



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INFRACTIONS PROCESS COMMITTEE
MARCH 1, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

- 1. Overview of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee.** The Division I Infractions Process Committee received an overview of the committee's charge and responsibilities, as well as its role within the Division I governance structure. The Infractions Process Committee also discussed a historical summary of the infractions process which will provide context for the committee's future discussions. Additionally, the committee reviewed priority items identified by the NCAA Division I Council and future items that may require the committee's attention.

After this overview, members of the Infractions Process Committee outlined potential short-term and long-term goals that will contribute to the committee's success. Specifically, the committee highlighted themes including: ensuring the infractions process and outcomes effectively disincentivize behavior that undermines the integrity of the intercollegiate model and is counter to the shared values of the Association; promoting understanding of the infractions process through educational and communication efforts; enhancing institutional accountability with regard to reporting violations and accepting penalties; and improving and/or simplifying the infractions process to promote timely resolution of cases and credibility in the process.

- 2. Recent Division I Infractions Processes and Outcomes.** The Infractions Process Committee reviewed sample case studies that are intended to familiarize the committee with the current infractions process and draw attention to some of the process' challenges. The committee was largely supportive of the case studies and indicated that greater detail related to the facts, timing and communication of decisions would be helpful. As a result, the committee will receive additional information on the cases, including full infractions decisions and news releases. The committee will continue its review of the case studies at its March 13 meeting.
- 3. Future Scheduling and Committee Engagement.** The Infractions Process Committee discussed how to engage effectively with relevant constituents (e.g., NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions, Division I Collegiate Commissioners Association) based on the committee's charge and areas identified for priority review. In addition to relevant committees and NCAA staff, the Infractions Process Committee indicated that it would be helpful to hear from institutional representatives who have gone through the infractions process at the institutional level, as well as outside counsel that supported institutions through the process. The committee also supported having key constituents provide written submissions prior to their appearance before the committee. The committee will identify questions for the constituents to consider when submitting their written submissions during its March 13 videoconference.

The committee agreed that it would like to begin engaging with constituents during its forthcoming videoconferences in advance of the Division I Board of Directors' April 28 meeting.

Infractions Process Committee chair: Jim Harris, University of San Diego
Staff Liaisons: Emily Capehart, Academic and Membership Affairs
Jenn Fraser, Law, Policy and Governance
Alexandra Ingram, Law Policy and Governance
Kevin Lennon, Law, Policy and Governance
Marnae Mawdsley, Office of the Committees on Infraction

Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee March 1, 2021, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Adela de la Torre, San Diego State University.	
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.	
Harlan Sands, Cleveland State University.	
Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference.	
Absentees:	
Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania.	
Guest in Attendance:	
Gary Brown, contractor.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Emily Capehart, Jenn Fraser, Alexandra Ingram, Kevin Lennon and Marnae Mawdsley.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Jon Duncan, Meghan Durham, Karl Hicks, Michelle Hosick, Scott McDonald, Matt Mikrut, Bridget Rigney, Jared Tidemann, Wendy Walters, and Laura Wurtz.	