

Enforcement Certification and Approval Group (ECAG) Adverse Actions

Required Cooperation

The NCAA has adopted a policy whereby individuals who seek and obtain NCAA certification or approval are required to cooperate in an inquiry conducted by the NCAA enforcement, student-athlete reinstatement and eligibility center staffs related to possible NCAA rules violations, even if the violations are unrelated to basketball certification or scouting service rules and policies. The required cooperation extends to:

- Individuals issued an NCAA participant approval number to:
 - Participate in coaching activities at an NCAA-certified event; and
 - Operate an NCAA-certified event or league.
- Scouting services granted NCAA approval.

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 approval status could be revoked or denied for up to a five-year period, and there would be no appeal rights for such an action.

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.

Provision of False and Misleading Information

As noted above, individuals who seek and obtain NCAA certification or approval are required to provide complete and accurate information to the basketball certification and/or scouting service approval staff. The provision of false and misleading information in obtaining certification or approval may have the following adverse consequences:

- Event/League Operators: As a condition of NCAA certification, event/league operators attest that the information provided in the application is complete and accurate to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief. Certification granted based on false or misleading information will be withdrawn and may result in ineligibility for certification for a period of up to five years.
- Nonscholastic Team Coaches/Administrators: Any team that provides false and/or misleading information in the Basketball Certification System (BBCS) or to the NCAA by any means, including through an event operator, OR purposely violates any of the NCAA's demographic, residency (adjoining state), coaches' approval or other legislated requirements

will result in the withdrawal of the coaches' approvals for all coaches associated with that team, which will prohibit those coaches from participating in any coaching activity at any NCAA-certified event for a period of up to five years.

- Scouting Service Operators: Scouting service operators issued an NCAA approval are required to provide information in the application that is complete and accurate to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief. Any approval granted based on false or misleading information will be withdrawn. The provision of false and misleading information to the NCAA staff will result in ineligibility for certification for a period of up to five years.

Criminal Offenses Subsequent to Approval

If a coach or an operator is granted a participant approval by FirstAdvantage and information is later discovered that would have warranted a denial had the information appeared on the original background check, the participant approval previously granted may be withdrawn. The NCAA staff will contact the coach/operator involved prior to withdrawing the approval and provide the coach/operator an opportunity to dispute the information OR provide 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 an approval for participation was previously 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 the NCAA certification staff. 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 certification staff 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 Participant Approval Program policy.