



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JANUARY 21, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **NCAA Division I Council Vote on Proposal No. 2019-25 (Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete).** The NCAA Football Oversight Committee requested that the Division I Council remove Proposal No. 2019-25 from the table and adopt it for FBS football. In the interim, the Football Oversight Committee recommended a blanket waiver to exempt sport-specific, noncoaching staff members in football who maintained contact with prospective student-athletes only while employed in the athletics department at a four-year institution. The Football Oversight Committee noted its support for Proposal No. 2019-25 before it was tabled in April 2020 as well as the virtual recruiting flexibility provided during the COVID-19 pandemic to permit sport-specific, noncoaching staff members to initiate virtual recruiting calls (e.g., telephone calls, video calls) to unsigned prospective student-athletes during the temporary recruiting dead period.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Telephone Calls to Junior Prospective Student-Athletes in Football.** The Football Oversight Committee recommended a blanket waiver to permit an institution to initiate telephone calls at its discretion to any individual (or the individual's family members) beginning February 1 of the individual's junior year of high school through the conclusion of the COVID-19 recruiting dead period. The oversight committee noted the COVID-19 pandemic has had a particular impact on junior prospective student-athletes, who were unable to participate in camps and remain unable to participate in campus visits during the temporary recruiting dead period. Further, this blanket waiver would add those prospective student-athletes to the existing blanket waiver that permits an institutional coaching staff member to make telephone calls to prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school, two-year and four-year transfer student-athletes) at their discretion from May 11, 2020, through the conclusion of the COVID-19 recruiting dead period.
2. **Review of the Football Oversight Committee's January 8 Report.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its January 8, 2021, videoconference report.
3. **NCAA Division I Governance Update.** Amanda Conklin, director of Division I governance, provided the Football Oversight Committee with a governance update involving the 2021 NCAA Convention, legislative proposals involving the one-time transfer exception and name, image and likeness, the infractions process and the creation of the NCAA Division I Board Infractions Process Committee. The update also noted the election of Football Oversight Committee chair Shane Lyons as the next chair of the Division I Council, effective June 2021.
4. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group Update.** Ryan Cassidy provided the Football Oversight Committee with an update from the January 20

Student-Athlete Connection Group videoconference. The Student-Athlete Connection Group discussed recent agenda items from the Football Oversight Committee meetings, the status of legislative proposals involving the one-time transfer exception and name, image and likeness, student-athlete perspectives on the 2020-21 FBS and FCS regular seasons and transfer portal activity.

5. Issues Impacting COVID-19.

- **Impact on Number of Participants for the 2021-22 Season.** The Football Oversight Committee recommended a blanket waiver of the limit on number of participants legislation for the 2021-22 academic year to allow FBS and FCS programs to exclude student-athletes who return to the same institution for 2021-22 and would have exhausted eligibility during 2020-21 if not for COVID-19 relief (season of competition waiver or extension of eligibility) from the 110 student-athlete limit. The blanket waiver would apply to walk-on and scholarship student-athletes and may be applied at the institution's discretion.

6. Future Agenda Items. The Football Oversight Committee discussed agenda items for future meetings, including a review of the recruiting model, spring practice and summer access. The Football Oversight Committee will review the spring practice legislation and discuss potential modifications at its next meeting.

7. Future Meetings and Teleconferences.

- a. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, January 28; Videoconference.
- b. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, February 4; Videoconference.

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Committee Chair: Shane Lyons, West Virginia University.

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.	
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.	
Frank Messina, University of Alabama at Birmingham.	
Chrissi Rawak, University of Delaware.	
Absentees:	
Patrick Fields, University of Oklahoma.	
Kyle Moats, Missouri State University.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Jessica Kerr, Chad Tolliver and Zack Teats.	