Inside the Division I Infractions Process:
Negotiated Resolution

When schools, involved individuals and the NCAA enforcement staff agree to violation, level, classification and penalties, they can work together on a negotiated resolution. The process uses fewer resources and expedites review by the Division I Committee on Infractions.

While it is the preference for everyone to work toward a resolution together, a negotiated resolution may be reached with an individual or school while the remainder of the case is resolved through other tracks. The information contained in a negotiated resolution may be used by the enforcement staff as it investigates the remainder of the case.

The Division I Committee on Infractions reviews the case to determine whether the resolution is in the best interest of the NCAA and whether the agreed-upon penalties are appropriate.

**NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION VS. SUMMARY DISPOSITION**

Negotiated resolution differs from the summary disposition process in that all violations, level of those violations and penalties in a negotiated resolution must be settled before the COI reviews the case. In a summary disposition case, the school and involved individuals agree to the facts and overall level of the case, then the COI reviews the case, accepts the violations and proposes penalties.

**POTENTIAL RESOLUTION TRACKS**

- **Negotiated Resolution**
  - Summary Disposition
  - Hearing
  - Independent Accountability Resolution Process
  - No Violation Found – Case Closed

- **Committee on Infractions**
  - Parties may ask the COI for a preliminary assessment of penalties.
  - The negotiated resolution is not approved.
  - The negotiated resolution is approved.

**SUMMARY DISPOSITION OR HEARING TRACK**

- The case cannot be resolved using negotiated resolution and must be processed through summary disposition or a hearing. Draft resolution becomes part of the case record.

"If a negotiated resolution is reached for only a portion of a case, it is not final until the remainder of the case is resolved using other tracks. However, penalties may begin to take effect."