# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 29, 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) <u>Recommendation</u>. The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee modified its September 4 recommendation to amend football's notification-of-transfer period. The committee recommends a single, 15-day notification-of-transfer period for bowl subdivision football from January 2-16.
    - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
    - (3) Rationale. The amended recommendation provides important changes to fall football recruiting. The move to a single notification of transfer period 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 athletics success while retaining the opportunity for student-athletes interested in transferring to do so for the winter/spring term. For bowl subdivision football, making all 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. The change also allows prospective student-athletes to similarly focus on their academic and athletics responsibilities without the disruptions associated with scheduling and participating in campus visits.
    - (4) <u>Estimated budget impact</u>. Varies by institution.
    - (5) <u>Student-athlete impact</u>. The amended recommendation provides student-athletes additional time to decide whether to provide notification of transfer, maintains the change to a single notification of transfer period and the additional certainty the recommendation provides around roster stability and the likelihood of future participation opportunities.
- 2. Nonlegislative Items.
  - None.

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# **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Recommendations in response to NCAA Division I Administrative Committee referrals. The committee developed recommendations for potential emergency action by the Administrative Committee during its October 7-8 meeting. The recommendations address the following items:
  - a. Application of the notification-of-transfer period to differing institutional academic calendars. During their review of the notification-of-transfer period, the committee noted there are differences in academic calendars and closures of institutions between terms and around holidays. The committee also discussed that there is no perfect solution to challenges resulting from the timing of a notification-of-transfer period and the start of an institution's regular academic term.
  - b. **Timing and duration of the head coach departure exception.** The committee had initial discussions regarding the head coach departure exception to the notification-of\*transfer period. FBSOC committee members will solicit feedback from their conferences or stakeholder groups. Additional discussion and potential action are anticipated at the October in-person meeting.
- **2. Review draft FBSOC agenda for October 6-7 in-person meeting.** The committee reviewed and provided feedback on the draft agenda for its October 6-7 meeting.
- 3. Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee September 4 videoconference report. The committee approved the September 4 FBSOC videoconference report.
- 4. 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.

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# NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee September 29, 2025, Videoconference

#### **Attendees:**

Mark Alnutt, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.

Bret Bielema, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

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.

Alan Green, University of Southern California.

Erick Harper, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Mountain West 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:**

Richard Clark, College Football Playoff.

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

## NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Geoff Bentzel, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.

## Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

DJ Brown, Leilani Hubbard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Jackson Marcotte and Greg Pottorff.