

Adverse Actions

Although they are not part of the NCAA membership, as a result of participation in the NCAA certification and approval process and/or benefiting from those opportunities, participants are voluntarily submitting themselves and their organizations to NCAA legislation, guidelines and requirements. Such participants include, but are not limited to:

1. Participating men's/women's prospect-aged basketball teams and organizations;
2. Individual's involved in coaching activities of men's/women's prospect-aged basketball teams;
3. Individual's involved in the management or administration of organizations of men's/women's prospect-aged basketball teams;
4. Event/league operators, staff, organizations and those involved in the operation of NCAA-certified men's/women's basketball events and/or leagues;
5. Recruiting/scouting service operators, staff, and those involved in the operation of those services in the sports of men's/women's basketball and/or football.

These individuals are expected to be knowledgeable of and operating compliant with NCAA requirements. Additionally, such individuals are responsible for knowing and will be held accountable to information posted on www.ncaa/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.

Criminal Offenses Subsequent to Approval

If a coach or an event/league operator is granted a background check approval and information is later discovered that would have warranted a denial had the information appeared on the original background check, the background check approval previously granted may be withdrawn. Once notified by the NCAA that their approval has been withdrawn, the coach/operator can dispute the information by providing documentation that indicates the charges on his/her record do not warrant a denial. If the coach/operator's criminal history is determined to meet the criteria outlined as a restriction, the participant approval will be revoked and he/she will not be permitted to participate in coaching activities at an NCAA-certified event or to operate an NCAA-certified event or league.

Similarly, if a background check approval was granted or is pending, and the applicant is subsequently indicted or charged for any crime not known at the time the previous application was submitted, the applicant must immediately notify ECAG. The prior approval or pending application will automatically be suspended pending resolution of the indictment or charge. Provided that the applicant has notified the NCAA of the pending adjudication(s), a conviction, adjudication or term of probation imposed under any new indictment or charge, the amended application shall then be reviewed consistent with the criteria set forth in the guideline defining the Participant Approval Program.

Unethical Conduct and/or Participation in a Violation

The participation of the individuals identified above in unethical activities may result in the withdrawal of current or denial of future participation. Unethical activities include, but are not limited to, involvement in

1. A violation of NCAA legislation/requirements;
2. Fraudulent activities;
3. Misconduct in the NCAA certification and approval process or activities associated with those processes;
4. Influencing others to furnish the NCAA false or misleading information;
5. Any activity conducted with intent to otherwise deceive.

Required Cooperation

The individuals participating in the NCAA certification and approval process and those benefiting from certification/approval opportunities are required to cooperate with the NCAA related to possible NCAA rules violations, even if the violations are unrelated to basketball certification or scouting service rules and guidelines.

Failure to cooperate could include, but would not be limited to, the failure to:

- Provide relevant information.
- Provide complete and accurate information.
- Provide supporting documentation requested by the NCAA staff.
- Respond to inquiries in a timely manner.

In the event that such an individual or entity fails to cooperate with the NCAA staff in an inquiry or is an involved participant in a violation of NCAA legislation, his or her eligibility to participate in the NCAA certification and approval process may be revoked as described below. There would be no appeal rights for such an action.

Provision of False and Misleading Information

The individuals participating in the NCAA certification and approval process and those benefiting from certification/approval opportunities are required to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA. The provision of false and misleading information to the NCAA in an investigation, in obtaining certification or approval, in participating in activities associated with the NCAA or to circumvent NCAA legislation/requirements may affect his or her eligibility to participate in the NCAA certification and approval process as described below. There would be no appeal rights for such an action.

Potential Penalties

Individuals participating in the NCAA certification and approval process and those benefiting from certification/approval opportunities involved in any of the previously described activities/behaviors are subject to the withdrawal of current 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.

Related Legislation

Related Guidelines