Penalties for Level III/Secondary Violations Each Year
A Level III/Secondary violation is isolated or limited in nature, can be inadvertent in nature, and only provides a minimal recruiting, competitive or other advantage.

95% of all Level III/Secondary cases result in penalties
Cases are not made public, but members can find a summary of most violations in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO)

Recruiting Penalties
35-45% percent of all Level III/Secondary violations are recruiting violations

99% of all Level III/Secondary cases involving recruiting result in penalties
Types of penalties include:
- Reducing the number of contacts with a certain prospect
- Reducing the number of evaluations with a certain prospect
- Prohibiting contact (in-person, telephone, written, etc.) with a specific prospect or all prospects for a period of time
- Reducing the recruiting-person days, evaluation days, contact period or evaluation period
- Limiting the number of coaches who can recruit off campus
- Suspension of head and/or involved coach for one or more games

Financial Penalties
A financial penalty is standard for Level III/Secondary violations involving student-athletes competing while ineligible or before eligibility certification.

$250,000 Division I Fines
Money goes to the Student Assistance Fund
Calendar Year 2022

$81,000 Division II Fines
Money is donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation

$26,500 Division III Fines
Money is donated to the Special Olympics
Types of violations include:
- Impermissible off-campus contacts with prospects (e.g., “bumps”)
- Allowing ineligible student-athletes to compete
- Allowing student-athletes who have not been certified by the Eligibility Center to compete
- Providing impermissible extra benefits
- Impermissible communication with potential transfer student-athletes

*Depending on the facts of the case, these violations can be processed as Level I or II/major violations.
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LEVEL III/SECONDARY VIOLATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

Cases Processed by Division

- **3,409** Cases
- **2,326** Division I
- **796** Division II
- **287** Division III

Five Most Common Types of Violations

1. Recruiting Bylaw 13 (39%)
2. Playing and practice seasons Bylaw 17 (14%)
3. Academic and general eligibility requirements Bylaw 14 (14%)
4. Amateurism and eligibility Bylaw 12 (10%)
5. Awards, benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes Bylaw 16 (10%)

Sports with the Most Violations

- Football (49%)
- Men’s Basketball (16%)
- Women’s Basketball (10%)
- Women’s Volleyball (8%)
- Women’s Soccer (6%)
- Baseball (5%)

These numbers represent the sports most frequently involved. The enforcement staff handles violations for all sports.

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