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)

Coaching Suspensions Since August 1, 2013 Through December 31, 2020

53 Division I Level III Head Coach Suspensions

9117 Other Head and Assistant Coach Suspensions (519 Head Coaches)

Types of violations include:
- Early scholarship offers
- Game-day simulations
- Exceeding the allowable number of contacts with a prospect
- Off-campus contact with a prospect during a recruiting dead period
- Personalized recruiting aids
- Collective phone call and text violations

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.
Recruiting Penalties for Level III/Secondary Violations

- 40-45% 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.

- Divisions I and III Fines
  Money goes to the Student Assistance Fund
  - $177,326

- Division II Fines
  Money is donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation
  - $40,000

- Division III Fines
  Money is donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation
  - $19,500

2020 Calendar Year
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Cases Processed by Division

3,396 Cases

- **Division I**: 2,491
- **Division II**: 693
- **Division III**: 212

Five Most Common Types of Violations

1. **Recruiting** bylaw 13 (1,455)
2. **Playing and practice seasons** bylaw 17 (573)
3. **Amateurism and eligibility** bylaw 12 (501)
4. **Awards, benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes** bylaw 16 (424)
5. **Academic and general eligibility requirements** bylaw 14 (360)

Sports with the Most Violations

- **Football**: 45%
- **Men's Basketball**: 45%
- **Women's Basketball**: 7%
- **Baseball**: 6%
- **Women's Volleyball**: 5%
- **Women's Soccer**: 5%
- **Softball**: 4%
- **All Other Sports**: 17%

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