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**VIOLATION STRUCTURE AND LEVELS**

**LEVEL I**

**SEVERE BREACH OF CONDUCT**

Violations that:
- Seriously undermine or threaten the integrity of college sports.
- Provide or are intended to provide a substantial or extensive recruiting, competitive or other advantage.
- Are a substantial or extensive impermissible benefit.

Can include:
- Lack of institutional control.
- Academic misconduct.
- Failure to cooperate with an NCAA investigation.
- Unethical conduct.
- Violation of head coach responsibility rules.
- Payment to recruits.
- Booster involvement in recruiting with member knowledge.
- Intentional violations.
- Collective Level II and/or Level III violations.

**LEVEL II**

**SIGNIFICANT BREACH OF CONDUCT**

Violations that:
- Provide or are intended to provide more than a minimal but less than a substantial or extensive recruiting, competitive or other advantage.
- Include more than a minimal but less than a substantial or extensive impermissible benefit.
- Involve conduct that may compromise the integrity of college sports.

Can include:
- Failure to monitor.
- Systemic violations that do not amount to lack of institutional control.
- Multiple recruiting, financial aid or eligibility violations.
- Violation of head coach responsibility rules.
- Impermissible contact with a student-athlete or prospect.
- Collective Level III violations.

**LEVEL III**

**BREACH OF CONDUCT**

Violations that:
- Are isolated or limited in nature.
- Provide no more than a minimal recruiting, competitive or other advantage.
- Provide no more than a minimal impermissible benefit.

Can include:
- Inadvertent violations that are limited in nature.
- Extra benefit, financial aid, academic eligibility and recruiting violations, provided they do not create more than minimal advantages.