



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Item.

- **Football – Notification of Transfer – Undergraduate and Postgraduate Student-Athletes – Written Offer of Aid Before Signing Date – Recruiting Calendar. Amend Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) legislation as follows.**

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Administrative Committee adopt emergency legislation, for bowl subdivision football, to amend the recruiting legislation, as follows:
 - (a) Modify the notification of transfer legislation to require all undergraduate and graduate transfer student-athletes to initiate the notification of transfer process during a single, 10-day period from January 2 through January 11.
 - (b) Modify the written offer of aid before signing date legislation to specify that an institution may not provide a written offer of athletically related aid or a settlement-related benefits agreement to a prospective student-athlete before November 15 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school.
 - (c) Modify the contact prohibition in the signed prospective student-athletes legislation to apply to the signing of a settlement-related benefits agreement or financial aid agreement, whichever occurs first.
 - (d) Modify the Football Bowl Subdivision recruiting calendar to specify that December 1 through December 31 shall be a dead period.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. This proposal provides important changes to fall recruiting. The move to a single notification of transfer window that opens after the conclusion of the fall academic term and, for many student-athletes and programs, at the end of the football season, allows institutions to focus attention on the development of their student-athletes to support their academic and athletic success while retaining the opportunity for student-athletes interested in transferring to do so for the winter/spring term. Moving the written offer of aid date to November 15 provides more time for prospective student-athletes and institutions to consider academic and athletic compatibility before written offers are extended. Ensuring the

contact prohibition, which already applies to prospects who have signed an institution's written offer of athletics aid, also applies to prospects who have signed an institution's written offer of settlement-related benefits, creates a consistent standard for institutions and prospects that removes confusion around what type of agreement a prospect signed and whether other schools are now prohibited from contacting that prospect. And, making the entire month of December a dead period enables institutions and student-athletes to focus on the end of the fall term, the end of the regular season and, for many student-athletes and programs, the postseason. That change also allows prospects to similarly focus on their academic and athletic responsibilities without the disruptions associated with scheduling and participating in campus visits.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Varies by institution based on time recruiting off campus.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. This proposal moves to a single notification of transfer window and provides more certainty around roster stability and the likelihood of future participation opportunities. The recommendation also provides more time in December to focus on academic and athletic responsibilities without disruptions associated with participating in campus visits.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Football bowl certification framework for the upcoming postseason bowl bid cycle.**
The committee reviewed feedback from the FBS conferences and indicated support for FBSOC retaining responsibility for legislating “deserving team” status for postseason football and for the NCAA national office not having a role in the bowl certification process. The committee agreed to review responsibility for postseason bowl game primary commitments during its October 6-7 meeting. The current postseason bowl framework expires after the 2025-26 academic year and the upcoming postseason bowl framework is scheduled to be in effect from 2026-27 through 2030-31.
2. **Approve NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee August 1 videoconference report.** The committee approved the August 1 FBSOC videoconference report.

3. Future meetings.

- Monday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 7, 2025; Indianapolis.

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 September 4, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Mark Alnutt, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.	
Shonna Brown, Pac-12 Conference.	
Craig Bohl, American Football Coaches Association.	
Josh Brooks, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.	
Lisa Campos, University of Texas at San Antonio; American Conference.	
Matthew Dennis, Wake Forest University.	
Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.	
Erick Harper, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Mountain West Conference.	
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:	
Bret Bielema, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
Richard Clark, College Football Playoff.	
Alan Green, University of Southern California.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
DJ Brown, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston, Jackson Marcotte, Greg Pottorff and Lynda Tealer.	