NCAA members created the infractions process to ensure fair play and integrity among NCAA schools. If information suggests a violation occurred, the national office enforcement staff works with the school and involved individuals to investigate.

If the information is not credible or does not indicate a violation, the case is closed. If the investigation indicates a Level I or II violation occurred, the enforcement staff provides notice to the school and any involved individuals. The Committee on Infractions (COI), an independent group of qualified individuals from NCAA schools and the public, holds a hearing to review the facts and decide whether violations occurred and whether penalties are appropriate.

If the parties agree on the facts, the COI can decide the case through an expedited process called summary disposition. Challenges to the COI decision are presented to the Infractions Appeals Committee (IAC), another independent group of qualified individuals from NCAA schools and the public.

If it appears a Level III violation occurred, the enforcement staff issues a decision, which can be appealed to the COI. Finally, if a violation involves a student-athlete’s eligibility, the student-athlete reinstatement staff issues a decision, which can be appealed to the Student-Athlete Reinstatement (SAR) Committee.