



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MARCH 30, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **NCAA Division I Football meetings.** Troy Dannen, Tulane University, and Ty Halpin, director of championships, provided an update from the recent NCAA Division I Football Competition Committee and NCAA Football Rules Committee meetings. The NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee (FOC) supported the Football Competition Committee's recommendation to maintain the current football bowl framework established in 2017, noting there continues to be significant transition within Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) football (e.g., conference realignment, reclassification) through the current bowl agreement. The FOC also noted the need to monitor and evaluate the structure.

The FOC received an update on the seeding process under consideration by the NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee, in conjunction with the Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) commissioners. The Football Championship Committee does not plan to recommend expanding the FCS bracket beyond 24 teams. Both groups support the seeding of 16 teams and understand that recommendation may lead to additional travel expenses.

The FOC received an update from the Football Rules Committee meetings on three proposed rules modifications to the game clock. The first rules modification would stop the clock when a first down is gained, except during the last two minutes of either half. The second would prohibit teams from calling consecutive team timeouts. The third would carry over penalties that occur at the end of the first and third quarter to the first play of the next quarter. The NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel will consider these playing rules modifications April 20, 2023.

Finally, the FOC received an update on the importance of improving response rates from institutions while reporting injuries in the sport of football. The FOC will continue to discuss opportunities for education and engagement with the membership to reinforce the importance of injury reporting.

2. **Federated processes for NCAA playing rules.** The FOC supports the Football Rules Committee directing proposals to simplify and expedite the Division I rule-making process for football. The relationship between the FOC, its Football Competition Committee and the Football Rules Committee has been successful in the rule-making process. The FOC supports continuing to include varied perspectives (e.g., student-athletes, coaches, administrators) as proposals develop. Overall, the FOC believes any federation of the playing rules should be rare, particularly with playing rules that are central to the adjudication of the game.

3. **Review of the 2023 April FOC survey.** The FOC received an update on the 2023 April FOC survey. The FOC will solicit feedback directly from FBS and FCS institutions, the Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group and the American Football Coaches Association on legislative concepts and topics in the areas of institutional limits on official visits, the football redshirt rule (including participation in conference championships and multiple postseason contests), annual signing and initial counter limits and, in FBS, individual associated with prospective student-athlete legislation. The survey will be distributed to the membership in April 2023. Membership feedback will guide the FOC's review of recent blanket waivers to determine whether to recommend legislative changes.
4. **Waiver request related to the FCS to FBS reclassification process.** The FOC reviewed and provided feedback to the NCAA Division I Council on a waiver request from an FCS institution reclassifying to FBS.
5. **Division I Football Oversight Committee Comprehensive Recruiting Review Subgroup update.** The FOC received an update on the question-and-answer document that will be provided to the membership regarding the recommended football comprehensive recruiting model.
6. **Football Student-Athlete Connection Group update.** Ty Halpin, director of championships, provided the FOC an update from the Football Student-Athlete Connection Group's February 21, 2023, videoconference.
7. **Review of FOC policies and procedures.** The FOC reviewed their policies and procedures and approved updates related to the processing of requests to waive NCAA Division I Bylaw 18.7 (postseason football).
8. **Review of the FOC's March 23, 2023, report.** The FOC reviewed and approved its March 23, 2023, report.

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

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

*Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.*

<b>NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee March 30, 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.	
Troy Dannen, Tulane University.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana.	
Jim Knowlton, University of California, Berkley.	
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.	
Maura Smith, Sun Belt Conference, alternate.	
Terry Tumey, California State University, Fresno.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.	
Eric Wood, Louisiana Tech University.	
Russell Wright, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Head Football Coach.	
Hunter Yurachek, University of Arkansas.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Zyquan Bessant, William & Mary, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.	
Doug Gillin, Appalachian State University.	
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh.	
Jermaine Truax, Bucknell University.	
Isaac Vance, Kent State University, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Troy Arthur, D.J. Brown, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Greg Pottorff and Geoff Silver.	