Adverse Actions

Although they are not part of the NCAA membership, by participating in the certification and approval process and/or benefiting from those opportunities, participants are voluntarily submitting themselves and their organizations to and agreeing to be compliant with NCAA legislation, guidelines and requirements. Participants (event/league operators, scouting service operators, nonscholastic coaches) are expected to be knowledgeable of and compliant with NCAA requirements and will be held accountable to information posted on www.ncaa.org/ECAG. ECAG encourages such individuals to frequent the ECAG website for changes that may occur. FAILURE to be compliant or allowing the participation of other coaches/teams that are not compliant may result in the withdrawal of current or denial of future participation.

Potential Penalties

Involvement in any of the identified adverse actions are subject to penalty. Penalties applied include probation, withdrawal of current NCAA eligibility to participate, and/or denial of future participation in the NCAA certification and approval process and/or activities associated with those processes. The duration of such a penalty could be for a period of up to five years OR until that time when the individual/organization is compliant and/or has cooperated. There would be no appeal rights for such an action.

Penalties Apply if a Division I Student-Athlete Rendered Ineligible

If a Division I student-athlete is rendered ineligible for collegiate athletics due to the activity of someone involved in the ECAG certification and approval processes and is subsequently forced to submit to the student-athlete reinstatement process, current or future certification/approval of the participant may be affected.

False Claims of Certification

It is NOT permissible to claim NCAA certification/approval when advertising (website, brochures, application, etc.) until it has been granted. Just because an event/league/scouting service was certified the previous year does not mean that it will be granted certification the following year. Therefore, the claim of certification/approval prior to it being granted (or possibly even requested) is inaccurate and is false and misleading to the NCAA membership, participating prospects, their coaches and their families.

Operators CANNOT claim to be NCAA-certified/approved and advertise themselves as such until

1. BASKETBALL CERTIFICATION - the status of the application in the Basketball Certification System (BBCS) appears as Approved and the event/league is included on the event list of approved events/leagues on ncaa.org.
2. SCOUTING SERVICE APPROVAL – the status of the application in the Scouting Service System (SSS) appears as Approved, at which time the service is included on the list of approved services on ncaa.org available to the NCAA membership.

False claims of NCAA-certification prior to certification being granted may affect current or future certification of the event/league.