



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 30, 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 modified its September 10 recommendation to amend football's notification-of-transfer period. The committee recommends a single, 15-day notification-of-transfer period for championship subdivision football from January 2-16.
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
 - (3) Rationale. The amended recommendation provides important changes to fall football recruiting. The move to a single notification-of-transfer period 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 athletics success while retaining the opportunity for student-athletes interested in transferring to do so for the winter/spring term. Further, the recommendation maintains alignment with FBS in a uniform notification of transfer period for Division I football.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. Varies by institution.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. The amended recommendation provides student-athletes additional time to decide whether to provide notification of transfer, maintains the change to a single notification of transfer period and the additional certainty the recommendation provides around roster stability and the likelihood of future participation opportunities.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Division I Administrative Committee referrals.** The NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee reviewed a referral from the NCAA Division I Administrative Committee regarding the timing and duration of the head coach departure exception to the notification of transfer period and application of the winter notification of

transfer window to differing institutional academic calendars. The committee had an initial discussion and will continue to discuss the topics at its October in-person meeting.

- a. **Application of the notification of transfer period to differing institutional academic calendars.** During their review of the notification-of-transfer period, the committee noted there are differences in academic calendars and closures of institutions between terms and around holidays. The committee also discussed that there is no perfect solution to challenges resulting from the timing of a notification-of-transfer period and the start of an institution's regular academic term.
 - b. **Timing and duration of the head coach departure exception.** The committee had initial discussions regarding the head coach departure exception to the notification-of-transfer period and noted the importance of alignment with bowl subdivision football. FCSOC committee members will solicit feedback from their conferences or stakeholder groups. Additional discussion and potential action are anticipated at the October in-person meeting.
2. **October 6-7 in-person meeting preparation.** The committee reviewed and provided feedback on the draft agenda for its October 6-7 meeting.
 3. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee September 10 videoconference report.** The committee approved the September 10 FCSOC videoconference report.
 4. **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 30, 2025, Videoconference	
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.	
Anton Goff, Prairie View A&M; Southwest Athletic Conference.	
Robin Harris, The Ivy League. (alternate)	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
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.	
Benjamin Shove; Northeast Conference.	
Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League.	
Jamaal Walton, Virginia Military Institute; Southern Conference.	
Mark Wharton, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.	
Absentees:	
Mike Harrity, Dartmouth College, The Ivy League.	
Curt Mallory, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Football Conference.	
Invited Guests:	
Anthony Egbo, former student-athlete	
Josh Emmanuel, former student-athlete.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
DJ Brown, Amanda Conklin, Leilani Hubbard, Brittney Jackson, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Travis Johnston, Jackson Marcotte and Greg Pottorff.	