



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MAY 7, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-30.** The FBSOC adopted Proposal No. 2026-30 – CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL – CONTEST STATUS – EXCEPTION – INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS, which eliminates the requirement that alternates identified based on finishing the season with a minimum of five wins that count toward meeting the definition of a deserving team and a maximum of seven losses and achieving a multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR) that permits postseason participation must be identified as eligible in descending order based on the institutions' multiyear APRs. The committee's action is not final until after the Cabinet's review during its June 23-24 meeting.
2. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-31.** The FBSOC received an update on Proposal No. 2026-31 – DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – RECLASSIFICATION OF FOOTBALL SUBDIVISION – ELIGIBILITY FOR POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES, which was introduced into the June 2026 legislative cycle. This proposal would permit an institution reclassifying from FCS to FBS to be eligible to participate in postseason bowl games or games in the College Football Playoff. This proposal amends membership legislation and will need to be adopted by the Division I Cabinet. The Cabinet vote is expected to take place during its June 23-24 meeting.
3. **FBS Calendar Subgroup recommendations.** The FBSOC received an update on the survey to gather feedback on the concepts developed by the FBS Calendar Subgroup. On June 1, football conference and conference compliance administrators will receive a survey to solicit feedback on the concepts. To streamline the collection of membership feedback, the committee is asking each conference to solicit feedback from its members to determine the conference's position on the concepts and submit one response. The AFCA will also be asked to provide one response to the survey on behalf of their members.
4. **NCAA Division I Cabinet update.** The FBSOC received an update regarding the NCAA Division I Cabinet's discussions on the age-based eligibility model that included an update on discussions by the NCAA Board of Directors about eligibility scenarios involving current and future student-athletes. The Division I Cabinet will continue to review questions and feedback received from the Division I membership and external constituents regarding potential sport-specific exceptions to the age-based eligibility model and its implementation during their May 22 meeting.
5. **American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) update.** The FBSOC received an update from the AFCA on their recent board meeting on April 28-29, which included a discussion about modifications to the FBS football recruiting rules. The model developed by the AFCA

Board of Trustees provides additional institutional flexibility and establishes a recruiting philosophy that complements the proposed changes to out-of-season activities. The model and feedback will be reviewed by the FBS Calendar Subgroup during their June videoconference.

6. **FBS Working Group update.** The FBSOC received an update on the work of the FBS Working Group. The working group is expected to complete its work this summer and provide a report summarizing its recommendations in August.
7. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Engagement Group (FSAEG) update.** The FBSOC received an update from the NCAA Division I FSAEG on their work from February 2026 through the recent May 4 meeting.
8. **NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor and National Coordinator of Officials update.** The FBSOC received an update from NCAA staff regarding the open positions for Secretary-Rules Editor and National Coordinator of Officials, including the expected process and timeline for filling each role.
9. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee April 16 report.** The committee approved the April 16 FBSOC report.
10. **Future meetings.**
 - a. 1 to 5 p.m. Eastern time, June 22, 2026; videoconference.
 - b. 9 to 11 a.m. Eastern time, June 23, 2026; videoconference.
 - c. 11:30 to 1 p.m. Eastern time, July 23, 2026; videoconference.
 - d. 11:30 to 1 p.m. Eastern time, August 27, 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 May 7, 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.
Josh Brooks, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.
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.
Alan Green, University of Southern California.
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:
None.
Guest in Attendance:
Travis Llewellyn, Sun Belt Conference.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Amanda Conklin, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston, Jackson Marcotte, Greg Pottorff, Geoff Silver and Lynda Tealer.