



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 19, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Update from the 2020 American Football Coaches Association Convention.** Todd Berry provided an update on discussions that occurred during the January 2020 AFCA Convention. Mr. Berry noted that coaches continue to support the rule that allows a football student-athlete to participate in up to four contests without using a season of competition. Mr. Berry expressed that the coaches have concerns about the current environment involving transfers and support a proposed amendment to the annual signing limitation (e.g., "hard cap") that would provide flexibility for professional departures and medical noncounters. The coaches also support an adjustment to the targeting rule to allow for a "Targeting 1/Targeting 2" model that does not require an ejection for all targeting fouls. The NCAA Football Rules Committee will discuss the targeting rule and other rules related topics at its in-person meeting on February 26-27, 2020.
- 2. Review Draft Educational Materials on Summer Athletic Activities and the Involvement of Noncoaching Staff in Recruiting Activities, on Game Day and at Practice.** The NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee reviewed and provided feedback on draft educational materials on summer athletic activities and noncoaching staff members with football-specific duties. The materials will be distributed to the membership by the end of April.
- 3. Review of Legislative Proposal (NCAA Proposal No. 2019-87) Permitting a "Week Zero" Contest in a Foreign Country.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed Proposal No. 2019-87, which would provide a legislated exception for "week zero" contests in a foreign country. The Football Oversight Committee agreed to oppose the proposal, noting that requests for these contests may continue to be handled through the legislative relief waiver process.
- 4. Review of Legislative Proposal (Proposal No. 2019-74) Permitting the Use of Footballs During Walk-Throughs Outside of the Preseason Practice Period.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed Proposal No. 2019-74, which would permit the use of footballs during a walk-through outside of the preseason practice period (e.g., spring practice). The Football Oversight Committee agreed to oppose the proposal, citing opposition from AFCA.
- 5. Feedback to NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Waiver Team.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed a legislative relief waiver involving two Football

Bowl Subdivision (FBS) institutions requesting relief from football's first contest legislation. The waiver seeks relief of the first contest legislation to allow applicant institutions to play a "week zero" contest on August 29, 2020, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of a plane crash that occurred after a football contest between applicant institutions. The plane crash resulted in the death of 75 individuals, who will be honored by applicant institutions during the contest. The Football Oversight Committee supported the waiver request, citing the extraordinary and unique circumstances surrounding the contest.

6. Upcoming Meetings of Interest. The Football Oversight Committee noted the following football-related meetings occurring in Indianapolis the week of February 24: NCAA Football Concussion Data Task Force, NCAA Division I Football Competition Committee and the Football Rules Committee. As part of its meeting, the Football Rules Committee will meet with the NFL Competition Committee.

7. Future Meetings and Teleconferences.

- a. March 25, 2020; teleconference.
- b. April 22-23, 2020; in-person meeting – Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Shane Lyons, West Virginia University; Big 12 Conference.

Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

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Attendees:	
Mark Alnutt, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.	
Whit Babcock, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Sandy Barbour, Pennsylvania State University; Big Ten Conference.	
Todd Berry, American Football Coaches Association.	
Greg Byrne, University of Alabama; Southeastern Conference.	
Christian Ellsworth, University of Northern Iowa.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana.	
Bret Gilliland, Mountain West Conference.	
Doug Gillin, Appalachian State University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Michael Hamrick, Marshall University; Conference USA.	
Mark Harlan, University of Utah; Pac-12 Conference.	
Patrick Kraft, Temple University; American Athletic Conference.	
Shane Lyons, West Virginia University; Big 12 Conference.	
Frank Messina, University of Alabama at Birmingham.	
Greg Seitz, Jacksonville State University.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.	
Absentees:	
Patrick Fields, University of Oklahoma.	
Samantha Huge, College of William & Mary.	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Joni Comstock, Amanda Conklin and Greg Pottorff.	