



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 12-13, 2024, MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Football Recruiting Subgroup update.** Jean Gee, chair of the Football Recruiting Subgroup, provided an update on the work of the Football Recruiting Subgroup. The subgroup will continue to review the impact of the early National Letter of Intent (NLI) signing period on the current football (FBS/FCS) recruiting calendar. The NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee (FCSOC) supported the subgroup's collaboration with NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee (FBSOC) to establish a calendar that coincides with potential changes to the early NLI signing period to alleviate the pressures that occur in the month of December. The subgroup will monitor the Collegiate Commissioners Association NLI Policy and Review Committee review of early football NLI signing dates. The subgroup will develop a recruiting calendar recommendation based on the Collegiate Commissioners Association's decision about the timing of football's early NLI signing period.
2. **Legislative Action – Limit on the Number of Preseason Practice Participants -- Football.** The FCSOC introduced legislation into the pilot legislative process to increase the limit of student-athletes who may engage in practice activities from 110 to 120 and remove the legislation that permits the replacement of a student-athlete. The FCSOC will consider membership feedback received during the March 28 through May 11 initial feedback/comment period and vote during the week of May 12 on whether or not to adopt the legislation, subject to Council action on June 25-26.
3. **Sports wagering update.** Clint Hangebrauck, managing director of enterprise risk management, and Mark Hicks, managing director of enforcement, provided an update on recent sports wagering collaborations with state and federal agencies, professional sports organizations and sports books. Hangebrauck shared with the FCSOC the membership has access to sports wagering in-person and online education from EPIC Risk Management and noted over 10,000 stakeholders have participated in sports wagering-related education developed for student-athletes, coaches, administrators and game officials that are available on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org). Jerry Vaughn, director of academic and membership affairs, updated the committee on the NCAA Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement's review of the sports wagering guidelines and highlighted concepts being explored around potential revisions to sports wagering legislation.
4. **Women's flag football update.** Joni Comstock, senior vice president of championships, provided an update on women's flag football noting the status of women's flag football as an experimental sport at the Los Angeles Olympic games in 2028 and collaboration with USA Football and the National Football League in growing the sport.

5. **Review of single-sport conference voting rights.** The FCSOC reviewed a referral from the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee seeking feedback on whether the current legislation regarding Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) single-sport voting requirements should be amended based on either the establishment of the FCSOC and/or based on the current composition of the FCS.

The FCSOC unanimously supported a narrow legislative change to the requirements for eligibility for single-sport conference voting to align the legislation with current practice. The current legislation requires a conference to conduct a full round-robin schedule to be eligible for voting rights. The FCSOC supported permitting a conference to satisfy the requirement with a schedule that includes a minimum of 8 conference games for all institutions, while maintaining the option for full round-robin for smaller conferences. The FCSOC did not support the elimination of single-sport conference football voting rights at the NCAA Division I Council level. The FCSOC noted that many significant bylaws remain outside the FCSOC's legislative authority, including changes to financial aid, eligibility and other critical bylaws. In addition, the FCSOC acknowledged that voting by single-sport conferences could occur by proxy if there is concern about having too many people around the table at Council meetings.

6. **NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group.** Charles Brown, Jr., NCAA Division I National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative, provided an update on SAAC discussions held at the convention in Phoenix in January 2024, as well as engaging dialogues that transpired during the February FSACG meeting.
7. **NCAA legal issues update.** Scott Bearby, senior vice president of legal affairs, provided an update on current NCAA legal issues.
8. **NCAA Division I governance update.** Amanda Conklin, managing director of Division I governance, provided an update on recent and future Division I governance meetings.
9. **Approve NCAA Division I Football Championship Oversight Committee January 23, 2024, report.** The FCSOC approved the January 23, 2024, report.
10. **Future meeting dates.**
  - a. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, March 19, 2024; videoconference.
  - b. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, April 16, 2024; videoconference.

*Committee Chair:* Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Football Conference.

*Staff Liaisons:* Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee February 12-13, 2024, Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Andrew Bechac, Southland Conference. (alternate)	
Craig Bohl, American Football Coaches Association.	
Charles Brown, Jr., Delaware State University.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.	
Kent Haslam, University of Montana.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Aaron Hosmon, The Ivy League.	
Hakim McClellan, Mississippi Valley State University; Southwest Athletic Conference.	
Matt Roan, Eastern Kentucky University; ASUN Conference.	
Jeff Roberts, Tennessee Technological University.	
Benjamin Shove; Northeast Conference.	
Jermaine Truax, Bucknell University; Patriot League.	
Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League.	
Mark Wilson, Tennessee Technological University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Football Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Chris Grant, Southland Conference.	
Russell Wright, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Southern Conference.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Ty Halpin.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Scott Bearby, DJ Brown, Joni Comstock, Amanda Conklin, Clint Hangebrauck, Mark Hicks, Brian Higgins, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Emanuel McGirt, Jr., and Jerry Vaughn.	