REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE DECEMBER 8, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Legislative Action Limit on the Maximum Number of Institutional Official Visits Championship Subdivision Football. The FCSOC introduced legislation into the April legislative cycle to eliminate the annual institutional limit on official visits in FCS. The FCSOC will consider membership feedback received before the committee's vote during its February 24-25, 2026, in-person meeting to determine whether to adopt the legislation, subject to Cabinet review on April 14, 2026.
- 2. Blanket Waiver Limit on the Maximum Number of Institutional Official Visits Championship Subdivision Football. The FCSOC extended the blanket waiver that permits institutions to provide an unlimited number of official visits in championship subdivision football through March 31, 2027. A blanket waiver provides appropriate notice in the recruiting process to prospective student-athletes, coaches and administrators while the proposal to eliminate the annual institutional limit on official visits in championship subdivision football is considered during the April 2026 legislative cycle.
- 3. Review of NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision recruiting calendar. The FCSOC did not act on any changes to the recruiting calendar for the 2025-26 academic year. The committee charged the FCS Calendar Subgroup to review the FCS recruiting calendar for 2026-2027 academic year.
- **4. Review of NCAA Division I Cabinet referral.** The FCSOC continued its discussion of the NCAA Division I Cabinet referral to review the impact of the adoption of Proposal No. 2025-28 (recruiting -- football -- notification of transfer window and FBS recruiting calendar) on midyear transfers to quarter institutions and postgraduate student-athletes.
 - The FCSOC reiterated the importance of full-time enrollment during regular academic terms and its concerns with individuals practicing, receiving aid and receiving revenue share benefits without being enrolled. The committee also reiterated a need for data to better understand the impacts of the changes to football's notification of transfer period. Finally, the committee reaffirmed its position that calendar and enrollment issues are best addressed at the institutional level and should not be a basis for relief of the full-time enrollment requirement.
- 5. Update on the NCAA Division I Football Rules Subcommittee. The FCSOC received an update on the work of the Football Rules Subcommittee and discussed a referral from the NCAA Division I Cabinet.

The FCSOC recommended the rules subcommittee develop a concept that would permit up to six permissive flanking logos to be used during conference championship contests and the FCS playoffs. For all other contests, the FCSOC supported maintaining the current rule, which allows up to four permissive flanking logo (commercial, conference, and/or institutional) locations in addition to the primary mid-field permissive logo and the two permissive endzone logos.

The FCSOC also supported the advertising guidelines for student-athlete uniforms and guidelines that maintain efficient officiating and provide a clean, consistent uniform during competition.

- 6. Division I Football Championship Subcommittee update. The committee received an update from the NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee, which released the championship bracket on November 22, 2025. The committee also received an update on the FCS Forum and Leadership Weekend that will be held in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Football Championship.
- 7. **2025-26 Strategic Priorities Feedback.** The committee reviewed and provided feedback on their strategic priorities developed during the October 6-7, in-person meeting.
- **8. FCS Calendar Subgroup.** The committee finalized members of the FCS Calendar Subgroup. The subgroup is soliciting feedback from conferences, coaches and student-athletes about areas of legislative review related to the football calendar. Feedback to the subgroup is due by January 9, 2026.
- **9. Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed draft policies and procedures for NCAA Division I sport oversight committees and substructures.
- 10. NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Engagement Group update. The committee received an update on the recent football student-athlete engagement group videoconference.
- 11. Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee report. The committee approved the November 10 FCSOC report.
- 12. Future meetings.
 - 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, January 26, 2026; videoconference.
 - February 24-25, 2026, in-person meeting, Indianapolis.

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Attendees:

Jim Curry, East Texas A&M University, Southland Conference.

Sherryta Freeman, Lafayette College; Patriot League.

Dena Freeman-Patton, Morgan State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.

Mike Harrity, Dartmouth College, The Ivy League.

Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.

Kia'i Keone, University of Northern Colorado

Thomas Michael, Eastern Illinois University, Ohio Valley Conference.

Kyle Moats, Eastern Kentucky University, Atlantic Sun Conference.

Bob Nielson, American Football Coaches Association.

Jeff Roberts, Tennessee Technological University.

Cody Ruff, Stonehill College

Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League.

Jamaal Walton, Virginia Military Institute; Southern Conference.

Mark Wharton, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Absentees:

Anton Goff, Prairie View A&M; Southwest Athletic Conference.

Curt Mallory, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Football Conference.

Benjamin Shove; Northeast Conference.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

DJ Brown, Amanda Conklin, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston and Jackson Marcotte.