

CASE NUMBER 663491

PROPOSED BASEBALL CORRECTIVE ACTIONS – October 13, 2014

VIOLATIONS:

I. IMPERMISSIBLE PRACTICE SESSIONS:

On approximately six occasions in January 2014, the baseball program participated in scrimmages that would constitute team practice as opposed to individual workouts. The institution should report this information to the NCAA Enforcement Staff and take appropriate punitive actions, which customarily is a reduction of "two for one" in the number of hours of practice.

(NCAA Bylaw 17.2.2.b)

Proposed Corrective Actions:

1. Reduction by 12 the number of practice opportunities during the Spring championship segment;
2. Educational Session with current coaching staff - Playing and Practice Legislation;
3. Letter of admonishment/instruction to Assistant Athletics Trainer;
4. Strengthen monitoring system:
 - a. Submission of daily/weekly CARA forms on a weekly basis; and
 - b. Include the signature of an athletics trainer on the CARA forms as additional oversight.
5. Accepted the resignation of the Head and Assistant Coaches.

II. IMPERMISSIBLE UNOFFICIAL VISIT DURING A DEAD PERIOD:

On April 17, 2014, a prospective student-athlete visited campus on an unofficial visit during a dead period. This information was self-reported to the NCAA on May 15, but the institution should amend its self-report since additional information has been developed from the time of the initial report concerning this situation.

(NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.5)

Proposed Corrective Actions:

1. Discontinued recruitment of PSA;
2. Educational session current coaching staff - Official and Unofficial Visits and Recruiting Periods; and
3. Accepted the resignation of the Head and Assistant Coaches.

III. IMPERMISSIBLE DISCOUNT HOUSING - VOLUNTEER COACH:

From February 1, 2014, through June 2014, a Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach received an approximate 50 percent discount on his monthly apartment rent (a monthly reduction from \$800.00 to \$400.00) through the arrangements of the then Head Baseball Coach. The volunteer coach began employment at the University in August 2013 as the Director of Baseball Operations and moved into the apartment at that time. His title changed to Volunteer Assistant in February, which resulted in the violation, due to his inability as a volunteer coach to receive benefits arranged by the University.

(NCAA Bylaw 11.01.5)

Proposed Corrective Actions:

1. Education Session with current coaching staff - Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel;
2. Suspend the Volunteer Coach position - Spring 2015;
3. Future Volunteer Coaches to provide proof of rental agreement and Outside Income Statement; and
4. Accepted the resignation of the Head and Assistant Coaches.

IV. EXCEEDED NUMERICAL COACHING LIMITATIONS - FALL 2013:

In the fall of 2013, during the non-championship segment of the baseball season, the Director of Baseball Operations mentioned above was involved with coaching activities during practice sessions. These activities included providing pitching and batting practice or other instruction on the field.
(NCAA Bylaw 11.7.1.1)

Proposed Corrective Actions:

1. Rules education session with current coaching staff – Coaching Limitations;
2. Strengthen monitoring systems to include weekly visits to practice sessions by compliance staff;
3. Develop detailed job description for position of Director of Baseball Operations;
4. Withhold one full-time assistant coach from 33 practice sessions in the fall 2014 and fall 2015; and
5. Accepted the resignation of the Head and Assistant Coaches.

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