

Standard Penalties for Secondary Violations in Division II

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This information is meant to provide guidance to institutions when self-imposing penalties in response to certain secondary violations. It is not exclusive and not representative of all violations that may occur or all penalties that may be imposed. Each secondary case is decided on its own merits, and penalties in a particular case may deviate from those listed below. Inclusion on this list does not establish a particular violation as secondary.

NCAA Bylaw 7.4 violations – *Financial Donations from Outside Organizations* – Any impermissible financial donations received from a professional sports organization should be deposited in the institution's general scholarship fund. Any impermissible financial donations from a nonprofessional sports organization should be returned to the organization.

NCAA Bylaws 11.6.1.1 and 13.1.2.1.1 violations – *Coaches Certification Requirement* – The institution should reduce the off-campus recruiting activities for the entire coaching staff of the involved sport by twice the number of days of the impermissible recruiting.

NCAA Bylaw 13 violations – *Recruiting* – Most Bylaw 13 recruiting violations result in a 2-for-1 penalty. For example, if a coach had an impermissible in-person, off-campus contact with a prospect prior to the first permissible date (or during a dead, quiet or evaluation period), the institution should preclude the involved coaching staff from conducting any recruiting activities (e.g., phone calls, correspondence, in-person contact) with that prospect for a period of two weeks for each impermissible contact, once it is otherwise permissible to have such contact.

NCAA Bylaw 13.7.2 violations – *Comments Prior to Signing – Social Media* – For each impermissible comment or post, the institution should require the removal of the impermissible comment or post and provide rules education to the involved institutional staff member or student-athlete.

Note: Some publicity/social media violations may also result in a recruiting materials and correspondence penalty if the communication is directed at the prospect and in view of the public.

NCAA Bylaw 14 violations – *Eligibility Requirements* – For violations of Bylaw 14 in which a student-athlete competes prior to being certified by the Eligibility Center for academics or amateurism (Bylaw 14.1.1.5) or institution (Bylaw 14.01) or in which a student-athlete competes while ineligible (no eligibility remaining, doesn't meet progress toward degree requirements, doesn't meet transfer requirements, etc.), the institution should pay a fine in the amount of \$250 for each contest in which a noncertified or ineligible student-athlete competed, and \$250 for each noncertified or ineligible student-athlete who competed, up to a maximum amount of \$2,500 per incident. Please note that other penalties may apply as well. The fine may be paid by credit card online within Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) or by check (payable to the NCAA and include the RSRO Secondary case number). Checks should be submitted to:

NCAA
P.O. Box 540014
Atlanta, GA 30353-0014

If the institution is requesting an invoice, please use the Generate Invoice link found on the decision page for the specific self-report and an invoice will be provided via email from the NCAA Accounting Department.

NCAA Bylaw 15.4.2 violations – *Equivalency Sports* – For violations in which the amount of the overage is less than 20% of the team financial aid limit, the institution should reduce the involved sport program's maximum team financial aid limit by twice the amount of the overage for the next academic year.

NCAA Bylaw 16 violations – *Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes* – For Bylaw 16 violations in which the value of the impermissible benefit is \$200 or less, the involved student-athlete(s) must repay the value of the impermissible benefit to a charity prior to competing in the next contest (except for Bylaw 16.8.1 violations, which are de minimis and do not require repayment). Documentation of such repayment should be kept on file by the institution. Any Bylaw 16 violations for which the institution would like to request eligibility be reinstated without repayment, or for which there is no monetary value, also should be sent to student-athlete reinstatement (SAR) through RSRO.

NCAA Bylaw 17 violations – *Playing and Practice Seasons* – All Bylaw 17 violations should result in a 2-for-1 reduction in countable athletically related activities (CARA) (e.g., exceeding the 20 hour per week limit on practice activities by two hours should result in a four-hour reduction in practice activities the following week), except (1) Bylaw 17.1.5 (Mandatory Medical Examination) and (2) Bylaw 17.__.3 (First Contest/Date of Competition), which should result in a letter of admonishment to the involved individual(s).

Note: Posting/re-posting of voluntary athletically related activities on the coaching staff/team social media account(s) should result in a minimum 30-minute CARA reduction for the entire team.