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Quick Hits: Eligibility

Forty-nine Morehead State University studentathletes in nine sports competed while ineligible due to improper eligibility certifications, according to a Division I Committee on Infractions panel.

The violations were discovered by the university through an NCAA Academic Performance Program audit. A new software system used the total number of credit hours earned to



determine a student-athlete's progress toward degree, instead of just the hours that applied to a student-athlete's designated degree program. For example, if a student-athlete was taking 18 credit hours, 15 that applied to their degree program and 3 that did not, MSU's system was counting all 18 hours toward that student-athlete's degree program. Additionally, the university did not manually calculate the number of hours earned toward a degree to ensure the computerized calculations were correct.

The university's use of the flawed software system to assist in certifying student-athletes led to the improper certification of 48 of the 49 student-athletes over the course of four academic years. The remaining student-athlete was improperly certified due to human error.

The penalties issued by the panel include, one year of probation, a \$5,000 fine, and another audit to be completed at the end of the 2017-18 year for all student-athletes.

Via NCAA.org

The NCAA Enforcement staff finished a nearly year-long investigation into the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) football program. The conclusion is that Ole Miss administration and coaches failed to properly monitor the football program, and boosters who have been at issue before.

In the new Notice of Allegations (NOA) the NCAA charges 21 allegations including the biggest two they could hand



out, lack of institutional control, and improper oversight of assistants.

Six of the allegations are Level I Violations, which is the most serious level of offense the NCAA has. As a result, Ole Miss has self-imposed a postseason ban for the 2017-18 football season. Programs under investigation in the past have also taken this step in hopes of lessening the punishment handed down from the NCAA.

Another major allegation is that a booster paid \$13k —\$15k to a prospect who ended up committing to another institution.

Ole Miss has 90 days to respond to the NOA. After filing a response, the NCAA Enforcement staff will have 60 days to submit a case summary, and then a hearing will be scheduled.

Via Clarion-Ledger

3.2.4.3 Certification of Eligibility/Declaration of Ineligibility.

An active member is responsible for certifying the eligibility of student-athletes under the terms of the constitution, bylaws, or other legislation of the Association before permitting a student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition. Procedures for eligibility certification shall be approved by the president or chancellor, who may designate an individual on the institution's staff to administer proper certification of eligibility. The institution shall be obligated immediately to apply all applicable rules and withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

6.01.1 Institutional Control.

The control and responsibility for the conduct of intercollegiate athletics shall be exercised by the institution itself and by the conference (s), if any, of which it is a member. Administrative control or faculty control, or a combination of the two, shall constitute institutional control.

March Madness Reminder







As a student-athlete, coach, or institutional staff member with University of Cincinnati Athletics, you <u>CANNOT</u> engage in any gambling activities related to

March Madness.



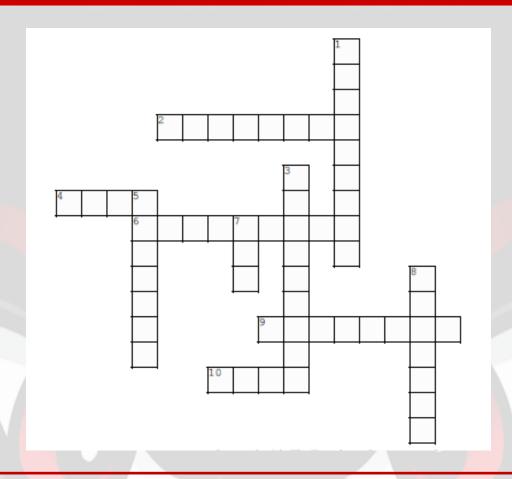


If you have questions, contact the Compliance Office at (513)-556-0558.

- Don't forget that you can fill out a March Madness bracket if it is a free competition or pool. For example you could enter an ESPN bracket challenge with a \$100,000 winning prize as long as you don't have to pay to participate in that pool.
- Fantasy Baseball is starting up so keep in mind that you cannot wager on your fantasy baseball team just like you cannot wager on fantasy football.

Compliance Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 2. Which sport spends the entire month of March in a Quiet Period?
- 4. Men's and Women's Basketball is limited to a total of ____ coach and off-campus recruiters.
- 6. A(n) _____ expense is one not specifically authorized under regulations concerning awards/benefits/expenses.
- A SA, coach, and institutional staff member may not participate in any _____ activities related to March Madness.
- 10. A PSA may take a maximum of _____ expense paid visits to DI institutions (only one permitted to a single institution).

Down

- A _____ shall be eligible for financial aid, practice, and competition during the first academic year.
- 3. Who did UC beat in 2 consecutive National Championships (1961 & 1962)?
- Women's Basketball may not begin on-court preseason practice before the date that's 40 days prior the first _____season game.
- 7. How many times has UC Men's Basketball reached the Final Four?
- 8. A _____ is a face-to-face encounter with a PSA and an institutional staff member or athletic rep. where dialogue occurs.



Q: How many core courses must be completed by the end of a PSA's Junior year?

A: 10. A PSA must complete 10 of the required 16 core courses before starting their 7th semester of school. 7 of those 10 must be in English, Math, or Natural/Physical Science.

Q: If a PSA does not have a 2.3 GPA can they still receive athletics aid to attend UC?

A: Yes, if a PSA completes 16 core courses, has a GPA above 2.0, and a qualifying test score they can still receive athletic aid as an academic redshirt. This would make them ineligible for the first year of competition though.

Q: At what point of a SA's career does the registrar have to start only counting degree applicable hours, not all hours taken?

A: Fifth full-time semester. NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7 states that by the beginning of the SA's fifth full-time semester of enrollment they must have declared a major, and all credits from that point on counting towards continuing eligibility must be applicable to the SA's chosen degree.

Q: What percentage of a student-athlete's degree must they have completed before their fifth full-time semester?

A: 40 Percent. NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.2 states, "A student-athlete who is entering his or her fifth full-time semester of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 40 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program."

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Remember to ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!