



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
AUGUST 31, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

The following proposals are effective January 1, 2027, pending NCAA Division I Cabinet review during their October 6-7, 2026, videoconference.

- a. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-47 – Personnel and Recruiting – Championship Subdivision Football – Off-Campus Recruiters and Recruiting-Person Days.** The FCSOC adopted Division I Proposal No. 2026-47, as follows: (1) Permit up to 16 institutional staff members and the head coach who may recruit off-campus on behalf of the institution; (2) Permit up to 350 annual institutional off-campus recruiting person days; and (3) Permit up to six recruiting opportunities per prospective student-athlete.
- b. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-52 – Recruiting – Notification-of-Transfer – Football.** The FCSOC adopted Division I Proposal No. 2026-52 to specify that a student-athlete may initiate the notification-of-transfer process during a 10-calendar day period beginning the first business day following January 1 or consistent with an applicable exception.
- c. **NCAA Division I Proposal 2026-58 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Championship Subdivision Football – Joint Practice.** FCSOC amended Division I Proposal No. 2026-58 to require that a joint practice shall be officiated by game officials when the joint practice includes contact between student-athletes. The committee adopted the amended Division I Proposal 2026-58 to permit two four-year institutions to conduct a joint practice during a designated out-of-season activities practice period that occurs during the spring term.
- d. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-59 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Championship Subdivision Football – Out-Of-Season Activities and Preseason Practice Period.** FCSOC adopted Division I Bylaw 2026-59 to modify the timing, duration and composition of out-of-season activities and the preseason practice period. Further, the proposal modifies the summer school enrollment requirements for returning and transfer student-athletes.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- a. **Adoption of new NCAA DI Football playing rules process.** The FCSOC approved a recommendation from the Division I Football Playing Rules Subcommittee to

amend the playing rules process for the 2026-27 academic year. Additional recommendations regarding the process for recommending and approving experimental rules will continue to be developed by the subcommittee, as needed.

- b. **Review of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-53.** In response to a request from the Sunbelt Conference, the FCSOC reviewed the application of Division I Proposal 2026-53, which prohibits institutional staff members with sport-specific responsibilities from attending Division I contests in men's basketball. Committee members will solicit feedback from their conferences and discuss whether to recommend that the Cabinet amend the proposal to include FCS football during the September 28 videoconference.
- c. **NCAA Secretary Rules-Editor and National Coordinator of Officials update.** The FCSOC received an update on the hiring of Ron Snodgrass as the national coordinator of officials and Matt Young as the NCAA secretary rules-editor. Mr. Snodgrass and Mr. Young will begin their appointments with the NCAA Division I Football Rules Subcommittee on September 1, 2026.
- d. **NCAA Division I Cabinet feedback – notification-of-transfer requested outside of a legislated transfer window.** The FCSOC continued its discussion on a referral from the Division I Cabinet regarding requests to enter the NCAA Transfer Portal outside of the designated period. The committee discussed concepts that will be shared with the Division I Cabinet during their September videoconference.
- e. **NCAA Office of Legal Affairs update.** The FCSOC received an update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.
- f. **Update from the FBSOC August 27 Videoconference.** The FCSOC received an update on the August 27 FBSOC videoconference.
- g. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee report.** The FCSOC approved the July 27 videoconference meeting report.
- h. **Future meetings.**
 - (1) 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, September 28, 2026; videoconference.
 - (2) 1 to 5 p.m. Eastern time, October 26, 2026; videoconference.
 - (3) 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, November 23, 2026; videoconference.
 - (4) 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, December 21, 2026; videoconference.

Committee Chair: Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University.
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 Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee August 31, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Sherryta Freeman, Lafayette College; Patriot League.	
Dena Freeman-Patton, Morgan State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.	
Anton Goff, Prairie View A&M; Southwest Athletic Conference.	
Mike Harrity, Dartmouth College; The Ivy League.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Kurt McGuffin, University of Tennessee Martin; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Kyle Moats, Eastern Kentucky University; Atlantic Sun Conference.	
Bob Nielson, American Football Coaches Association.	
Jeff Roberts, Tennessee Technological University.	
Amy Strickland, Central Connecticut State University; Northeast Conference.	
Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League.	
Jamaal Walton, Virginia Military Institute; Southern Conference.	
George Wiley, Central Connecticut State University; Northeast Conference.	
Absentees:	
Kit Hughes, College of Holy Cross; DI Football Championship Committee Chair.	
Curt Mallory, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Football Conference.	
Colby Ramshaw, University of New Hampshire, Coastal Athletic Association.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston and Jackson Marcotte.	