



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 11, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Recommendation for 2021 Spring Out-of-Season Activities.** The Football Oversight Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Council approve a waiver to permit institutions to increase the weekly limit on out-of-season countable athletically related activities for from eight to ten hours, beginning Monday, February 22. Up to six hours may be spent on physical activities (e.g., weight training and conditioning) and up to four hours per week may be spent on meetings, film review and walk-throughs. Consistent with current legislation, walk-throughs remain limited to two hours per week. The Football Oversight Committee is recommending this change to provide additional opportunities for football student-athletes to engage in noncontact activities with their teams outside the playing season while the COVID-19 pandemic continues to restrict their normal activities on campus.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update on Concussion Assessment, Research and Education (CARE) Consortium findings.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update from Dr. Brian Hainline on recent data from the CARE Consortium study about concussions sustained by football student-athletes during the preseason practice period. The Football Oversight Committee will engage in further review and discussion at future meetings.
2. **Review of the Football Oversight Committee's February 4 Report.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its February 4, 2021, videoconference report.
3. **Contact with Four-year College Student-Athletes Discussion.** The Football Oversight Committee provided feedback on an initiative from the NCAA Division I Interpretations Committee related to communications between coaches and four-year college student-athletes.
4. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group Update.** Ryan Cassidy provided the Football Oversight Committee with an update from the February 10 Student-Athlete Connection Group videoconference. The Student-Athlete Connection Group discussed recent agenda items from the Football Oversight Committee meetings, including potential changes to spring out-of-season activities, the impact of virtual recruiting, an extension of the COVID-19 dead period until May 31, 2021, and information from CARE Consortium.
5. **NCAA Division I Presidential Forum Sustainability Review.** Amanda Conklin, director of NCAA Division I governance, provided an update on the Division I Presidential Forum Sustainability Review. The Forum referred several issues to the Division I Council and its

standing committees for review in the short term. The Football Oversight Committee formed subgroups to focus on its assigned areas and will discuss its recommendations during future meetings in advance of the April 2 feedback deadline.

6. Future Meetings and Teleconferences. The Football Oversight Committee established three subgroups to manage issues related to the CARE study, the comprehensive recruiting review and other assigned topics from the Division I Presidential Forum Sustainability Review.

- a. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, February 18; Videoconference (subgroups).
- b. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, February 25; Videoconference (full committee).

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 February 11, 2021, Videoconference	
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.	
Adam Cushing, Eastern Illinois University, Head Football Coach.	
David Cutcliffe, Duke University, Head Football Coach.	
Troy Dannen, Tulane University.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana.	
Bret Gilliland, Mountain West Conference.	
Doug Gillin, Appalachian State University.	
Michael Hamrick, Marshall 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.	
Absentees:	
Patrick Fields, University of Oklahoma.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Michael Bazemore, Geoff Bentzel, Emily Capehart, Amanda Conklin, Jennifer Fraser, Brian Hainline, Mark Hicks, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Jessica Kerr, Greg Pottorff and Chad Tolliver.	