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)

40% 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.

Division I Fines
Money goes to the Student Assistance Fund
2023 Calendar Year

$244,000

Division II Fines
Money is donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation

$111,000

Division III Fines
Money is donated to the Special Olympics

$40,000

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Coaching Suspensions August 1, 2013, through December 31, 2023

**Total Suspensions**
- 1,319 Head and Assistant Coach Suspensions
- 753 Head Coach Suspensions

**Division I Suspension-List Suspensions**
- 62 Division I Head Coach Suspensions

**Coaching Suspensions during Calendar Year 2023**
- 150 Head and Assistant Coach Total Suspensions
- 91 Head Coach Suspensions
- 6 Division I Head Coach Suspensions

Types of violations include:
- Improper 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

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

*Depending on the facts of the case, these violations can be processed as Level I, Level II or major violations.*
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LEVEL III/SECONDARY VIOLATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Cases Processed by Division

3,760 Cases

- 2,491 Division I
- 919 Division II
- 350 Division III

Five Most Common Types of Violations

1. Recruiting (Bylaw 13) - 41%
2. Playing and practice seasons (Bylaw 17) - 15%
3. Academic and general eligibility requirements (Bylaw 14) - 12%
4. Amateurism and eligibility (Bylaw 12) - 9%
5. Awards, benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes (Bylaw 16) - 9%

Sports with the Most Violations

- Football - 14%
- Men's Basketball - 10%
- Women's Basketball - 7%
- Women's Volleyball - 6%
- Women's Soccer - 6%
- Baseball - 6%
- All Other Sports - 51%

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