches to serve in that role for a fourth year, provided all other requirements of the graduate assistant coach legislation (NCAA Bylaw 11.01.3), including the existing academic requirements, are met. The committee emphasized that the limit on the number of graduate assistant coaches and all other requirements of the graduate assistant coach legislation (i.e., enrollment, compensation) should remain unchanged. The committee also supported a blanket waiver to permit recruited, walk-on student-athletes who receive institutional, nonathletics aid to compete without becoming a counter for the 2020-21 season. The committee noted that the disruption caused by COVID-19 on the 2020-21 season supported this flexibility.
  - b. **Impact of COVID-19 Season-of-Competition Relief.** Chris Howard, director of NCAA enforcement, provided an update to the committee on the impact of the extension of eligibility on the National Football League draft process. The committee asked staff to issue its annual educational memorandum with information about tryouts, agents and the 2021 National Football League draft process. The committee acknowledges the need for additional discussion about the impact of the timing of NFL draft on the 2020-21 NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision season and will discuss that topic with the FCS conference commissioners on January 6, 2021. Staff will provide an additional update to the committee on January 8, 2021.

4. **Update on spring 2021 FCS Season.** The committee received an update from staff on the application of the Division I Football 2021 spring/fall preseason model to FCS institutions. Staff confirmed that limits on countable athletically related activities do not apply during an in-season institutional vacation period. While hourly and activity restrictions specific to the two-week period before the preseason do not apply until spring 2021 classes start, student-athlete well-being remains a priority and institutions are encouraged to consult with medical staff to ensure an appropriate level of activity during the vacation period.

5. **Future Meetings and Teleconferences.**

- a. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, January 8, 2021; Videoconference.
- b. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, January 21; Videoconference.

*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 17, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
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.	
Greg Byrne, University of Alabama.	
Ryan Cassidy, Rutgers University, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Adam Cushing, Eastern Illinois University, Head Football Coach.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana.	
Bret Gilliland, Mountain West Conference.	
Doug Gillin, Appalachian State University.	
Mark Harlan, University of Utah.	
Shane Lyons, West Virginia University.	
Kyle Moats, Missouri State University.	
Frank Messina, University of Alabama at Birmingham.	
Chrissi Rawak, University of Delaware.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Troy Dannen, Tulane University.	
Patrick Fields, University of Oklahoma.	
Michael Hamrick, Marshall University.	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University.	

<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, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Greg Johnson, Jessica Kerr, Karen Metzger, Chad Tolliver and Zack Teats.