



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 13, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Legislative items.**
 - a. **Amend Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) legislation that permits a nonprofessional sponsor of a postseason bowl game to provide expenses to family members of student-athletes.**
 - (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Council introduce legislation, for the Football Bowl Subdivision, to amend the postseason bowl event legislation to remove the “one occasion per year” limitation on when the nonprofessional sponsor of a postseason bowl game may provide entertainment expenses related to an event organized by the nonprofessional sponsor of a postseason bowl game specifically for the family members of student-athletes participating in the postseason bowl.
 - (2) Effective date. August 1, 2024.
 - (3) Rationale. Current legislation permits a nonprofessional sponsor of a postseason bowl game to provide expenses to family members of student-athletes for a maximum of two contests. With expansion of the College Football Playoff from two rounds to four, this proposal allows expenses to be provided to family members of student-athletes participating in each round of the recently expanded College Football Playoff.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. May reduce out of pocket travel expenses for family members of student-athletes participating in the College Football Playoff.
 - b. **Amend Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) student-athlete participation awards legislation.**
 - (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Council introduce legislation, in Football Bowl Subdivision, to deregulate the maximum value of the awards provided by the College Football Playoff for participation in a postseason bowl.
 - (2) Effective dates. August 1, 2024.

- (3) Rationale. Current legislation permits a student-athlete to receive a maximum of \$550 in awards for participation in a postseason bowl game from the management of the event. With expansion of the College Football Playoff from two to four rounds, this proposal provides the College Football Playoff, as the management of the event, additional flexibility when providing participation awards to student-athletes.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. May result in additional awards provided to student-athletes participating in the College Football Playoff.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Legislative Action – Practice and Playing Season -- Football – College Football Playoff.** The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee (FBSOC) introduced legislation into the pilot legislative process to amend the following legislation:
 - a. **Annual Exemption:** To exempt participation in a maximum of four contests in the College Football Playoff from counting toward maximum contest limits (12); and,
 - b. **End of the Playing Season:** To indicate the postseason football games must be played not later than the third Monday in January.
2. **College Football Playoff update.** Bill Hancock, executive director of the College Football Playoff, provided an update on expansion of the College Football Playoff for the 2024-25 academic year.
3. **Review NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee legislative concepts.** Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference, provided an update on the work of the MRS and the subcommittee's request for feedback on concepts for legislation governing outside competition, questionnaires and permissible duties of noncoaching staff members sent to the FBSOC and NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee (FCSOC). The MRS concepts are intended to make the legislation in these areas easier to administer and enforce. The FBSOC did not take a formal position on the concepts. The FBSOC noted challenges in allowing noncoaching staff members to be involved in limited on-field practice activities but not permitting them to perform duties that would be considered a coaching duty.
4. **Review select NCAA Division I Council/governance legislative proposals introduced in the January 2024 Legislative Cycle.** The FBSOC reviewed three Council/governance legislative proposals (NCAA Division I Proposal Nos. 2023-54, 2023-55 and 2023-58) scheduled for vote in January 2024. The FBSOC discussed the merits of each proposal and did not take a formal position on the proposals.

5. **Provide initial feedback for holistic review of Division I football.** The FBSOC briefly reviewed a draft of possible strategic priorities for Division I football. The draft identified possible priorities in four areas: (1) Prepare Division I football for expansion of the CFP; (2) Address impacts of conference realignment on Division I football; (3) Examine aspects of the football student-athlete experience; and (4) Enhance on-field aspects of Division I football. FBSOC members charged themselves with providing feedback on the draft strategic priorities to the staff liaisons before the next FBSOC meeting.
6. **NCAA Transfer Portal update.** The committee received an update on the data for football bowl subdivision student-athlete activity in the NCAA Transfer Portal for December 4 through 10, 2023.
7. **NCAA Division I Football Recruiting Subgroup update.** Jean Gee, University of Montana, chair of the football recruiting subgroup, provided an update on the subgroup's December 8 videoconference. The football recruiting subgroup will review and discuss Division I football's recruiting calendar surrounding the National Letter of Intent early and regular signing periods and the impact of third parties' involvement on prospective and current student-athletes' recruiting process.
8. **NCAA legal issues update.** Michele Forte-Osborne, managing director of legal affairs and associate general counsel, provided an update on current NCAA legal issues.
9. **Update on NCAA Football Rules Committee.** Ty Halpin, director of NCAA championships, provided an update on topics the Football Rules Committee is discussing.
10. **NCAA Division I governance update.** Amanda Conklin, managing director of Division I governance, provided an update on the December 5, 2023, memorandum from Charlie Baker regarding Project DI and future governance meetings.
11. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group update.** Terrance Tumey, California State University, Fresno, provided an update on the December 7, 2023, FSACG meeting.
12. **American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) update.** Todd Berry, AFCA executive director, was recognized for his service to the FBSOC. He provided an update on the upcoming 2024 AFCA Convention, which is when the next AFCA executive director will be announced.
13. **Approve NCAA Division I Football Bowl Oversight Committee November 29, 2023, report.** The FBSOC approved the November 29 report.

14. Future meetings.

- a. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, January 31, 2024; videoconference.
- b. Wednesday, February 28 and Thursday, February 29, 2024; Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh.

Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee December 13, 2023, Videoconference
Attendees:
Trev Alberts, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Big Ten Conference.
Mark Alnutt, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.
Todd Berry, American Football Coaches Association.
Bill Hancock, College Football Playoff.
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Mike MacIntyre, Florida International University.
Frank Messina, University of Alabama at Birmingham.
Mack B. Rhoades IV, Baylor University; Big 12 Conference
Marua Smith, Sun Belt Conference (alternate).
Michael Strickland, Atlantic Coast Conference.
Terrance Tumey, California State University, Fresno, Mountain West Conference.
Laird Veatch, Memphis University; American Athletic Conference.
Eric A. Wood, Louisiana Tech University, Conference USA.
Hunter Yurachek, University of Arkansas, Southeastern Conference.
Absentees:
Josh Emmanuel, Texas State University.
Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.
Doug Gillin, Appalachian State University; Sun Belt Conference.
James Knowlton, University of California; Berkeley, Pac-12 Conference.
Other Guests in Attendance:
Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference.
Jean Gee, University of Montana.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
DJ Brown, Amanda Conklin, Derrick Crawford, Michelle Forte-Osborne, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Emanuel McGirt, Jr., Karen Metzger, and Jerry Vaughn.