



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative item.

- **Division I Proposal No. 2026-53 -- Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Division I Contest Attendance Restriction.**
 - (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee recommends the NCAA Division I Cabinet amend NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-53 to include FBS football, as specified. The committee recommends that an institutional staff member with responsibilities specific to football shall not attend another Division I football regular season or postseason contest, including conference championship contests, postseason bowls and contests that are part of the College Football Playoff, except those in which a family member of the institutional staff member is a participant. Further, the committee also recommends an exception to allow an institution's head coach to attend the College Football Playoff National Championship contest and any FBS bowl games played at the institution's home stadium.
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
 - (3) Rationale. This proposal addresses concerns about attendance for recruiting purposes by institutional staff members at events involving other Division I institutions. The head coach exception allows for media and institutional contractual obligations that are unrelated to recruitment of prospective student-athletes.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. Varies, depending on institutional decisions.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative item.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Legislative Item.

- **Division I Proposal No. 2026-57 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Bowl Subdivision Football -- Out-of-Season Activities and Preseason Practice Period.**

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee amended NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-57 to specify that out-of-season activities and noncontact skill instruction may not occur until February 1.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate, pending NCAA Division I Cabinet action at its October 6-7 meeting.
- (3) Rationale. This amendment addresses concerns about conducting out-of-season activities with incoming student-athletes during the notification-of-transfer period on a trial basis to determine their readiness for the roster.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Varies, depending on institutional decisions.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Ensures student-athletes whose season has ended will not be required to participate in out-of-season activities or noncontact skill instruction during January, which is when many institutions begin their second regular academic term.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- a. **Mid-American Conference request update.** The FBSOC received an update on the committee's response to the Mid-American Conference's (MAC) request for the committee to recognize Western Michigan University as the winner of the September 5 contest against the University of Michigan. Additionally, a letter was issued to the Big Ten Conference confirming that applicable playing rules and instant replay case book protocols were not followed during the identified play. The committee's public statement is available on [ncaa.org](https://www.ncaa.org).
- b. **Injury surveillance program.** The NCAA Sport Science Institute staff provided the committee an update on enhancements to the NCAA Injury Surveillance Program (ISP) aimed at improving injury and exposure data collection from NCAA institutions. The enhancements include greater compatibility with other electronic medical records systems.
- c. **Discussion of FBSOC areas of authority.** The FBSOC reviewed the committee's areas of authority and strategic focus from the previous academic year. The FBSOC will develop areas of focus for the 2026-27 academic year during their October videoconference.
- d. **NCAA Secretary Rules-Editor and National Coordinator of Officials update.** The FBSOC received an update from the NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor and the National Coordinator of Officials on expectations for the 2026 season.

- e. **FSAEG update.** The FBSOC received an update from the Football Student-Athlete Engagement Group's September videoconference, which included a discussion of strategic priorities for the 2026-27 academic year and increased collaboration with the American Football Coaches Association and with the men's and women's basketball student-athlete engagement groups.
- f. **NCAA Office of Legal Affairs update.** The FBSOC received an update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.
- g. **FBS Working Group recommendations.** The FBSOC deferred this update to their October videoconference.
- h. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee August 27 report.** The committee approved the August 27 FBSOC report.
- i. **Future meetings.**
 - (1) 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern time, October 22, 2026; videoconference.
 - (2) 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Eastern time, November 19, 2026; videoconference.

Committee Chair: Mark Alnutt, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York.
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 Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee September 24, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Mark Alnutt, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.	
Craig Bohl, American Football Coaches Association.	
Josh Brooks, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.	
Shonna Brown, Pac-12 Conference.	
Lisa Campos, University of Texas at San Antonio; American Conference.	
Sam Edwards, Michigan State University.	
Justin Fuente, College Football Playoff.	
Alan Green, University of Southern California.	
Erick Harper, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Mountain West Conference.	
Pat Kraft, Big Ten Conference.	
Travis Llewellyn, Sun Belt Conference. (alternate)	
Graham Neff, Clemson University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Asa Newsom, Kansas State University.	
Matt Roan, James Madison University, Sun Belt Conference.	
Todd Stewart, Western Kentucky University; Conference USA.	
Michael Strickland, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Gene Taylor, Kansas State University; Big 12 Conference.	
Absentees:	
Bret Bielema, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.	
Clark Lea Jr., Vanderbilt University.	
Invited Guests:	
Dean Blandino, National Director of Instant Replay, College Football Officiating.	
Ron Snodgrass, National Coordinator of Officials.	
Matt Young, Secretary Rules Editor.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Fraser, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Dawn Buth, Amanda Conklin, LaGwyn Durden, Anthony Holman, Chris Howard, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston, Jackson Marcotte, Mallory Mickus, Nikki Pieart, Greg Pottorff, Kenedi Rutherford and Liz Suscha.	