Changes to the Division I Infractions Process

A comprehensive overview of the Division I infractions process is available here.

Independent Accountability Resolution

- Balances expertise necessary to efficiently and effectively evaluate and process select complex infractions cases.
- Independence and separation from standard infractions process.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTABILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

CASE

A school, the NCAA vice president of enforcement, or the Committee on Infractions chair requests that a case be referred for independent review.

**INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATORS AND DECISION-MAKERS**

- Independent Accountability Oversight Committee
- Infractions Referral Committee
- Complex Case Unit
- Independent Resolution Panel

- Reviews and confirms complexity of case
- Investigates if/as warranted
- Reviews case to determine outcome

Enhanced Infractions Process

**Negotiated Resolutions**

- Allow schools, individuals and enforcement staff to negotiate a resolution, including penalties, when parties agree on the outcome.
- Negotiated resolutions must be reviewed and approved by the Committee on Infractions.

**Importation**

- Facts established by a court, other administrative tribunal or commission may be accepted as true in the infractions process.
- Use of outside facts will save time and resources previously used to confirm information already adjudicated by another group.
- Evidence submitted and positions taken in such a matter may be considered in the infractions process.

**Responsibility to Cooperate**

- School presidents and athletics staff must commit contractually to full cooperation in the infractions process.
- Immediate penalties (including loss of revenue or postseason) may be prescribed when schools or individuals do not cooperate.
- Parties and their representatives may be sanctioned for behaviors by representatives that inhibit efficient case resolution.

Stronger Accountability, Penalties

The increased penalties apply to both the COI process and the new independent process.

- **Maximum postseason ban (five years).**
- **Maximum show-cause order (lifetime).**
- **Head coach restrictions that span more than one season.**
- **Full year of restrictions on unofficial and official visits.**
- **Loss of revenue sharing in postseason competition.**

*May also determine equivalent fine under current authority.*

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