



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE
AUGUST 30, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

- 1. Discussion of Current Events, Constituent Feedback and Correspondence from External Organizations.**
 - a. The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee discussed the upcoming August 31 NCAA Division I Board of Directors meeting and anticipated legislative actions on Transformation Committee recommendations related to transfers and the infractions process.
 - b. Transformation Committee co-chair Greg Sankey and other members of the NCAA Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action provided an update on the subcommittee's work during its first meeting.
- 2. Membership Expectations – Student-Athlete Experience and Outcomes.**
 - a. The Transformation Committee continued its review of membership expectations leading up to the October Division I Board of Directors meeting. Specifically, the committee continued its detailed discussions regarding potential membership expectations within the student-athlete experience and/or outcomes category.
 - b. In addition to refining potential membership expectations related to benefits for current student-athletes, the committee discussed potential membership requirements related to post-participation benefits for student-athletes.
 - c. The committee will continue refining potential membership expectations related to student-athlete experience and outcomes during its September 13 meeting. It will also begin discussing potential requirements in the category of student-athlete voice.
- 3. Subgroup Discussions.**
 - The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee Championships and Decision-Making Subgroups finalized their guiding principles as follows:
 - 1) Championships Subgroup.
 - a) NCAA championship participation is the pinnacle of a student-athlete's athletics experience. As such, Division I championships need to be appropriately prioritized (and in some cases, elevated), resourced, and conducted.
 - b) NCAA Division I championships are intended to provide national-level competition among the best eligible student-athletes and teams of active member institutions in good standing with Division I

membership requirements recognizing that any changes to the current legislated guaranteed access would require a full vote of the Division I membership.

- c) Division I championships should be conducted in a manner that reflects the highest level of bracket integrity and quality of competition.
- d) Commitment to maintain a broad-based championships program that emphasizes gender equity.
- e) Conduct of Division I and National Collegiate Championship events should focus on increasing sport exposure, growth and development, and revenue generation.

2) Decision-Making/Governance Subgroup.

- a) Chancellors and presidents play a critical strategic oversight role. The role and responsibility of the highest-ranking committee in the Division I structure should be consistent with the influence and responsibilities that chancellors and presidents have in managing intercollegiate athletics at the campus and conference levels.
- b) Changes to the structure should aim to create a flatter, more responsive and less bureaucratic decision-making structure that eliminates redundancy and clearly defines each committee's responsibilities.
- c) All committees must be composed of engaged, effective and experienced representatives who bring a diverse set of perspectives (e.g., coach, student-athlete, administrator, faculty) and demographics (e.g., gender, ethnicity) to the work. Appointment to a committee should be based on these factors and not only based on conference affiliation.
- d) The decision-making structure requires continual transformation. A process that includes periodic evaluation of the structure and a process to review legislation and policies to determine whether it is having the intended effect is essential.
- e) The three sport oversight committees offer a model for effective management of sport-specific needs. There is value in evaluating whether that model should be replicated for other sports.

4. **Request for Membership Feedback on Modernization Personnel and Recruiting Concepts.**

- The NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee has refined its concepts related to athletics personnel and recruiting calendars. The subcommittee will send a request to sport communities for feedback on these refined concepts in the near future.

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**REPORT OF THE
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SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

1. Membership Expectations – Student-Athlete Voice in Decision-Making.

- a. The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee began discussing potential national criteria related to student-athlete voice in decision-making at the campus and conference level.
- b. In July 2022, the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee presented a list of recommended unifying characteristics for Division I to the Transformation Committee. That document included recommendations that student-athletes be represented on conference and institutional committees, which has been incorporated into the draft options for national membership expectations to be reviewed by the committee.
- c. The Transformation Committee requested additional information regarding the ways in which student-athletes are currently involved in the governance structure at the conference level. NCAA staff will work with the conference SAAC advisors to secure that information for review at a future meeting.

2. Subgroup Discussions.

- a. NCAA Division I Transformation Committee Presidential Subgroup – The Presidential Subgroup continued to discuss student-athlete benefit models, membership expectations and congressional strategy.
- b. NCAA Division I Transformation Committee Championships Subgroup – The Championships Subgroup continued to discuss concepts related to bracketing and field size. It was also provided a preliminary overview of the current allocation spend for championships.
- c. NCAA Division I Transformation Committee Decision-Making Subgroup - The Decision-Making Subgroup determined that it would focus on committee responsibilities before turning attention to the future structure and committee composition. The subgroup agreed that decision-making should occur at the campus level, unless there is an important reason for decision-making to be made at the conference or national level. As the subgroup develops the responsibilities for committees it will consider areas that must be regulated at the national level and areas that can occur at the conference or campus level.

3. Discussion of Current Events, Constituent Feedback and Correspondence from External Organizations.

- a. The Transformation Committee co-chairs noted the upcoming LEAD1 meetings and acknowledged that the work of the Transformation Committee and the future of FBS football governance are on their agenda.
- b. The committee received an update from the September 6 meeting of the NCAA Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action.

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**REPORT OF THE
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SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

1. Membership Expectations – Sports Sponsorship and Financial Aid Minimums.

- a. The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee continued its review of membership expectations leading up to the October NCAA Division I Board of Directors meeting.
- b. The committee focused its discussion on whether any adjustments should be made to the current minimum sports sponsorship and financial aid requirements.
- c. The Transformation Committee will continue its discussion regarding sports sponsorship and financial aid minimums during its September 27 meeting.

2. Subgroup Meetings.

- a. NCAA Division I Transformation Committee Presidential Subgroup – The Presidential Subgroup continued its discussions regarding student-athlete benefits models and congressional strategy.
- b. NCAA Division I Transformation Committee Championships Subgroup – The Championships Subgroup continued its development of recommendations related to the appropriate field size for each championship. The subgroup has focused on the more widely sponsored sports and has not yet discussed field size recommendations for sports with limited levels of sponsorship.
- c. NCAA Division I Transformation Committee Decision-Making Subgroup – The subgroup continued its discussions regarding the development of a future decision-making structure by focusing on defining responsibilities of groups within the structure. Based on the guiding principle that encouraged development of sport oversight committees for all other sports, the subgroup started at that layer of the structure in defining responsibilities.

3. Discussion of Current Events, Constituent Feedback and Correspondence from External Organizations.

- a. The Transformation Committee received an overview of the discussion during recent LEAD1 meetings in which the future structure of college football was a focus.
- b. The Transformation Committee co-chairs noted the upcoming Division I Collegiate Commissioner Association meetings in Chicago during which the commissioners will receive updates on the work of the Transformation Committee.
- c. The Transformation Committee received an update from NCAA Office of Government Relations staff regarding recent congressional activity.

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