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### **Saint Augustine's College Response to NCAA Infraction Report**

Saint Augustine's College acknowledges the compliance violations in its athletic program that have been detailed by the NCAA Division II Committee on Infractions.

The College appreciates the NCAA for its due diligence in completing the infraction report. Although we regret that any violations have occurred, we remain committed to operating a model athletic program. The violations are related to compliance of NCAA rules and regulations regarding eligibility of student-athletes. While we regret the infractions, the report notes that the violations were not intentional, but the result of a deficient certification process and staff that were not adequately trained on NCAA eligibility rules.

The infractions cover a period from fall of 2003 through the spring of 2008 and directly coincide with the reinstatement of the college's football program after a 40-year absence. The program included nearly 100 new student athletes without significant increases in the number of or amount of training for athletic staff. Errors in the completion of eligibility forms by athletic administrators and staff responsible for certification played a significant role in the sanctions.

When the College was initially informed of the investigation, it immediately implemented strategies to correct, eliminate, and strengthen the compliance program. Modifications have included:

- The implementation and usage of NCAA compliance assisted software
- Changes in athletic staffing; including the removal of the compliance officer, senior women's administrator, and associate director of athletics

- Review and update of the Athletic Policies and Procedures Manual and Student Athlete Handbook to ensure compliance with institutional, conference and NCAA regulations
- Changes in the signing sequence for eligibility forms to conform with NCAA regulations
- Athletic staff participating in national, compliance-related workshops including hosting the CIAA compliance training workshop in October 2007.

Although the penalties for the infractions will be adhered to, the College will also utilize the report to continue to enhance its athletic program. The review and upgrade of athletic policies and procedures during the three-year period of probation will ensure that the athletic program continues to adhere the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

Institutional and conference records will be impacted as a result of the ruling; however none of the College's conference or national championships will be affected. Additionally, all sixteen NCAA athletic teams will continue to compete for NCAA and CIAA championships throughout the probation.

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