



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 26, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **Legislative items.**
  - a. **Amend Written Notification of Transfer Window for Football** (Proposal No. 2024-46)
    - (1) Recommendation. In FCS, to maintain the 30 consecutive-day notification of transfer window beginning the Monday after the first Saturday in December and the exception for participants in postseason contests and to remove the April 16-30 notification of transfer window.
    - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
    - (3) Rationale. The amendment of the written notification of transfer period to a 30 consecutive-day period allows institutions and student-athletes to engage in conversations about future academic and athletic opportunities before the start of the spring academic terms. Further, data from the 2024-25 academic year showed that many football student-athletes transferred following the conclusion of the fall football season. The committee noted a football student-athlete's commitment to return for spring football is the beginning of the commitment for the following season; therefore, focusing on a fall notification of transfer window promotes roster stability for student-athletes and their institutions. The committee supported alignment of written notification of transfer periods across both subdivisions.
    - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
    - (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes who are not transferring will have knowledge of those who intend to remain on their teams at an earlier point in time.
  - b. **Amend Proposal No. 2024-45 to include championship subdivision football.**
    - (1) Recommendation. In FCS, to permit a conference to provide complimentary admission to a postseason conference championship game to prospective student-athletes who reside in the locale of the game in a manner consistent with a visit unrelated to recruitment (see NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.7.3.5). Such complimentary admission may include reasonable local transportation to and from the postseason conference championship game and reasonable food and drinks.
    - (2) Effective date. Immediate.

- (3) Rationale. The amendment promotes the growth of conference championship events through additional attendance and the opportunity for enhanced community engagement. Any benefits provided by a conference must be unrelated to athletics recruitment and not involve athletics staff at member schools (or boosters) in any way. No recruiting activities in conjunction with the conference championship would be permitted.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Dependent on conference decision-making.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. **Postseason participation blanket waiver.** The committee recommended NCAA staff approve a blanket waiver that permits institutions to exempt postseason participation (2024-25 NCAA Division I Football Championship, 2024 Celebration Bowl) from the limit of four contests a student-athlete may participate in without using a season of competition for the 2024-25 academic year. The committee noted this blanket waiver aligns with the blanket waiver issued for FCS football student-athletes during the 2023-24 academic year.
- 2. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group.** The committee received an update from the August 18 FSACG videoconference. The FSACG discussed the notification of transfer window concepts and day off requirements during its videoconference. The connection group will meet again on September 15, 2024.
- 3. **Publicity of preseason off-campus practice activities.** The committee received an update on preseason off-campus practice activities and recommended the FOCs' playing and practice season subgroup review the topic.
- 4. **Review of NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief blanket waiver of travel day legislation.** The committee received an update on a blanket waiver issued by the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief.
- 5. **Approve NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee June 24-25 report and FOCs' Administrative Committee August 12 report.** The committee approved the June 24-25 FCSOC report and the August 12 FOCs' Administrative Committee report.
- 6. **Future meetings.**
  - a. Monday, October 7 and Tuesday, October 8, 2024; Indianapolis.
  - b. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, November 11, 2024; videoconference.

*Committee Chair:* Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University.  
*Staff Liaisons:* Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.  
Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee August 26, 2024, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Craig Bohl, American Football Coaches Association.	
Charles Brown Jr., Delaware State University.	
Dena Freeman-Patton, Morgan State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.	
Chris Grant; Southland Conference.	
Anton Goff, Prairie View A&M, Southwest Athletic Conference	
Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University; Atlantic Sun Conference.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Bob Nielson, University of South Dakota; The Summit League.	
Jeffrey J. Roberts, Tennessee Technological University.	
Benjamin Shove; Northeast Conference.	
Jason Strong, Yale University; The Ivy League.	
Jermaine Truax, Bucknell University; Patriot League	
Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League; Pioneer Football League.	
Jamaal Walton, Virginia Military Institute; Southern Conference.	
Mark Wharton, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. (alternate)	
Mark Wilson, Tennessee Technological University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Matt Larsen, North Dakota State University.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Geoff Bentzel, DJ Brown, Amanda Conklin, Ethan Hite, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Jackson Marcotte, Greg Pottorff, Alyssa Rice and Lynda Tealer.	