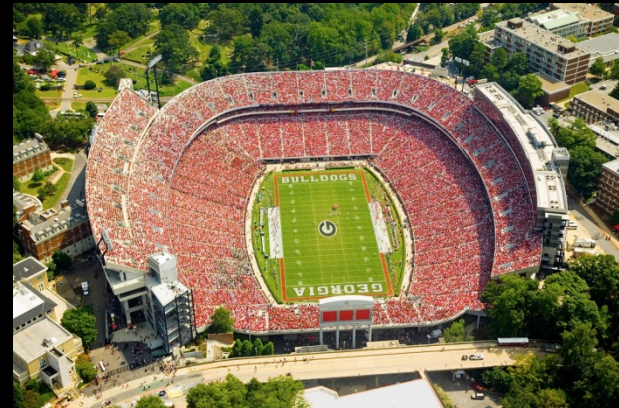




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New Legislation Update/Major Violation Review

FEBRUARY 2013





NEW LEGISLATION UPDATE

The Big 10 is specifically concerned with the following three proposals and ask that they be tabled along with Proposal 13-2:

- **Proposal 11-2: Athletics Personnel:** Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches – Elimination of Recruiting Coordination Functions
- **Proposal 13-3: Recruiting:** Deregulation of Modes and Numerical Limitations on Communication
- **Proposal 13-5-A: Recruiting:** Elimination of Printed Recruiting Materials and Video/Audio Legislation

The Big 10 has serious concerns whether these proposals, as currently written, are in the best interest of high school student-athletes, their families and their coaches. The Big 10 is also concerned about the adverse effect they would have on college coaches, administrators and university resources.



MAJOR VIOLATION REVIEW

School: Southern Mississippi

Date Released: January 30, 2013

Sport: Men's Tennis



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Facts of the case:

- This case centers on the actions of two coaches in the men's tennis program.
- The then head men's tennis coach and the then assistant men's tennis coach demonstrated a disregard for ethical conduct for the purpose of keeping a highly recruited student-athlete in the program.
- The coaches promised former student-athlete 1 a substantial sum of cash and an automobile.



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Additional facts of the case:

- The former head coach also arranged for academic fraud by facilitating another student-athlete to write a paper for former student-athlete 1, and the former assistant coach provided a paper for former student-athlete 1.
- Both coaches compounded the seriousness of the violations by trying to conceal them from the institution and from the enforcement staff.
- The former assistant coach interfered with the enforcement staff's investigation by directing a student-athlete to provide false or misleading information during the investigation.



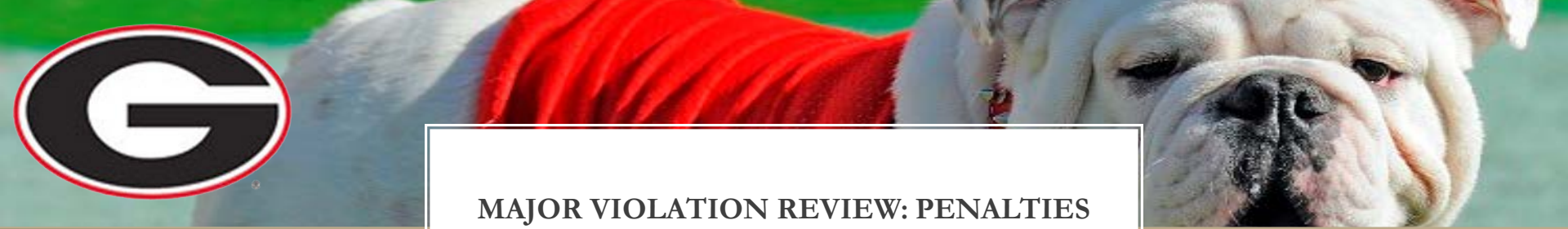
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- The findings in this case fall into two areas:
 - (1) the head tennis coach's and assistant tennis coach's unethical conduct; and
 - (2) the institution's failure to monitor its tennis program.



MAJOR VIOLATION REVIEW: PENALTIES

1. Public reprimand and censure.
2. Four years of probation from January 30, 2013, through January 29, 2017. (The institution had proposed a two-year probationary period for the men's tennis program).
3. One-year postseason ban in men's tennis. (Institution imposed)
4. The institution's tennis program shall be prohibited from participating in a foreign tour pursuant to Bylaw 17.28 until 2016.
5. The institution will engage an outside organization to conduct a compliance review at the earliest possible date, currently scheduled for January 2013. (Institution imposed)



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- 6. The institution will vacate 22 team wins and 276 individual wins, to include all wins in which former student-athlete 1 and former student-athlete 2 competed while ineligible during the 2008-09 through 2009-10 men's tennis seasons.

- 7. Former Head Coach receives a 7-year “show cause” order

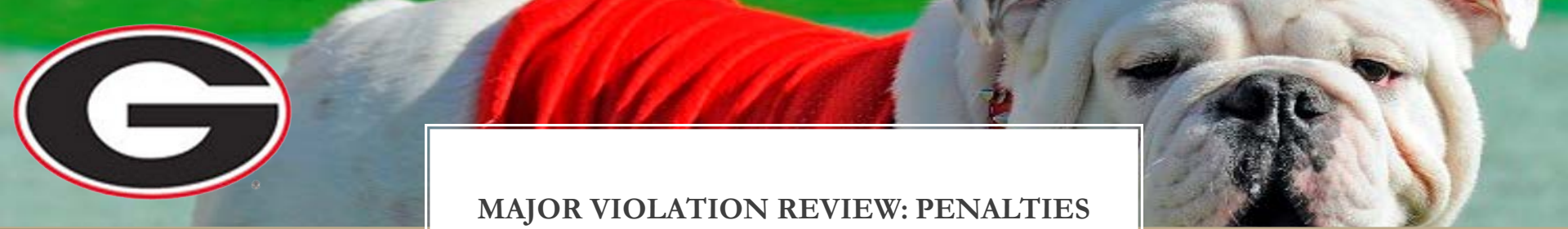
- 8. Former Assistant Coach receives a 6-year “show cause” order



MAJOR VIOLATION REVIEW: PENALTIES

9. Improve Compliance Policies

- Develop an education program
- Monitor and approve all expenses
- Establish a faculty compliance committee to address emerging issues, including student-athletes academic integrity.
- Conduct monthly athletics director-led staff/coach "inform and influence" educational and situational awareness sessions focused on compliance related case studies and other emerging issues



MAJOR VIOLATION REVIEW: PENALTIES

9. Improve Compliance Policies (continued)

- Publish a monthly university-wide compliance newsletter designed to inform the campus regarding compliance matters of institutional interest.
- Require all new full-time athletics department employees to participate in a mandatory compliance orientation session within a reasonable time of their date of initial employment
- Implement an annual compliance certification testing process for all members of the coaching and administrative staff