# NCAA Football Rules Committee

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# Rules Committee Composition

- Chair Scott Dapp going off
- Rules Editor Rodgers Redding SEC
- Coaches DI, DII, DIII
- > AD's
- Conference reps
- Conference game officials
- High school federation
- AFCA representation
- Competitive Safeguards Committee

#### **Committee Focus**

- Safety of participants
- Balance between offense and defense
- Ability of officials to officiate any rule change
- Continued spectator appeal
- Address on-field issues only no recruiting, practices, scrimmages & compliance.

# Rule Changes Effective this year

- Shift kick-off from 30 to 35
  - NFL injury data
- Must leave field if helmet comes off
- Blocking below the waist

### Discussed the following areas

- Shield blocking on punt
- QB slide protection
- Kick returner protection
- Players stopping on whistle
- Offensive player dropping head prior to contact
- Conference suspensions for violent behavior
- Ivy League concussion data

### My Message

- Enforcing rules currently in Rules Book with emphasis on:
- Targeting/Initiating contact with crown of helmet
- Defenseless Player contact to head or neck
- Updated video proper technique
- Modify behavior Aggression vs. Violence
- Future directions ATC representation MD representation