The infractions process is designed to ensure fair play and integrity among NCAA schools. Here is a look at how the process works and the options available to reach a fair resolution.

**Process Overview**

**WHO IS INVOLVED:**
- NCAA membership
- NCAA rules are proposed, considered and adopted to uphold the NCAA's values and protect the integrity of college sports.

**POTENTIAL RESOLUTION TRACKS**

**Negotiated Resolution**

- **WHO IS INVOLVED:** enforcement staff, schools, involved individuals and Committee on Infractions
- Parties agree on the facts, violations, level and classification, and penalties.
- A COI panel reviews and approves a report compiled by the parties.
- There is no opportunity to appeal.

**SUMMARY DISPOSITION TRACK**

- **WHO IS INVOLVED:** enforcement staff, schools, involved individuals and Committee on Infractions
- Parties agree to the facts and level of the case and draft a report.
- The report is submitted to a COI panel, which issues penalties and a decision.
- An expedited hearing about penalties can be requested.
- Those penalties may be appealed.

**HEARING TRACK**

- **WHO IS INVOLVED:** enforcement staff, schools, involved individuals and Committee on Infractions
- Enforcement staff’s allegations are challenged.
- All parties review the allegations with a COI panel.
- The COI decides violations and penalties.

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTABILITY RESOLUTION PROCESS**

- **WHO IS INVOLVED:** complex case unit, schools, involved individuals and independent resolution panel.
- Independent investigators and decision-makers are used to help resolve select cases deemed complex.
- There is no opportunity to appeal.

**APPEALS**

- **WHO IS INVOLVED:** school, involved individuals, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee
- The Infractions Appeals Committee has the final say in a case appealed by a school or involved individual.

*Cases may no longer be referred to the Independent Accountability Resolution Process. Once the last case has been decided, this process will dissolve.*