



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MAY 21, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Extension of the Temporary Recruiting Dead Period.** The NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee recommended an extension of the temporary recruiting dead period for Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) institutions through July 31, 2020. Additional time was requested for NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions to consider an extension of the temporary recruiting dead period beyond June 30, 2020.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review and Approval of Football Oversight Committee's May 14, 2020, Report.** The Football Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its May 14, 2020, meeting report.
2. **Update from NCAA Division I Football Competition Committee.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update on the Football Competition Committee's review of football scheduling requirements and the definition of a "deserving team" for the 2020 season. The Football Competition Committee's review is in response to requests included in a blanket waiver submitted by 27 of the 32 NCAA Division I conferences seeking relief from multiple membership and other requirements as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. NCAA Division I Bylaws 18.7.2.1.1 and 20.9.9.2.1, which permit an FBS institution to count one victory against an FCS opponent toward "deserving team" status for postseason eligibility, and one contest against an FCS opponent toward FBS scheduling requirements, provided the FCS opponent has averaged 90 percent of the permissible number of football scholarships during a rolling two-year period, are part of the blanket waiver request. The Football Oversight Committee plans to continue its discussion during its May 28 meeting.
3. **COVID-19 Updates and Discussion.**
 - **Update from May 20 NCAA Division I Council Meeting.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update on the following actions taken by Council during its May 20 meeting.
 1. **Blanket Waiver Requests of NCAA Division I Membership Requirements.** Staff provided an update on the May 20, 2020, Council teleconference meeting to the Football Oversight Committee.
 - a. **Bylaw 20.9.10.2 – Football Championship Football Scheduling Requirement.** Council approved a one-year waiver of Bylaw 20.9.10.2. As a result, an FCS institution is not required to play at least 50 percent of its football games against FBS or FCS members.

- b. Bylaw 20.9.9.4 – Football Bowl Subdivision Additional Financial Aid Requirements.** Council approved a three-year waiver of Bylaw 20.9.9.4. As a result, FBS institutions will be permitted to award at least 75 percent of the maximum FBS financial aid limit for three years. In addition, institutions will be permitted to award a minimum of 150 athletics grants-in-aid or expend a minimum of \$3 million on grants-in-aid to student-athletes for a period of three years.
 - c. Bylaws 18.7.2.1.1 and 20.9.9.2.1 – Football Championship Subdivision Opponent.** At the request of the Football Oversight Committee, Council deferred action on this item so the Football Competition Committee can review and provide a recommendation (See Informational Item No. 1). The Football Oversight Committee noted that if relief is provided, it will necessitate a review of the definition of the deserving team, which the Football Oversight Committee referred to the Football Competition Committee for discussion.
 - d. Bylaw 20.9.9.2 – Football Bowl Subdivision Scheduling Requirements.** Council approved a one-year waiver of Bylaw 20.9.9.2 with no percentage requirement and no minimum requirement for home games against FBS opponents. As a result, an FBS institution is not required to play a minimum percentage of its football games against FBS members. In addition, FBS institutions will not be required to play five home games against FBS opponents.
 - e. Bylaw 20.9.9.3 – Football Bowl Subdivision Attendance Requirements.** Council approved a two-year waiver of Bylaw 20.9.9.3 with no minimum attendance requirements. As a result, FBS institutions will not be required to average at least 15,000 in actual or paid attendance for home football games.
- 2. Voluntary Athletically Related Activities in Football.** The Football Oversight Committee received an update from the May 20 Council meeting regarding on-campus voluntary athletically related activities. Beginning June 1, football student-athletes may access institutional facilities for voluntary athletically related activities. Institutional decisions to permit on-campus voluntary athletically related activities should be provided in compliance with applicable state and local regulations regarding the use of such facilities, group size restrictions and any other articulated limitations.

3. Committee Member Updates.

- **Implementation of Preseason Practice Models.** The Football Oversight Committee discussed options related to summer athletics activities and preseason practice and agreed to review these topics during its May 28 meeting.

4. Future Meetings and Teleconferences.

- a. May 28, 2020; Microsoft Teams Meeting.
- b. June 4, 2020; Microsoft Teams Meeting.
- c. June 11, 2020; Microsoft Teams Meeting.
- d. June 15, 2020; Microsoft Teams Meeting.

Committee Chair: Shane Lyons, West Virginia University; Big 12 Conference.
Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.
Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

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Attendees:	
Mark Alnutt, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.	
Whit Babcock, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Sandy Barbour, Pennsylvania State University; Big Ten Conference.	
Todd Berry, American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).	
Greg Byrne, University of Alabama; Southeastern Conference.	
Christian Ellsworth, University of Northern Iowa; Missouri Valley Conference.	
Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern University, AFCA Board of Trustees.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana.	
Bret Gilliland, Mountain West Conference.	
Doug Gillin, Appalachian State University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Michael Hamrick, Marshall University; Conference USA.	
Mark Harlan, University of Utah; Pacific-12 Conference.	
Patrick Kraft, Temple University; American Athletic Conference.	
Shane Lyons, West Virginia University; Big 12 Conference.	
Frank Messina, University of Alabama at Birmingham.	
Greg Seitz, Jacksonville State University.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference.	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University.	
Absentees:	
Patrick Fields, University of Oklahoma; Big 12 Conference.	
Samantha Huge, College of William & Mary.	
Guest(s) in Attendance:	
Ryan Cassidy, Rutgers University; Big Ten Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Michael Bazemore, Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Jessica Kerr and Greg Pottorff.	