MEMBER INVOLVEMENT
DIVISION I INFRACTIONS PROCESS

The infractions process begins and ends with action by NCAA member schools. As illustrated below, the NCAA enforcement staff plays an important, but limited, role in a much larger process.

At the front end of the process, NCAA members propose, consider and adopt rules. The rules cover subjects such as eligibility, recruiting, academic performance, financial aid, extra benefits, and playing and practice seasons.

On the back end, representatives from member schools decide whether violations occurred and whether penalties are appropriate. Specifically, the Committee on Infractions (COI) considers the facts of a case and issues a decision. That decision can be reviewed by the Infractions Appeals Committee.

Both committees are made up of qualified representatives from the membership and the public. Members of the NCAA enforcement staff do not serve on either committee and are not involved in committee deliberations.

The enforcement staff has three primary responsibilities:
1. Investigate alleged violations of the members’ rules;
2. Provide notice of potential violations to schools and involved individuals; and
3. Present information about potential violations to the COI.

These are important responsibilities, but the rules and ultimate outcomes are controlled by member schools rather than the enforcement staff.