



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
APRIL 16, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

a. Football – Playing and Practice Seasons – First Contest.

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Cabinet adopt expedited legislation, for bowl subdivision football, to permit an institution to play its first contest with outside competition beginning the Thursday that is 14 weeks from the Saturday immediately following Thanksgiving weekend, and eliminate all first contest date exceptions.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2027.
- (3) Rationale. This proposal provides a consistent 14-week regular season schedule, which simplifies scheduling. Additionally, the proposal would eliminate all first contest date exceptions, ensuring one first contest date for all FBS institutions and removing issues related to potential competitive advantages gained by the few institutions each year whose programs were able to compete prior to that date.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Dependent on institutional and conference scheduling decisions.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Dependent on institutional and conference scheduling decisions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- a. NCAA Division I Cabinet update.** The FBSOC received an update regarding the NCAA Division I Cabinet’s April 14-15 meeting, including the adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal 2026-32 – Athletics Eligibility -- Prize Money or Payment Based on Performance, Draft and Inquiry and Use of Agents -- Before Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. The FBSOC was also provided an update regarding the adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-33 – Recruiting – Transfer Outside of the Notification Process and Participation in Athletically Related Activities – Failure to Impose Institutional Penalties, which establishes an alternative enforcement process for a situation in which an institution does not impose the institutional penalties required by an application of NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.1.4.9 (transfer outside of the notification of transfer process and participation

in athletically related activities – institutional penalties). The FBSOC also received an update on the Cabinet’s discussions on the age-based eligibility model.

- b. Legislative relief request to waive first contest legislation in 2026-27.** The FBSOC reviewed an appeal of an institution’s request to waive the first contest legislation (NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.12.4.1 first contest – bowl subdivision) for 2026-27. Consistent with decisions reached in other requests for relief from the first contest date legislation for 2026-27, FBSOC upheld the denial of the waiver. The committee noted the potential competitive advantage associated with some institutions conducting a first contest prior to the legislated first contest date and the committee’s ongoing work to establish a consistent first contest date.
- c. Review of the one official visit per prospective student-athlete per institution legislation.** The FBSOC reviewed the legislation that permits one official visit per prospective student-athlete per institution and discussed modifications to increase or eliminate the limit on the number of official visits a prospective student-athlete could receive from an institution. The committee referred the discussion to the FBS Calendar Subgroup to be included in the subgroup’s comprehensive review of the recruiting calendar.
- d. Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee March 19 report.** The committee approved the March 19 FBSOC report.
- e. Future meetings.**
 - (1) 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Eastern time, May 7, 2026; videoconference.
 - (2) 1 to 5 p.m. Eastern time, June 22, 2026; videoconference.
 - (3) 9 to 11 a.m. Eastern time, June 23, 2026; videoconference.

Committee Chair: Mark Alnutt, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York.
Staff Liaisons: Geoff Bentzel, NCAA Division I Governance and Membership Services.
Jenn Fraser, NCAA Division I Governance and Membership Services.
Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.
Kris Richardson, NCAA Division I Governance and Membership Services.

NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee April 16, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Mark Alnutt, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.	
Bret Bielema, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
Craig Bohl, American Football Coaches Association.	
Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference (alternate).	
Shonna Brown, Pac-12 Conference.	
Lisa Campos, University of Texas at San Antonio; American Conference.	
Matthew Dennis, Wake Forest University.	
Sam Edwards, Michigan State University.	
A.J. Edds, Big Ten Conference (alternate).	
Justin Fuente, College Football Playoff.	
Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.	
Erick Harper, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Mountain West Conference.	
Clark Lea Jr., Vanderbilt University.	
Bryan Maggard, University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Sun Belt Conference.	
Dan Radakovich, University of Miami (Florida); Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Todd Stewart, Western Kentucky University; Conference USA.	
Michael Strickland, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Gene Taylor, Kansas State University; Big 12 Conference.	
Absentees:	
Josh Brooks, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.	
Alan Green, University of Southern California.	
Chris McIntosh, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Big Ten Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Paden Alie, DJ Brown, Amanda Conklin, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston, Jackson Marcotte, Greg Pottorff, Geoff Silver and Lynda Tealer.	