



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MAY 11, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-22.** The FCSOC adopted NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-22 -PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FOOTBALL – FINAL DATE FOR POSTSEASON GAME – FCS which modifies the final date for a postseason game from the Sunday prior to the second Monday in January to the second Monday in January. The committee’s action is not final until after the Cabinet’s review during its June 23-24 meeting.
2. **FCS Calendar Subgroup update.** The FCSOC received an update on the progress of the FCS Calendar Subgroup and their recent May 4 videoconference. The subgroup discussed maintaining the current early and regular signing periods, alignment of the notification of transfer period with FBS and potential modifications to summer school enrollment requirements for participation in athletics activities that occur between the spring and fall terms. On June 1, football conference and conference compliance administrators will receive a survey to solicit feedback on the concepts. To streamline the collection of membership feedback, the committee is asking each conference to solicit feedback from its members to determine the conference’s position on the concepts and submit one response. The AFCA will also be asked to provide one response to the survey on behalf of their members.
3. **Future of FCS branding discussion.** The FCSOC continued its discussion regarding the future of FCS football. As part of the discussion, the committee was joined by members of the NCAA branding/communications staff. The FCSOC supported establishing focus groups of internal and external constituents as a feedback mechanism used to align brand identity across the subdivision’s target audience. The FCSOC requested that NCAA staff establish potential action items and a timeline for developing a branding and communication plan to be considered during a future videoconference. The committee identified the FCS championship game as a good opportunity for in-person engagement with the membership.
4. **NCAA Division I Cabinet update.** The FCSOC received an update regarding the NCAA Division I Cabinet’s discussions on the age-based eligibility model that included an update on discussions by the NCAA Board of Directors about eligibility scenarios involving current and future student-athletes. The Division I Cabinet will continue to review questions and feedback received from the Division I membership and external constituents regarding potential sport-specific exceptions to the age-based eligibility model and its implementation during their May 22 meeting.

5. **NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor and National Coordinator of Officials update.** The FCSOC received an update from NCAA staff regarding the open positions for Secretary-Rules Editor and National Coordinator of Officials, including the expected process and timeline for filling each role.
6. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Engagement Group (FSAEG) update.** The FCSOC received an update from the NCAA Division I FSAEG on their work from February 2026 through the recent May 4 meeting.
7. **American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) update.** The FCSOC received an update from the AFCA on their recent board meeting on April 28-29, which included a discussion about modifications to the FBS football recruiting rules. The model developed by the AFCA Board of Trustees provides additional institutional flexibility and establishes a recruiting philosophy that complements the proposed changes to out-of-season activities. The AFCA FCS Coaches Connection group will review the board's FBS recruiting model and provide feedback to the FCS Calendar Subgroup.
8. **FBSOC May 7 meeting summary.** The FCSOC received an update from the Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee's May 7 meeting.
9. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee report.** The FCSOC approved the April 20 videoconference FCSOC meeting report.
10. **Future meetings.**
  - a. 1 to 5 p.m. Eastern time, June 22, 2026; videoconference.
  - b. 9 a.m. to noon Eastern time, June 23, 2026; videoconference.
  - c. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, July 27, 2026; videoconference.
  - d. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, August 31, 2026; videoconference.

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<b>NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee May 11, 2026, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Jim Curry, East Texas A&M University, Southland Conference.
Raynoid Dedeaux, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (alternate).
Sherryta Freeman, Lafayette College; Patriot League.
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.
Curt Mallory, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Football 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 (alternate, Ohio Valley Conference)
Jamaal Walton, Virginia Military Institute; Southern Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Dena Freeman-Patton, Morgan State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.
Kit Hughes, College of Holy Cross; DI Football Championship Committee Chair.
Thomas Michael, Eastern Illinois University, Ohio Valley Conference.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser and Ty Halpin.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston, Gina Lehe, Jackson Marcotte, Ashley Murray and Lynda Tealer.