



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MARCH 23, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

KEY ITEMS.

- **Comprehensive Recruiting Review Subgroup update.** Jean Gee, University of Montana, provided an update on the personnel recommendations from the Comprehensive Recruiting Review Subgroup.

The Football Oversight Committee supported the subgroup's recommendation to not recommend modifications to current legislation defining a countable coach and regulating duties of noncoaching staff members for the 2023-24 academic year. Beginning July 1, 2023, NCAA Division I Proposal Nos. 2022-28 and 2022-28-FBS will take effect. The FOC noted the need for additional time and understanding of the impact of these proposals is needed to determine if legislative changes are necessary in football. The committee determined legislative action for the 2023-24 academic year is not necessary at this time.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative item.

- **Recommendation to adopt the Football Comprehensive Recruiting Model for NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).**

a. Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Council adopt noncontroversial legislation, in football, related to the recruiting calendar, recruiting materials, electronic correspondence, telephone calls, off-campus contacts, off-campus recruiting activities and, in the Football Championship Subdivision, on-campus evaluations, as specified:

(1) Modify the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) recruiting calendars, as specified:

i. Thirty-three (42 for U.S. service academies) evaluation days during the months of September, October and November selected at the discretion of the institution. Only authorized off-campus recruiters shall only visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on one calendar day during this period.

ii. The Monday of the week that includes the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent through the first Sunday in March shall be a dead period.

- iii. For national service academies, the Friday immediately after the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent through the first Sunday in March shall be a quiet period.
 - iv. One hundred forty recruiting person days (180 for U.S. service academies) during April 15 through the Saturday preceding Memorial Day, selected at the discretion of the member institution, shall be a contact period.
 - v. The Sunday prior to Memorial Day and the next three calendar days shall be a dead period.
- (2) Modify the first opportunity to initiate a telephone call to an individual, recruiting materials and electronic correspondence and eliminate the frequency restrictions for telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete.
- i. An institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or their family members) until June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school.
 - ii. Telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete at its discretion.
- (3) Amend the first opportunity for off-campus contact, as specified:
- i. In football, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before January 1 of the individual's junior year in high school.
 - ii. An institution is limited to eight off-campus, in-person contacts with a PSA and their family members (i.e., junior and senior year combined).
 - A) Contact may only occur one time per week.

- B) Contacts that occur during the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school shall only occur at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution.
 - C) An institution is limited to two off-campus contacts during the January contact period of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school.
 - D) An institution is limited to one off-campus contact during the spring contact period of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school.
- iii. The head football coach may make only one off-campus contact during the prospective student-athlete's junior year and one off-campus contact during the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school with a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members).
- (4) In championship subdivision football, an institution may conduct one on-campus evaluation with a prospective student-athlete, as specified:
- i. The prospective student-athlete is a high school junior, high school senior, two-year college transfer or four-year college transfer;
 - ii. The on-campus evaluation may be conducted during an unofficial visit after the prospective student-athlete's scholastic season has concluded;
 - iii. The on-campus evaluation may only occur during the month of June;
 - iv. Before participating in an on-campus evaluation, a prospective student-athlete is required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). A nurse practitioner whose state medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision may complete the medical examination without supervision by a physician. The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution. The examination or

evaluation must be administered either within six months before participation in the on-campus evaluation or within six months before the prospective student-athlete's initial participation in practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities during the immediately completed season. In addition, the medical examination or evaluation may be conducted by an institution's regular team physician or other designated physician as a part of the on-campus evaluation;

- v. The on-campus evaluation activities (other than medical examination or evaluation) do not exceed one hour;
 - vi. All activities must be noncontact and no protective equipment may be worn by the prospective student-athlete; and,
 - vii. Only authorized off-campus recruiters and individuals whose responsibilities include video recording may be present, but not conduct, during the on-campus evaluation.
- b. Effective dates.
- (1) August 1, 2023, for (1), (2) and (3).
 - (2) Immediate for (4).
- c. Estimated budget impact. Varied based on institutional decisions.
- d. Rationale. The Comprehensive Recruiting Model is transparent, clear, monitorable and enforceable. The change from spring evaluation period to a contact period provides transparent and enforceable legislation that accurately reflects the current recruiting landscape in football. The additional contact opportunities during January and spring contact periods allows institutions and prospective student-athletes an earlier opportunity to evaluate future academic and athletic participation at the institution. Contact only at the PSA's educational institution is consistent with the focus on recruiting in the scholastic football environment and received overwhelming support from FBS and FCS conferences. Alignment of the first opportunity for telephone calls and electronic correspondences provides a transparent and clear start date for coaches to initiate any communication with prospective student-athlete. The FCS feedback for on-campus evaluations following the COVID-19 Recruiting Dead period was overwhelmingly supportive as a long-term legislative solution.

- e. Student-athlete impact. The Comprehensive Recruiting Model provides additional opportunities for coaches to remain on-campus and engaged with current student-athletes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Division I Football Management Committee Structure.** The Football Oversight Committee supported a future structure that allows each subdivision to discuss and manage subdivision-specific issues while collaborating on issues impacting all of Division I football. The Football Oversight Committee provided recommendations for composition, organization and meeting frequency for the management committees to the NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee.
2. **NCAA Division I SVPC/FOC Membership Subgroup.** Trev Alberts, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and Eric Wood, Louisiana Tech University, provided the Football Oversight Committee an update from the recent SVPC/FOC Membership Subgroup videoconferences. The subgroup is currently engaged in discussions on the requirements for Division I FBS membership.
3. **Review of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee's February 16, 2023, report.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its February 16, 2023, report.
4. **Future meetings and teleconferences.**
 - a. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, March 30, 2023; videoconference.
 - b. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, April 27, 2023; videoconference.

Committee Chair: Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh.

Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee March 23, 2023, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Trev Alberts, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.	
Jeff Bacon, Mid-American Conference, alternate.	
Todd Berry, American Football Coaches Association.	
Troy Dannen, Tulane University.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana.	
Doug Gillin, Appalachian State University.	
Merton Hanks, Pacific-12 Conference, alternate.	
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh.	
Mike MacIntyre, Florida International University, AFCA Board of Trustees.	
Frank Messina, University of Alabama at Birmingham.	
Chrissi Rawak, University of Delaware.	
Mack Rhoades, Baylor University.	
John Sullivan, Mountain West Conference, alternate.	
Jermaine Truax, Bucknell University.	
Isaac Vance, Kent State University, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.	
Eric Wood, Louisiana Tech University.	
Russell Wright, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Head Football Coach.	
Absentees:	
Mark Alnutt, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York.	
Zyquan Bessant, William & Mary, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.	
Jim Knowlton, University of California, Berkley.	
Terry Tumey, California State University, Fresno.	
Hunter Yurachek, University of Arkansas.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
D.J. Brown, Amanda Conklin, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Ty Medd, Greg Pottorff and J.P. Williams.	