



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 28, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- *None.*

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Update on NCAA Transfer Portal Data.** Susan Peal, director of the National Letter of Intent program, provided the Football Oversight Committee an overview of NCAA Transfer Portal Data. The Football Oversight Committee received an update on football student-athlete activity in the transfer portal from the 2018-19 academic year to January 1, 2021.
2. **Review of the Football Oversight Committee's January 21 Report.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its January 21, 2021, videoconference report.
3. **Issues Impacting COVID-19.**
  - a. **Spring Practice Model Discussion.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed the spring practice legislation and did not recommend any changes. The Football Oversight Committee noted that institutions may temporarily pause the 34-day spring practice period if necessitated due to COVID-19 (e.g., team quarantine) and make up those days once able. The Football Oversight Committee recommended that NCAA staff review any interruptions or changes to an institution's academic calendar that alter the 34-day spring practice period on a case by case basis through the legislative relief waiver process. The Football Oversight Committee also discussed whether to increase the number of hours per week for out-of-season activities and permit on-field activities similar to what was allowed during the fall 2020 term. The Football Oversight Committee directed the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee Student-Athlete Connection Group to provide feedback on whether to consider recommending additional hours (e.g., 10 hours instead of 8 per week) for out-of-season activities.
  - b. **Temporary Dead Period/Recruiting Calendar Discussion.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed the impact of COVID-19 on the 2020-21 football recruiting calendar and engaged in a preliminary discussion about potential adjustments for the spring 2021 term. The Football Oversight Committee members agreed to seek feedback from their conferences and to discuss that feedback during the next meeting.

- c. Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Annual Signing and Initial Counter Limitations.** The Football Oversight Committee deferred this issue to its February 4 videoconference.
- 4. Future Agenda Items.** The Football Oversight Committee discussed agenda items for future meetings, including a review of the recruiting model and the impact of COVID-19 on annual signing and initial counter limits.
- 5. Future Meetings and Teleconferences.**
  - a.** 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, February 4; Videoconference.
  - b.** 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, February 11; 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.*

<b>NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee January 28, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
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.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Patrick Fields, University of Oklahoma.	
Kyle Moats, Missouri State University.	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Kris Richardson.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jennifer Fraser, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Jessica Kerr, Susan Peal, Greg Pottorff, and Chad Tolliver.	