



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INFRACTIONS PROCESS COMMITTEE
APRIL 17, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Committee Composition.**
 - a. Recommendation. Revise the composition of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee to include at least one member of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
 - b. Effective date. Immediate.
 - c. Rationale. Traditionally the infractions process has been overseen by presidents and chancellors and administered by the practitioners within intercollegiate athletics. As a peer-review process, experienced university personnel have always been the ones to engage in it and the infractions process ultimately affects student-athletes as well. Accordingly, the Infractions Process Committee asks that the composition be revised to include at least one student-athlete representative to provide additional perspective and broaden the inclusiveness of the work.
 - d. Estimated budget impact. None currently, given the virtual meeting environment for the foreseeable future.
 - e. Student-athlete impact. The recommendation provides student-athlete representation with developing policies that enhance the infractions process.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Engagement with Constituent Groups.** The Infractions Process Committee continued its engagement with select constituent groups to help inform its review of priority areas by hearing from representatives of the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, who described their perceptions of the current infractions process and its effects on student-athletes. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives focused their presentation on the priority areas of student-athlete representation in the process, transparency within the process, increasing education about the process to constituents and the public, and assuring fairness and mitigating impact of penalties on student-athletes who were not the principal offenders in the violation. The Infractions Process Committee appreciated the passion reflected in the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's report and noted the value this engagement will provide in the Infractions Process Committee's ongoing deliberations. Recognizing the importance of ongoing input from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee in fact, the Infractions Process Committee agreed that adding

a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee member to the Infractions Process Committee would be prudent to do at this time. (See Action Item above.)

2. **Initial Response from the NCAA Division I Collegiate Commissioners Association.** In addition to engaging personally with select constituent groups directly involved or impacted by the infractions process, the Infractions Process Committee offered several other stakeholders the opportunity to submit written responses to specific questions before the committee submits its initial report to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, including the Division I Collegiate Commissioners Association. The Collegiate Commissioners Association responded that it remains interested in engagement with the committee but requests additional time to submit written remarks and recommendations that reflect the diversity of Collegiate Commissioners Association members.
3. **Discussion of Priority and Future Items.** The Infractions Process Committee discussed information received during its initial round of constituent engagement and began identifying early themes that fall within its priority areas of review. Committee members were asked to share their opinions with Jim Harris in advance of his presentation to the Division I Board of Directors on April 28.
4. **Review of Committee Charge and Priorities.** The Infractions Process Committee reviewed its charge from the Division I Board of Directors and noted the following priority areas and items to be addressed moving forward:

| Process | Communication and Transparency | Outcomes | Rules Modernization |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance expediency without sacrificing fairness. • Review role of the appellate process. • Ensure efficient use of available tools. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More effectively communicate process/outcomes. • Determine frequency/style of reports to the Infractions Process Committee and from the committee to the Board of Directors. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review mitigating and aggravating factors (potential credit for cooperation). • Review penalty matrix (including vacation of records). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine whether violation levels are categorized appropriately. • Focus time and resources on rules that are integral to the division. |

5. **Review of Previous Report.** The Infractions Process Committee approved the report from its April 13 videoconference as presented.

6. Future Videoconferences. The Infractions Process Committee will convene on the following dates:

- Thursday, April 29, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eastern time.
- Friday, May 14, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eastern time.
- Tuesday, May 25, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Infractions Process Committee chair: Jim Harris, University of San Diego

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| Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee April 17, 2021, Videoconference |
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| Attendees: |
| Ronnie Green, University of Nebraska, Lincoln. |
| Jim Harris, University of San Diego. |
| Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati. |
| Geoff Mearns, Ball State University. |
| Karen Paisley, University of Utah. |
| Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference. |
| Absentees: |
| Adela de la Torre, San Diego State University. |
| David Diles, Virginia Military Institute. |
| Harlan Sands, Cleveland State University. |
| Guest in Attendance: |
| Brynn Carlson, Kansas State University (vice chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee). |
| Ryan Cassidy, Rutgers University (member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee). |
| Erik Janss, La Salle University (chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee). |
| Natalie Robinson, University of Washington (member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee). |
| NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance: |
| Emily Capehart, Jenn Fraser, Alexandra Ingram, Kevin Lennon and Marnae Mawdsley. |
| Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance: |
| Gary Brown, Jon Duncan, Sarah Heberd, Karl Hicks, Scott McDonald, Matt Mikrut, Bridget Rigney, Jared Tidemann, Wendy Walters, Quintin Wright and Laura Wurtz. |