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Violations

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Level II Violations - Division I

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Level II Violations : All inadvertent, isolated violations not listed as Level I violations are considered to be Level II violations.

- All Level II violations should be reported to the enforcement staff in summary form on a quarterly basis. Click here for the [Reporting Formlevel2_report_form.rtf](#).

- All Level II violations are either de minimis (do not affect eligibility) or restitution (eligibility reinstated upon repayment of the value of the impermissible benefit to a charity).

- Some violations, although designated as Level II, require that specific penalties be imposed or specific actions be taken. These include:

Bylaws 11.5.1 and 13.1.2.1.1 violations - Certified Off-Campus Recruiters - The institution must reduce the off-campus recruiting activities for the entire coaching staff of the involved sport by twice the number of days of the impermissible recruiting (i.e., evaluation days for impermissible evaluations, contact days for impermissible contacts).

Bylaw 11.7 violations - Limitation on the Number and Duties of Coaches - Bylaws 11.7.2, 11.7.3 and 11.7.4 are Level II only for violations that are isolated or limited in scope (e.g., a sport program exceeded the permissible number of coaches due to an individual participating in practice activities on one occasion). For Bylaws 11.7.2.2, 11.7.3.2 and 11.7.4 violations, the institution must reduce the number of coaches who may recruit off campus for twice the number of days of the impermissible recruiting.

Bylaw 12.6 violations - Financial Donations from Outside Organizations - Any impermissible financial donations received from a professional sports

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organization must be deposited in the institution's general scholarship fund. Any impermissible financial donations from a nonprofessional sports organization must be returned to the organization.

Bylaw 13.1.3 violations - Telephone Calls to Prospects - For violations limited to one impermissible call after the date it otherwise becomes permissible to telephone the prospect on a weekly basis, the institution must preclude the entire coaching staff of the involved sport from utilizing the next two permissible calling opportunities with that prospect. If recruitment of the specific prospect has ceased or the prospect has signed a letter of intent, the institution must preclude the entire coaching staff of the involved sport from calling any prospective student-athletes for a period of one week (even if two or more calls are permissible during that week).

Bylaw 13.4.1 violations - Recruiting Materials - For violations limited to one impermissible mailing prior to the date it becomes permissible to send recruiting materials, the institution must preclude the involved sport program from sending any recruiting materials to the prospective student-athlete(s) for a period of two weeks once it otherwise becomes permissible to send such recruiting materials. [NOTE: Bylaw 13.4.1.2 violations (text messaging) are Level I and cannot be processed as Level II violations.]

Bylaws 13.5, 13.6.5, 13.6.6, 13.6.7, 13.6.8, 13.6.9 and 13.7.2 violations for which the value of the impermissible benefit is \$100 or less in Division I - The involved prospective student-athlete(s) must repay the value of the impermissible benefit to a charity of the prospective student-athlete's choice to be eligible for intercollegiate competition at that specific institution. Documentation of such repayment should be kept on file by the institution. Any Bylaws 13.5, 13.6.5, 13.6.6, 13.6.7, 13.6.8, 13.6.9 and 13.7.2 violations for which the institution would like eligibility reinstated without repayment should be sent directly to SAR.

Bylaw 15.5.3 violations - Equivalency Sports - For violations in which the amount of the overage is less than 20% of the team financial aid limit. The institution must reduce the involved sport program's maximum team financial aid limit by twice the amount of the overage for the next academic year.

Bylaw 16 violations - Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes - For violations in which the value of the impermissible benefit is \$100 or less in Division I. The involved student-athlete(s) must repay the value of the impermissible benefit to a charity of the student-athlete's choice prior to competing in the next contest (except for Bylaws 16.8.1.1 and 16.8.1.2 violations, which are de minimis and do not require repayment). Documentation of such repayment should be kept on file by the institution. Any Bylaw 16 violations for which the institution would like eligibility reinstated without repayment should be sent directly to SAR. Bylaws 16.8.1.1 and 16.8.1.2 violations (including violations in which the value of the benefit is \$100 or more) are de minimis and the involved student-athlete(s) are not required to repay any expenses.

Bylaw 17 violations - Playing and Practice Seasons - All Bylaw 17 violations require a 2-for-1 reduction in athletically related activities (e.g., exceeding the 20 hour per week limit on practice activities by two hours would result in a four-hour reduction in practice activities the next week), except: (1) Bylaw 17.1.5 (Mandatory Medical Examination); and (2) Bylaw 17.____.3 (First Contest/Date of Competition), which require that a letter of admonishment be

issued to the responsible individual(s); and (3) Bylaws 17.9.2.3 and 17.9.6 involving the use of "spider pads" or "shock vests" in football during a time when only helmets are permissible, as long as no contact occurs and it is the first occasion the violation occurs (second or subsequent violations may result in practice reductions). Any Bylaw 17 violations for which the institution is requesting relief from the prescribed penalty should be sent directly to the enforcement staff.

- For all other Level II violations, an institution and/or conference should take whatever corrective and/or punitive actions it feels is appropriate in response to a particular violation.

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