

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MARCH 10, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee Legislative Priorities update.

- a. **Transfer Windows and Related Topics Subgroup.** The committee received an update from the subgroup's March 6 videoconference. The subgroup noted the importance of maintaining Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and FCS alignment in future notification of transfer windows concepts. The subgroup asked NCAA staff to develop notification of transfer models for discussion at a future meeting.
- b. **FCS Maximum number of contests and first contest date.** The committee discussed a concept that would permit 12 regular season contests each year and allow an FCS institution to conduct its first contest with outside competition beginning two Thursdays prior to Labor Day. The committee members agreed to solicit feedback from their conferences and other key FCS stakeholders. Then, during the April 14 videoconference, the committee will discuss whether to recommend changes, which would affect the 2026-27 season, using the council's expedited legislative process.
- 2. NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee update. The committee received an update from the Division I Football Championship Committee. Key topics included advance planning for the championship game in Nashville, managing committee vacancies, incorporating the Ivy League as an automatic qualifier and gaining clarity regarding the use of metrics for team selections.
- 3. NCAA Football Rules Committee update. The committee received an update from the recent in-person meeting of the Football Rules Committee. The membership comment period opens on March 12 for approved proposals related to the permissive use of coach-to-player helmet communication, injury timeouts, overtime timeouts, scrimmage kick formations and use of a "T" signal during kickoffs, among others. The rules committee will consider membership feedback and, on April 16, present final proposals to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel for final approval. Wearable technology and the application of penalties associated with targeting fouls will continue to be discussion topics for the rules committee.
- 4. NCAA Division I Football Blanket Waiver Request Period of Institutional Camps for Summer 2025. The committee reviewed and provided feedback on a blanket waiver request that would permit 2025 institutional camps and clinics to begin Thursday, May 29, instead of Sunday, June 1.
- **5. NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group.** The committee received an update from the February 16 FSACG videoconference. The connection group will meet on Sunday, March 16 to discuss and provide feedback on notification of transfer windows.
- 6. NCAA legal issues update. The committee received a legal update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.

- 7. NCAA Division I governance update. The committee received an update on recent and upcoming Division I governance meetings.
- 8. Approve NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee February 10-11 meeting and Joint Committees' February 10-11 meeting reports. The committee approved the February 10-11 FCSOC report and the Joint Committees' February 10-11 meeting reports.
- 9. Future meeting dates.
 - a. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, April 14; videoconference.
 - b. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, May 5; 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 March 10, 2025, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Craig Bohl, American Football Coaches Association.	
Raynold Dedeaux, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. (alternate)	
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky 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.	
Matt Larsen, North Dakota State University.	
Bob Nielson, University of South Dakota; The Summit League.	
Jeff Roberts, Tennessee Technological University.	
Benjamin Shove; Northeast Conference.	
Jason Strong, Yale University; The Ivy League.	
Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League.	
Mark Wilson, Tennessee Technological University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Absentees:	
Dena Freeman-Patton, Morgan State University;	
Charles Brown, Jr., Delaware State University.	
Chris Grant, Southland Conference.	
Jermaine Truax, Bucknell University; Patriot League.	
Jamaal Walton, Virginia Military Institute; Southern Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Haydyn Gibson Ethan Hite, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Jordan Lysiak, Jackson Marcotte and Greg Pottorff.	
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