



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
APRIL 14, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee Legislative Priorities update.**
  - a. **Transfer Windows and Related Topics Subgroup.** The committee received an update from the subgroup noting that the subgroup continues to pause its work due to the interrelationship between transfer windows, roster management, roster declaration and other elements of the football calendar (e.g., signing day, spring practice, summer activities, student-athlete discretionary time). Once recommendations from the Settlement Implementation Committee are available, the subgroup will have a clearer picture of what recommendations, if any, it may present to the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Committee (FBSOC) and FCSOC for consideration.
  - b. **FCS Maximum number of contests and first contest date.** In May, the committee anticipates requesting the Council introduce and adopt legislation in June 2025 via the expedited legislative process. The proposal would, beginning with the 2026 season, (1) Permit a maximum of 12 regular season contests; (2) Allow contests to begin no earlier than the Thursday 13 weeks prior to selection of the NCAA Division I Football Championship participants; and (3) Eliminate first contest date exceptions.
2. **NCAA Football Rules Committee update.** The committee received an update on proposed rules changes including the permissive use of coach-to-player helmet communication, injury timeouts, overtime timeouts, scrimmage kick formations and use of a "T" signal during kickoffs, among others. The proposed changes will be reviewed by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel at its April 16 meeting.
3. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group update.** The committee received an update on the March 16 FSACG videoconference, including engagement with the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee about initiatives to increase student-athlete representation in Division I's future decision-making structure, the frequency and timing of notification of transfer windows and the head coach departure exception legislation. The FSACG's next videoconference is Sunday, April 27.
4. **NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee update.** The FCSOC received an update on the work of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee.
5. **NCAA legal issues update.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.
6. **NCAA Division I governance update.** The committee received an update on the recent and upcoming Division I governance meetings.
7. **NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee update.** The FCSOC received an update from March 13, March 27 and April 10 FBSOC videoconferences.

8. **Approve NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee and Football Oversight Committees Administrative Subcommittee reports.** The committee approved the following reports:
  - a. March 10 FCSOC videoconference.
  - b. March 3 FOCs Administrative Committee videoconference.
9. **Future meeting dates.**
  - a. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, May 5; videoconference.
  - b. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, June 2; videoconference.

*Committee Chair:* Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University.  
*Staff Liaisons:* Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.  
Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee April 14, 2025, Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Sherryta Freeman, Lafayette College; Patriot League. (alternate)	
Dena Freeman-Patton, Morgan State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.	
Anton Goff, Prairie View A&M; Southwest Athletic Conference.	
Chris Grant, Southland Conference.	
Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University, Atlantic Sun Conference.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Jimmy Heisner, Pioneer Football League. (alternate)	
Curt Malloy, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Football League. (alternate)	
Jeff Roberts, Tennessee Technological University.	
Benjamin Shove; Northeast Conference.	
Jason Strong, Yale University; The Ivy League.	
Jamaal Walton, Virginia Military Institute; Southern Conference.	
Mark Wharton, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.	
Mark Wilson, Tennessee Technological University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Craig Bohl, American Football Coaches Association.	
Charles Brown, Jr., Delaware State University.	
Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League.	
<b>Invited Guests:</b>	
Bob Nielson, American Football Coaches Association.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Geoff Bentzel, DJ Brown, Amanda Conklin, Haydyn Gibson, Ethan Hite, Greg Johnson, Jackson Marcotte, Greg Pottorff and Lynda Tealer.	