



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

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Item.**

- **Football – Notification of Transfer – Undergraduate and Postgraduate Student-Athletes – Written Offer of Aid Before Signing Date. Amend Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) legislation as follows.**

(1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Administrative Committee adopt emergency legislation, for championship subdivision football, to amend the recruiting legislation, as follows:

- (a) Modify the notification of transfer legislation to require all undergraduate and graduate transfer student-athletes to initiate the notification of transfer process during a single, 10-day period from January 2 through January 11.
- (b) Modify the written offer of aid before signing date legislation to specify that an institution may not provide a written offer of athletically related aid or a settlement-related benefits agreement to a prospective student-athlete before November 15 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school.
- (c) Modify the contact prohibition in the signed prospective student-athletes legislation to apply to the signing of a settlement-related benefits agreement or financial aid agreement, whichever occurs first.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. This proposal provides important changes to fall recruiting. The move to a single notification of transfer window that opens after the conclusion of the fall academic term and, for many student-athletes and programs, at the end of the football season, allows institutions to focus attention on the development of their student-athletes to support their academic and athletic success while retaining the opportunity for student-athletes interested in transferring to do so for the winter/spring term. Moving the written offer of aid date to November 15 provides more time for prospective student-athletes and institutions to consider academic and athletic compatibility before written offers are extended. Ensuring the contact prohibition, which already applies to prospects who have signed an institution's written offer of athletics aid, also applies to prospects who have signed an institution's written offer of settlement-related benefits, creates a

consistent standard for institutions and prospects that removes confusion around what type of agreement a prospect signed and whether other schools are now prohibited from contacting that prospect.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Varies by institution.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. This proposal moves to a single notification of transfer window and provides more certainty around roster stability and the likelihood of future participation opportunities.

## 2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. **Approve NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee August 7 videoconference report.** The committee approved the August 7 FCSOC videoconference report.
- 2. **Future meetings.**
  - Monday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 7, 2025; Indianapolis.

*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 September 10, 2025, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
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.	
Chris Grant, Southland 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.	
Thomas Michael, Eastern Illinois University, Ohio Valley Conference.	
Bob Nielson, American Football Coaches Association.	

Jeff Roberts, Tennessee Technological University.
Benjamin Shove; Northeast Conference.
Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League.
Jamaal Walton, Virginia Military Institute; Southern Conference.
Mark Wharton, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Kyle Moats, Eastern Kentucky University, Atlantic Sun Conference.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
DJ Brown, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston, Jackson Marcotte and Jared Tidemann.