



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

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of the Football Oversight Committee's February 25 Report.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its February 25, 2021, videoconference report.
2. **Recommendations Related to Return to Football's Legislated Recruiting Calendar.** The Football Oversight Committee's comprehensive recruiting review subgroup recommended that the current recruiting dead period end on May 31 and that football return to its legislated recruiting calendar on June 1. The Football Oversight Committee also discussed recommendations from the subgroup for temporary modifications to recruiting activities occurring from June 1 through December 31 and for permanent changes to football's telephone call legislation. [Attachment] The Football Oversight Committee members agreed to seek feedback from their conferences on the potential temporary modifications and permanent changes and to engage in further discussion on March 25.

The Football Oversight Committee also reviewed two modified quiet period models proposed by the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee and did not support the models' recommendations.

3. **Review of Legislative Relief Waiver Requests.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and provided feedback on two legislative relief waiver requests from NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions seeking relief from NCAA Division I Proposal R-2020-15, which outlines the regulations applicable to institutions who postponed competition to spring 2021 due to the impact of COVID-19.
4. **Football Oversight Committee Subgroup Updates.** The Football Oversight Committee received updates on the work of its three current subgroups:
  - a. **Presidential Forum Sustainability Review.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved the subgroup's feedback related to short-term sustainability items identified by the NCAA Division I Presidential Forum. The Football Oversight Committee's feedback will be shared with the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee which will review all committee feedback and make recommendations for consideration by the NCAA Division I Council during its April meeting.
  - b. **Football Practice Calendar Review.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update from the football practice calendar subgroup. The subgroup plans to

conduct a survey of Division I football coaches to collect information regarding current practice structures (preseason, in-season and out-of-season). The survey responses will assist the subgroup in developing its future recommendations regarding the structure of the playing and practice season. The subgroup's recommendations will be focused on changes to the structure of the playing and practice season to enhance student-athlete health and safety.

- c. **Comprehensive Recruiting Review.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved the subgroup's feedback related to short-term sustainability items in recruiting. The Oversight Committee's feedback will be shared with the Division I Legislative Committee which will review all committee feedback and make recommendations for consideration by the Division I Council during its April meeting. The Football Oversight Committee members agreed to seek feedback from their conferences on the virtual team activities recommendations and recruiting modifications [See Informational Item No. 2] and will continue its discussion on March 25.

5. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group Update.** Ryan Cassidy provided the Football Oversight Committee with an update from the March 3 Student-Athlete Connection Group videoconference. The Student-Athlete Connection Group discussed recent agenda items from the Football Oversight Committee meetings.

- a. **NCAA Division I Presidential Forum Sustainability Review.** The Student-Athlete Connection Group supported adopting a blanket waiver to permit football student-athletes to engage in required athletic activities during summer 2021 without being enrolled in summer school. The connection group also supported an extension of the Division I Council blanket waiver to permit a Football Bowl Subdivision team to count up to two wins against Football Championship Subdivision teams that meet adjusted minimum scholarship criteria for deserving team status and for scheduling requirements for 2021-22.
- b. **Football Practice Calendar Review.** The Student-Athlete Connection Group received an update on the Football Oversight Committee's playing and practice season review.
- c. **Comprehensive Recruiting Review.** The Student-Athlete Connection Group discussed the potential need for additional evaluation days and recruiting opportunities during fall 2021 due to the temporary recruiting dead period's impact.

6. **Future Meetings and Teleconferences.**

- a. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, March 25; Videoconference.
- b. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, April 1; Videoconference.

*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 March 11, 2021, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
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.
Jean Gee, University of Montana.
Bret Gilliland, Mountain West Conference.
Doug Gillin, Appalachian State 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.
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Mark Alnutt, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York.
Troy Dannen, Tulane University.
Patrick Fields, University of Oklahoma.
Michael Hamrick, Marshall University.
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Michael Bazemore, Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jennifer Fraser, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Jessica Kerr, Greg Pottorff and Chad Tolliver.

**NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee**  
**Recruiting Review Subgroup**  
**Concepts and Recommendations**  
**February 25 – March 8, 2021**



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**Short-Term Sustainability Concept**  
**Virtual Team Activities**

**Support Short-Term Change**

- Extend the existing blanket waiver through the end of 2021 to permit a committed PSA to participate in virtual team activities after completion of high school graduation or transfer academic requirements.
- Extend the existing blanket waiver through the end of 2021 to permit an uncommitted PSA to observe but not participate in virtual team activities on a limited basis (e.g., once per institution).

**Support Long-Term Review**

- Review for potential changes to permit a signed, as opposed to committed, PSA to participate in virtual team activities at his discretion.
  - **Example:** PSA signs NLI on Dec. 15, 2021, and may participate in virtual team meetings or virtual film review sessions during the rest of Dec. 2021 and throughout the 2022 spring term.
- Review for potential changes to allow virtual unofficial visit for uncommitted PSA.



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## Recommendation: Permit On-Campus Evaluations in June and July 2021

- Permit an on-campus evaluation in conjunction with a PSA's campus visit during June and July 2021, as specified.
  - May conduct on-campus evaluations when football camps and clinics are permissible.
    - FBS: June 1-27; July 25-31.
      - May occur outside of the institution's ten-day period for camps.
    - FCS: June 1-July 31.

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## Recommendation: Permit On-Campus Evaluations in June and July 2021 (cont.)

- May conduct an on-campus evaluation provided the following conditions are met:
  - The PSA is a high school junior (class of 2022), high school senior (class of 2021), two-year college transfer or four-year college transfer.
    - One on-campus evaluation per institution.
  - The on-campus evaluation is conducted during an official or unofficial visit after the PSA's scholastic season has concluded;
  - Before participating in an on-campus evaluation, the PSA undergoes a medical examination or evaluation administered in accordance with the requirements in NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.11.2.1-(g) (On-Campus Evaluations -- Basketball); and
  - The on-campus evaluation activities (other than the medical examination or evaluation) do not exceed two hours.

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## Recommendation: Permit On-Campus Evaluations in June and July 2021 (cont.)

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- For the on-campus evaluation, the institution may provide equipment and clothing to the prospective student-athlete on an issuance-and-retrieval basis.
- The institution's football student-athletes may not participate in an on-campus evaluation.
  - Weight-training, conditioning and review of practice and game film are the only permissible summer athletic activities.
    - Maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on film review.
  - Skill instruction is not permissible.



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## Recommendation: Increase Evaluation Days for 2021 Fall Evaluation Period

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- The subgroup recommends increasing the number of evaluation days from 42 to 70 for the 2021 fall evaluation period.
  - The increase is recommended due to the loss of all evaluation days during the 2020-21 academic year.
  - Permitting 70 evaluation days would allow all countable coaches to evaluate for seven of the 14 weeks in the football season.



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## Recommendation: Telephone Calls Through December 31, 2021

- Recommend blanket waiver to permit all institutional staff who have passed the appropriate recruiting exam to initiate telephone calls to PSAs through Dec. 31, 2021.

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## Recommendation: Amend Telephone Call Legislation

- Permit telephone calls at the institution's discretion beginning the Sunday after the AFCA Convention during the PSA's junior year.
  - **Examples:** Jan. 16, 2022, for the Class of 2023; Jan. 15, 2023, for the Class of 2024.
- Permit any number of uncommitted PSAs to participate on a telephone call.
- Permit SAs to participate in telephone calls with a coach and PSAs or at the direction of a coach.
- These changes support sustainability by allowing more communication between the coaching staff and PSA before the first permissible date for an official visit (Apr. 1 of a PSA's junior year).

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**The Football Oversight Committee Will Discuss  
Feedback on These Concepts and  
Recommendations During its March 25 Meeting**

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