

PROCEDURE FOR INVESTIGATION OF POTENTIAL NCAA RULES VIOLATIONS

Alleged or self-discovered potential violations of NCAA rules are reported to the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance & Certification. Coaches and Staff are educated to and expected to report any potential violations of NCAA rules to the Compliance Office. The Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Certification reviews and investigates the report to determine if a violation has occurred; and, if necessary, consults with the Mid-American Conference Associate Commissioner for Compliance or a NCAA Legislative Assistant. If the institution has committed an infraction, a self-report is filed with the Mid-American Conference Office. The self-report process is described below.

The Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance & Certification collects all appropriate information and notifies the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Faculty Athletics Representative. These individuals, in consultation with the Mid-American Conference Associate Commissioner for Compliance, determines if the violation is secondary or major. If the violation is secondary, The Director of Intercollegiate Athletics will notify the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Faculty Athletics Representative, and the appropriate Mid-American Conference personnel in writing about the violation.

If the violation is secondary, the information provided by the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics includes the following items:

- A description of the violation including what NCAA rule(s) was violated
- The reason why the violation occurred
- How and when the institution became aware of the violation
- A description of corrective action taken by the institution
- A description of any penalty imposed by the institution

The Mid-American Infractions Committee then reviews the self-report and decides whether additional penalties are necessary and if additional involvement is necessary at the NCAA level. The Mid-American Infractions Committee provides the NCAA with a report of all self-reported violations. Additionally, the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance & Certification gives an annual report of all violations and resulting penalties to the Bowling Green State University Intercollegiate Athletics Committee.

If it is determined by the University, the Mid-American Associate Commissioner for Compliance, or the Mid-American Infractions Committee that there is the possibility that a major violation of NCAA rules has occurred, there will be a complete investigation conducted by the Athletic Department, the University including General Counsel, the Mid-American Conference Office, and the NCAA. If a major violation has occurred, the President of the University will be notified and supplied all of the pertinent details.

The Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance & Certification has a direct line of communication with the Vice-President of Student Affairs at Bowling Green State University if he feels that any investigation is not being handled properly by the Athletic Department. The Athletic Department will cooperate fully with all investigations into potential violations of NCAA rules.