



## ***Webinar Series – Critical Issues in Collegiate Athletics***

### **Conference Realignment – What Does It Mean?**

**Thursday, February 15, 2024 – 2:00-3:30 p.m. EST**

Another historic phase of college football conference realignment occurred in 2023. The Big 12, Big Ten, and Atlantic Coast Conference all embarked on another round of expansion that destroyed the 108-year-old Pac-12 Conference. Two new super-conferences were created in the South and Midwest. The new national map of college football will exist for the foreseeable future. Expert panelists will explore this historic conference realignment and its impact on college athletes. Join us to discuss issues like increased time demands, impact on academic commitments, elimination of historical rivalries, increasing gaps between well-resourced and less-resourced schools, impact on Title IX, and exacerbation of an already unsustainable financial model.

### **MEET OUR MODERATOR AND PANELISTS**



**TAMMI GAW, MS, ATC, Esq., Moderator, the Founder and Executive Director of Advantage Rule**, a consulting group focused on athlete health and safety, with an emphasis on amateur athletes' rights. As one of only a handful of professionals licensed as both an attorney and an athletic trainer, her career has included in-house counsel positions, non-profit management and board participation, and C-suite level work with integrated planning for large and medium scale sporting events. Ms. Gaw's expertise extends to the business of college sports, including name, image, and likeness (NIL) reform, Title IX, and medical welfare for athletes of all levels. She is an international speaker on issues around sports business, law, medicine, and social justice and has been featured in a variety of news outlets, podcasts, panels, and publications.



**MATT BROWN, Publisher, Extra Points.** Extra Points is a newsletter covering business, policy, and off-the-field issues in college athletics. Brown has covered NIL, athlete labor movements, college athletics legislation, NCAA governance, and other related issues for several years. Brown also created 'Athletic Director Simulator 3000', a simulation computer game used by thousands of college students to help demonstrate what running a D-I athletic department is really like. Prior to starting Extra Points, Brown ran college team site programming at SB Nation, and is the author of "What If? A Closer Look at College Football's Great Questions." He lives in Chicago.



**AMANDA CHRISTOVICH, Reporter at Front Office Sports.** Her work has previously appeared in *USA TODAY* and *The Wall Street Journal*. Christovich covers the business of the sports industry with a specific focus on college sports, reporting and writing on breaking news, scoops, features and investigations. She leads industry coverage of multiple topics including name, image, and likeness, athlete employment/compensation legal issues, and NCAA gender equity. Her work has been cited/featured in multiple news outlets including *The Athletic*, *CBS Sports*, and *On3*. Christovich regularly appears on radio shows and podcasts across the country, including NPR, local ESPN affiliates, and SEC Network. She holds a M.S. in Journalism from the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism and a B.A. in English from Georgetown University.



**JEN FRY, Ph.D., Sports Geographer.** Dr. Fry is 3x founder, and sought-after speaker and educator. She owns [JenFryTalks](#), a social justice education firm that explores the intersection of conflict and DEI. Jen facilitates conversations and skill-building with organizations and teams of all sizes. She is a veteran volleyball coach with over 15 years of experience coaching at the collegiate level. She received her Ph.D. in Sports Geography from Michigan State University (GO GREEN!). Recently, Jen co-founded [Hyreable](#), a career development company helping BIPOC professionals in the world of sports. She also created [Coordle](#), a group travel and movement platform.



**ABREON SCOTT, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman, Offscript Group.** Scott is a former college football star, turned army vet, turned sports personality, now host of the popular HBCU sports livestream broadcast, *Offscript*, posting over 500 shows and garnering over 4 million views on YouTube. He has made a career covering HBCU sports, interviewing sports royalty such as Coach Deion “Primetime” Sanders of Jackson State University, Coach Hue Jackson of Grambling State University, ESPN Commentator Tiffany Greene, and Quarterback Coach Jason Mai of Alabama A&M University. He has also contributed to Black Star Network’s *Roland Martin Unfiltered* as a live on-air guest contributor.