

GPAC Violation Reporting Appendix

Introduction:

The NAIA and the Great Plains Athletic Conference are self governed as noted in NAIA Handbook Article VI Section B Item 3:

Should any chief executive officer, faculty athletics representative, athletics director, and/or coach become aware of an apparent institutional violation involving an athlete or institutional representative of any member institution, it shall be the responsibility of the individual to notify their athletics director and faculty athletics representative of that violation immediately. The athletics director or faculty athletics representative upon being notified shall contact in writing the athletics director and faculty athletics representative at the institution in question and send copies of the notification to the National Office and the Eligibility Chair. This notification shall take place within five days of receiving the information. Failure to abide by any part of this regulation shall be viewed as unethical conduct and shall cause an investigation by the National Conduct and Ethics Committee for appropriate action against the institution for withholding information.

Types of Violations:

1. Eligibility violations. These violations may be detected by:
 - a. Individual institutions (self report).
 - b. Eligibility chair
 - c. Other institution via coaches or athletic directors.
2. Conduct and Ethics violations. These violations may be detected by:
 - a. Individual institutions (self report).
 - b. Other institution via coaches or athletic directors.
 - c. Game officials
3. Financial aid violations. These may be detected by:
 - a. Individual institutions (self report).
 - b. Other institution via coaches or athletic directors

Application of NAIA and Conference Rules:

1. Eligibility
 - a. Definitions:
 - 1) An eligibility case is an actual or possible violation of an NAIA rule or regulation as reported by the institution to the Conference Commissioner/President, the Eligibility Chair and/or the National Office or notification to the institution by the Conference Commissioner/President, (Article V, Section B, Item 1).
 - 2) The types of cases handled through the eligibility committee include:
 - a) Requests for exception to standard rules.
 - b) Violations of NAIA or conference eligibility rules. (NAIA Handbook Article V.)
 - b. Processing of requests for an exception or an eligibility case (NAIA Handbook Article V. Section K).
 - 1) Requests for exception to NAIA or conference rules governing eligibility are to be made to the National Eligibility Committee through the GPAC eligibility committee and its eligibility chair. The request must be made by the FAR and the Athletic Director.
 - 2) Violations of NAIA or conference rules governing eligibility are to be made to the National Eligibility Committee through the GPAC eligibility committee and its eligibility chair. Conferences may not make final determinations relative to cases where a violation has occurred. (NAIA handbook Article I, Section U and Article V. Section K)

- a) Self reports are sent directly to the Conference Eligibility Chair. The report to the Eligibility Chair shall supply to the Eligibility Chair and, if applicable, the conference commissioner/president a complete statement concerning the ineligible participation, including a listing of the ineligible student's college work (transcript preferred), a statement of institutional action to correct the situation which led to the violation, and a statement from the student(s), if possible. (Article VI, Section B, Item 8c)
- b) Responses to potential violations detected by the Eligibility Chair return to the Eligibility Chair. When apparent violations come to the attention of the Eligibility Chair, the Eligibility Chair shall notify in writing the faculty athletics representative, the athletics director, and the chief executive officer of the institution before processing the case (NAIA Handbook Article V Section K Item 3).
- c) Potential violations detected by individuals at another institution are to be reported to that institution and to the Conference Eligibility Chair by the FAR and Athletic Director. Having been informed of a potential violation, a response is to be made to the Eligibility Chair.

2. Conduct and Ethics

- a. Definitions. Violations which fall under the purview of Conduct and Ethics include:
 - 1) Violations in student recruitment.
 - 2) Violations of the Coach's Code.
 - 3) Violations of the Code of Ethics.
 - 4) Violations of the Athletic Financial Aid Policy.
 - 5) Violations of the campus visitation/tryout.
 - 6) Violations of scheduling and/or frequency of play regulations.
 - 7) Inappropriate conduct of a physical or verbal nature by players, coaches, or fans
 - 8) Cases in which a student or institutional representative provides false or inaccurate information to the NAIA or to a member institution
 - 9) Cases involving violations of the declaration of intent to participate in postseason-play regulations.
- b. Violations of NAIA or conference rules governing conduct and ethics are to be made to the National Committee on Conduct and Ethics through the GPAC Conduct and Ethics committee and its chair.
 - 1) Self reports are sent directly to the Chair of conduct and ethics and the Commissioner.
 - 2) Potential violations detected by individuals at another institution are to be reported to that institution and to the Chair for Conduct and Ethics and the Commissioner. Having been informed of a potential violation, a response is to be made to the Chair of Conduct and Ethics.
 - 3) Conduct and ethics violations involving game officials will be directed through the Conduct and Ethics committee by the Commissioner.

3. Financial Aid

- a. Requests for exception to conference rules governing financial aid are to be made to the Executive Committee of the conference through its chair.
- b. Violations of NAIA or conference rules governing financial aid are to be made to the National Committee on Conduct and Ethics through the GPAC Conduct and Ethics committee and its chair. (See above.)