



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 15, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Blanket legislative relief waiver - Exempt participation in FBS postseason competition from counting toward season of competition status.** The NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee supported a blanket waiver request in bowl subdivision football to exempt postseason participation from the limit of four contests a student-athlete may participate in without using a season of competition. Specifically, the committee noted the recent adoption of the notification of transfer window and the necessity of accelerated discussions and decisions for student-athletes and coaches regarding future participation opportunities.

2. **Blanket legislative relief waiver – Increase FBS and FCS Institutional Limit on Number of Official Visits by 14 through March 31, 2023.** On December 22, 2022, the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee directed the NCAA staff to issue a blanket waiver for bowl subdivision football and championship subdivision football to increase the institutional limit on the number of official visits by 14 (e.g., 56 to 70) during the period of April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. The committee’s decision was based on a recommendation from its comprehensive recruiting review subgroup. The committee noted the impact of recent changes in NCAA legislation (e.g., one-time transfer exception, NCAA Transfer Portal windows, current blanket waiver of football’s initial counter and annual signing limit rules) and that this one-time, limited relief from the institutional official visit limit provides appropriate short-term flexibility and promotes responsible recruiting practices. The committee will gather additional data on the use of official visits and consider whether to recommend a legislative change.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee Comprehensive Recruiting Review subgroup update.** Jean Gee, University of Montana, provided an update on the subgroup's work on a revised football recruiting model that would begin during the 2023-24 academic year. The subgroup’s revised recruiting model would modify the recruiting calendar, reduce off-campus recruiting activities during the fall and spring and modify the first opportunity for recruiting activities (telephone calls, electronic correspondence, off-campus contact).

The Football Oversight Committee will discuss the subgroup’s revised football recruiting model during the January 10, 2023, in-person meeting. Committee members should be prepared to provide feedback on the following items:

- a. **The 2023-24 Football Recruiting Calendar.** Whether April 15 through May 25, 2023, should become a recruiting contact period or remain an evaluation period.

The model would also extend the current February dead period through the first Sunday in March and add a dead period from May 26 through 31. These changes would remove Sunday quiet periods from the current spring evaluation period.

- b. **Reduction in Off-Campus Recruiting Activities.** The subgroup's recommendation would reduce the maximum number of recruiting person days in the fall evaluation period from 42 to 22. It would also reduce the maximum number of recruiting person days in the spring from 168 to 100, whether the spring remains an evaluation period or becomes a contact period.
 - c. **First Opportunity for Telephone calls and Electronic Correspondence.** The subgroup's recommendation would establish June 15 after the prospective student-athlete's sophomore year in high school as the first opportunity for telephone calls and electronic correspondence. It would also permit an institution to initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete at the institution's discretion beginning on June 15 after the prospective student-athlete's sophomore year in high school.
 - d. **First Opportunity for Off-Campus Contact.** The subgroup is considering two concepts. One concept aligns the first opportunity for in-person, off-campus contact with the beginning with the December contact period. The other concept would permit such contact to occur beginning January 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school. Both concepts would allow a junior prospective student-athlete to be contacted only at the prospect's scholastic institution, would permit not more than one contact per week during a contact period, which may end up also including a spring contact period, and would not change the current legislation regulating off-campus recruiting activities for FBS head coaches.
 - e. **FCS On-Campus Evaluations.** The subgroup's concept, like previous on-campus evaluation blanket waivers, would allow FCS institutions to conduct on-campus evaluations with prospective student-athletes during the month of June. If the concept is supported, the subgroup will ask the Football Oversight Committee to recommend an immediate effective date to permit on-campus evaluations to begin June 1, 2023.
2. **Review Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee legislative proposals.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed its positions on NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2022-28 and Proposal No. 2022-32.
- a. **Proposal No. 2022-28: Athletics Personnel—Limitations on the Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters and Recruiting Coordination Functions.** The committee supported NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2022-28 with modifications. The modification would be to allow any institutional staff member

to provide skill instruction to student-athletes during practice only. The recommendation would only permit those coaches identified in Bylaws 11.7.4 (FBS) and 11.7.5 (FCS) to provide skill instruction during competition but allow for any institutional staff member to provide skill instruction to student-athlete during practice.

- b. **Proposal No. 2022-32: Recruiting—Official and Unofficial Visits.** The committee referred the proposal to its Comprehensive Recruiting Review subgroup for additional conversations specific to the official visit limitations.
3. **Feedback on request to waive first contest legislation for 2023-24.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed a request from an FBS conference to waive the first contest legislation for the 2023-24 season. The Football Oversight Committee did not support the waiver, noting the intent of the legislation and a potential competitive advantage.
4. **Feedback on request to waive institutional official visit limit.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed a legislative relief waiver request regarding the institutional limitation on the annual number of official visits provided to football prospective student-athletes. The committee directed its Comprehensive Recruiting Review subgroup to determine whether blanket relief was appropriate for the current official visit year, which ends on March 31, 2023. In response to the referral, the subgroup met on December 20 and agreed to recommend the committee support blanket legislative relief to allow FBS and FCS programs to provide up to 14 additional football official visits through the end of the current official visit year.
5. **NCAA Division I Transformation Committee update.** Jenn Fraser, managing director of Division I governance, provided an update on the recent meetings of the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee. Additionally, the committee provided feedback on the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee sport oversight committee governance model being developed/considered for Division I. The committee noted the importance of flexibility for subdivisional committees to work through specific subdivisional challenges and issues while ensuring continued collaboration between the subdivisions for the betterment of the sport. Finally, the committee supported maintaining a variety of roles in the composition of the committee and its subcommittees.
6. **NCAA Division I governance update.** Jenn Fraser, managing director of Division I governance, provided an update on the recent and upcoming NCAA Division I Council meetings.
7. **Review of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee's November 15, 2022, report.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved the Football Oversight Committee November 3 report and Football Oversight Committee Administrative Subcommittee December 1 report.

8. Future meetings and teleconferences.

- a. 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Central time, Tuesday, January 10, 2023; San Antonio.
- a. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, February 2, 2023; videoconference.

Committee Chair: Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh.

Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee December 15, 2022, Videoconference
Attendees:
Trev Alberts, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.
Mark Alnutt, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York.
Todd Berry, American Football Coaches Association.
Troy Dannen, Tulane University.
Jean Gee, University of Montana.
Doug Gillin, Appalachian State University.
Jim Knowlton, University of California, Berkley
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh.
Frank Messina, University of Alabama at Birmingham.
Chrissi Rawak, University of Delaware.
Mack Rhoades, Baylor University.
Jermaine Truax, Bucknell University.
Terry Tumey, California State University, Fresno.
Isaac Vance, Kent State University, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.
Eric Wood, Louisiana Tech University.
Hunter Yurachek, University of Arkansas.
Absentees:
Zyquan Bessant, William & Mary, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.
Bobby Hauck, University of Montana, Head Football Coach.
Russell Wright, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Head Football Coach.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Kris Richardson and Ty Halpin.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
DJ Brown, Emily Capehart, Amanda Conklin, Jennifer Fraser, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Julie Kimmons, Ty Medd and Greg Pottorff.