

FACT SHEET

*University of Alabama officials, including President Robert E. Witt and Athletic Director Mal Moore, met with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Infractions Committee in San Diego, Calif., on February 20, 2009.

*The group met to discuss allegations related to student-athletes in 16 sports (softball, baseball, women's gymnastics, football, men's basketball, women's basketball, men's golf, women's golf, men's swimming, women's swimming, men's tennis, women's tennis, men's track and field, women's track and field, women's soccer and women's volleyball) receiving impermissible benefits through misuse of the university's textbook distribution program in a manner not in accordance with NCAA Bylaws between the 2005-06 academic year and October 17, 2007.

*The University of Alabama appeared before the NCAA's Committee on Infractions on Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, regarding violations of the NCAA's policies regarding textbooks for student-athletes. The University discovered the violations in 2007, investigated them promptly and in detail, and immediately took corrective action to fix its textbook distribution system.

*This is a self-discovered and self-reported case. In its response to the NCAA, the University admitted that the infractions occurred, and acknowledged that it failed to adequately monitor its existing student-athlete textbook distribution system to the standards that the University and the rules expect.

*This case is isolated, and involves a failure in an isolated aspect of the program. There is neither evidence nor allegations of other NCAA rules violations.

*No coaches or administrators were involved; no players gained financially or otherwise; no competitive advantage was gained; all of the books were returned.

*The University will review whether it will appeal the sanctions.

*Vacating victories does not mean that games are forfeited. The teams that lost to Alabama still have a loss, but Alabama's records would be adjusted as if the contest did not take place (to be noted with an asterisk next to the actual result indicating a notation in the record book or media guide).

*Since the NCAA does not have jurisdiction over bowl games, Alabama will not be required to repay the money it received for playing in the 2006 Cotton Bowl.

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