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# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE DECEMBER 4, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

#### **ACTION ITEMS.**

None.

# **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Legislative Action Limit on the Maximum Number of Institutional Official Visits Bowl Subdivision Football. The FBSOC introduced legislation into the April legislative cycle to eliminate the annual institutional limit on official visits in FBS. The FBSOC will consider membership feedback received before the committee's vote during its February 24-25, 2026, in-person meeting to determine whether to adopt the legislation, subject to NCAA Division I Cabinet review on April 14, 2026.
- 2. Blanket Waiver Limit on the Maximum Number of Institutional Official Visits Bowl Subdivision Football. The FBSOC extended the blanket waiver that permits institutions to provide an unlimited number of official visits in championship subdivision football through March 31, 2027. A blanket waiver provides appropriate notice in the recruiting process to prospective student-athletes, coaches and administrators while the proposal to eliminate the annual institutional limit on official visits in championship subdivision football is considered during the April 2026 legislative cycle.
- **3. Review of NCAA Division I Cabinet referral.** The FBSOC continued its discussion of the NCAA Division I Cabinet referral to review the impact of the adoption of Proposal No. 2025-28 (recruiting -- football -- notification of transfer window and FBS recruiting calendar) on midyear transfers to quarter institutions and postgraduate student-athletes.
  - The FBSOC reiterated the importance of full-time enrollment during regular academic terms and its concerns with individuals practicing, receiving aid and receiving revenue share benefits without being enrolled. The committee also reiterated a need for data to better understand the impacts of the changes to football's notification of transfer period. Finally, the committee reaffirmed its position that calendar and enrollment issues are best addressed at the institutional level and should not be a basis for relief of the full-time enrollment requirement.
- 4. NCAA Division I Football Rules Subcommittee discussion. The FBSOC received an update on the work of the Football Rules Subcommittee and discussed a referral from the NCAA Division I Cabinet. The referral charged sport-specific playing rules subcommittees with reviewing the use of commercial and non-profit logos during non-NCAA championship competition.
  - The FBSOC recommended the rules subcommittee develop a concept that would permit up to six permissive flanking logos to be used during conference championship contests, postseason bowl games and the College Football Playoff. For all other contests, the FBSOC supported maintaining the current rule, which allows up to four permissive flanking logo

(commercial, conference, and/or institutional) locations in addition to the primary midfield permissive logo and the two permissive endzone logos.

The FBSOC also supported the advertising guidelines for student-athlete uniforms and guidelines that maintain efficient officiating and provide a clean, consistent uniform during competition.

- 5. Legislative relief request to waive first contest legislation in 2026-27. The committee did not support a blanket waiver that would allow FBS institutions to conduct its first contest prior to the legislated first contest date. Further, the committee did not approve any legislative relief waivers for the 2026 season that would permit an FBS institution to conduct its first contest prior to the currently legislated first contest date. In its review, the committee noted the potential competitive advantage associated with some institutions conducting a first contest prior to the legislated first contest date. The committee referred the discussion about legislative changes of the first contest date to the FBS Calendar Subgroup for a comprehensive review of the football calendar and consider any potential changes beginning with the 2027-28 academic year.
- 6. **FBS Calendar Subgroup update.** The committee received an update from the subgroup's December 2nd meeting. The subgroup is soliciting feedback from conferences, coaches and student-athletes about areas of legislative review related to the football calendar. Feedback is requested back to the subgroup by January 9, 2026.
- 7. College Football Playoff update. The committee received an update from Justin Fuente, Senior Advisor for the College Football Playoff, including the work of the CFP selection committee, the timeline for future CFP expansion discussions and the new requirement that teams participating in the CFP must provide a player availability report.
- **8. Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed draft policies and procedures for NCAA Division I sport oversight committees and substructures.
- **9. NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Engagement Group update.** The committee received an update on the recent FSAEG videoconference.
- **10. Update on the 2025-26 FBS Postseason deserving teams.** The committee received an update on the number of deserving teams for the 2025-26 postseason.
- 11. Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee November 6 report. The committee approved the November 6 FBSOC report.
- 12. Future meetings.
  - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Eastern time, January 22, 2026; videoconference.
  - February 24-25, 2026, in-person meeting, Indianapolis.

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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.

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#### **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.

Josh Brooks, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.

Shonna Brown, Pac-12 Conference.

Lisa Campos, University of Texas at San Antonio; American Conference.

Bill Davis, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Matthew Dennis, Wake Forest University.

Justin Fuente, College Football Playoff.

Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.

Alan Green, University of Southern California.

Clark Lea Jr., Vanderbilt University.

Bryan Maggard, University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Sun Belt Conference.

Chris McIntosh, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Big Ten 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:

Erick Harper, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Mountain West Conference.

## **Invited Guests:**

Steve Shaw, NCAA Football Rules Committee

#### NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.

## Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

DJ Brown, Amanda Conklin, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston and Jackson Marcotte.