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

52 Division I Level III Head Coach Suspensions

841 Other Head and Assistant Coach Suspensions (489 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.
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
  - **203,623**

- **Division II Fines**
  - Money is donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation
  - **104,000**

- **Division III Fines**
  - **49,500**

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2019 Calendar Year

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Cases Processed by Division

- **Division I**: 3,666 cases
- **Division II**: 1,221 cases
- **Division III**: 411 cases

Five Most Common Types of Violations

1. **Recruiting** (Bylaw 13): 2,402 cases
2. **Amateurism and eligibility** (Bylaw 12): 764 cases
3. **Playing and practice seasons** (Bylaw 17): 743 cases
4. **Awards, benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes** (Bylaw 16): 710 cases
5. **Academic and general eligibility requirements** (Bylaw 14): 694 cases

Sports with the Most Violations

- **Football**: 15%
- **Men’s Basketball**: 11%
- **Women’s Basketball**: 8%
- **Women’s Volleyball**: 6%
- **Softball**: 5%
- **Baseball**: 5%
- **Women’s Soccer**: 5%
- **All Other Sports**: 45%

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