



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
JULY 20, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**KEY ITEM.**

- **NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee update.** Kent Haslam, University of Montana, NCAA Division I Football Committee chair, provided an update on recent NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee meetings. The FOC took action to approve the following 10 conferences receiving automatic qualification (AQ) for the 2023 NCAA Division I Football Championship: ASUN Conference, Big Sky Conference, Coastal Athletic Association, Missouri Valley Football Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Patriot League, Pioneer Football League, Southern Conference and Southland Conference.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee Structure.** Kris Richardson, director of academic and membership affairs, provided an update on the composition of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee and NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee and on plans for future meetings.
2. **Undergraduate Four-Year Transfers update.** Chris Johnson, associate director of academic and membership affairs, provided an update on Proposal No. 2023-36 (RECRUITING AND ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER WINDOWS -- REDUCE FROM 60 DAYS TO 30 DAYS), which would reduce the duration of the notification of transfer windows for undergraduate four-year transfer student-athletes from 60 days to 30 days. The update also included the use of the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief previously approved waiver for graduate transfers. The FOC will continue to discuss concepts and may recommend amendments for the NCAA Division I Council to consider in anticipation of a vote during the October council meeting.
3. **NCAA Division I governance update.** Amanda Conklin, director of governance, provided an update from recent governance meetings. Additionally, FOC discussed the application of the pilot legislative process for sport oversight committees to NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2023-31 (PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- SPRING PRACTICE -- USE OF SPIDER PADS), which the committee may act on during its August meeting. If the committee takes action to adopt the proposal in August, the Council will review the proposal during its October 3-4 meeting. Any action taken by the committee in August is not final and effective until the conclusion of the Council meeting in October.
4. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group update.** The committee was provided an update from the Football Student-Athlete Connection Group's repopulation for the 2023-24 academic year.

5. **NCAA Football Rules Committee update.** Steve Shaw, Secretary-Rules Editor, provided an update from NCAA Football Rule Committee meetings and recent discussions of concepts related to instant replay rules. Additionally, the FOC received an update on two experimental rule changes proposed by Football Bowl Subdivision conferences. Finally, the rules committee did not approve experimental use of technology (e.g., tablets, audio communication devices) on the sidelines during the 2023 season; however, the issue may be revisited for the 2024 season once more information related to logistics is available.
6. **Review of FBS blanket waiver request.** The FOC reviewed and provided feedback on a blanket legislative relief waiver request to permit Division I Football Bowl Subdivision institutions to increase the limit on the number of preseason participants from 110 student-athletes to 120 student-athletes for the 2023 season. The FOC supported the request.
7. **Review of the FOC's June 26-27, 2023, report.** The FOC reviewed and approved its June 26-27, 2023, report.

*Committee Chair: Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh.*

*Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.*

*Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.*

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<b>NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee July 20, 2023, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Trev Alberts, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.	
Mark Alnutt, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York.	
Todd Berry, American Football Coaches Association.	
Shonna Brown, Pac-12 Conference (alternate).	
Troy Dannen, Tulane University.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana.	
Doug Gillin, Appalachian State University.	
Merton Hanks, Pac-12 Conference (alternate).	
Kent Haslam, University of Montana, NCAA Division I Football Committee chair.	
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh.	
Mike MacIntyre, Florida International University, AFCA Board of Trustees.	
Frank Messina, University of Alabama at Birmingham.	
Mack Rhoades, Baylor University.	
Terry Tumey, California State University, Fresno.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Josh Emmanuel, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.	
Jim Knowlton, University of California, Berkeley.	
Eric Wood, Louisiana Tech University.	
Russell Wright, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Head Football Coach.	
Hunter Yurachek, University of Arkansas.	
<b>Guest in Attendance:</b>	
Steve Shaw, CFO National Coordinator of Football Officials and NCAA Football Rules Committee Secretary-Rules Editor.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Amanda Conklin, Jennifer Fraser, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Emanuel McGirt, Jr. and Greg Pottorff.	