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CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PLACED ON NCAA PROBATION

MISSION, Kans.--Clemson University has been placed on probation for a period of three years for violations in the conduct of its intercollegiate basketball program it was announced today by the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee on Infractions.

The three-year probation includes sanctions which will prohibit the University's basketball team from participating in any postseason competition or from appearing on any NCAA-controlled television series during the probationary period.

Also, the University will be limited to awarding only two initial grants-in-aid in the sport of basketball during the 1976-77 academic year and three initial grants-in-aid during the 1977-78 academic year.

In addition, the University is publicly reprimanded for a violation occurring in the conduct of its intercollegiate football program.

Finally, in response to the "show cause" provision of the NCAA penalty structure, the University has severed all relations between certain representatives of its athletic interests and its intercollegiate athletic program.

"This case involves serious violations spanning several years and includes significant benefits and inducements to prospective and enrolled student-athletes," said Arthur R. Reynolds, chairman of the NCAA Committee on Infractions.

"Many of the violations in this case indicate a disregard for NCAA regulations on the part of certain former athletic department staff members and athletic representatives. It is likely that more severe penalties would have been imposed without assurances from the institution that the University intends to comply fully with the governing regulations in the future," continued Reynolds.

The penalties imposed by the Committee on Infractions were for violations involving financial aid and extra benefits to student-athletes, institutional control, ethical conduct, recruiting, tryouts, entertainment, pre-college enrollment expenses, transportation, out-of-season basketball practice and a questionable practice related to the University's certification of compliance with NCAA regulations.

Following is the complete text of penalties imposed upon the institution and a summary of the violations by the University:

Penalty to be Imposed Upon Institution

1. Clemson University shall be publicly reprimanded and censured, and placed on probation for a period of three years, effective September 24, 1975, it being understood that prior to the expiration of this probationary period, the NCAA shall review the University's athletic policies and practices.
2. During the probationary period, Clemson University's intercollegiate basketball team shall end its seasons with the last, regularly scheduled, inseason contest and the University shall not be eligible to participate in the National Collegiate Basketball Championship or any other postseason basketball competition.
3. During the probationary period, Clemson University's intercollegiate basketball team shall not be eligible to appear in any television program subject to the administration and control of this Association, and the institution shall not make any commitments for such appearances during that time.
4. During the 1976-77 academic year, no more than two student-athletes in the sport of basketball shall receive initial, athletically related financial aid (as set forth in 0.1. 500) which has been arranged for or awarded by Clemson University.
5. During the 1977-78 academic year, no more than three student-athletes in the sport of basketball shall receive initial, athletically related, financial aid (as set forth in 0.1. 500) which has been arranged for or awarded by Clemson University.
6. Clemson University shall be publicly reprimanded for a recruiting violation occurring in the conduct of its intercollegiate football program.
7. In accordance with action taken by Clemson University in response to the "show cause" provision of the NCAA penalty structure, the University's intercollegiate athletic program shall completely sever all relations, whether formal or informal, with certain representatives of the University's athletic interests involved in violations of NCAA legislation in this case including, but not limited to, the representatives' financial support, recruiting efforts and membership in institutional booster groups.

Violations of NCAA Legislation

1. NCAA Constitution 3-1-(a)-(3), 3-1-(g)-(6) and 3-4-(a) [amateurism and student participation, extra benefits and improper financial aid to student-athletes] -- The

University's former head basketball coach gave a student-athlete cash in excess of face value for the sale of his two Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament ticket books.

2. NCAA Constitution 3-1-(g)-(6) and 3-4-(a) [extra benefits and improper financial aid to student-athletes] -- (i) On numerous occasions, the University's former head basketball coach and a former assistant basketball coach gave cash in small amounts to certain members of the University's intercollegiate basketball team to spend for their own personal reasons; (ii) The University's former head basketball coach paid a telephone bill charged to a student-athlete at no expense to the young man; (iii) The University's former head basketball coach paid, with his own personal funds, charges for work performed on a student-athlete's personal automobile, and (iv) The University's former head basketball coach paid, with his own personal funds, the balance of two bank loans on behalf of a student-athlete.

3. NCAA Constitution 3-1-(g)-(5), 3-1-(g)-(6) and 3-4-(a) [improper expenses, extra benefits and improper financial aid to student-athletes] -- (i) Through the arrangements of the University's former head basketball coach, a student-athlete received the benefit of round-trip commercial airline transportation at no charge to the young man between Greenville, South Carolina, and his home; (ii) The University's former head basketball coach gave a student-athlete cash to pay the young man's round-trip commercial airline transportation charges between Greenville, South Carolina, and his home, and (iii) Through the arrangements of the University's former head basketball coach and his personal secretary, a student-athlete received the benefits of round-trip commercial airline transportation between Greenville, South Carolina, and his home at no charge to the young man.

4. NCAA Constitution 3-2 [institutional control] -- The involvement of certain representatives of the University's athletic interests in the violations set forth in this case demonstrates that Clemson University did not adequately exercise institutional control and responsibility over these individuals.

5. NCAA Constitution 3-4-(a) and Bylaws 1-1-(a) and 1-6-(a) [improper financial aid, improper inducements and pre-college enrollment expenses] --The University's former head basketball coach acted in place of the University's regular scholarship awards authority by personally paying the tuition, room and board expenses of a prospective student-athlete to attend the University's summer school.

6. NCAA Constitution 3-6-(a) [ethical conduct] -- (t) The involvement of the University's former head basketball coach in the violations found in this case reflects a negligible attempt on his part to cooperate the University's intercollegiate basketball program in accordance with NCAA regulations and (ii) The University's former head basketball coach and a former University assistant basketball coach were involved while arranging the improper transportation of a prospective student-athlete and the young man's father with full knowledge that such arrangements were contrary to NCAA legislation; further, in an attempt to cover up this violation with false and misleading

information, the University's former head basketball coach requested the prospective student-athlete's father to sign a fraudulent affidavit describing this transportation.

4. NCAA Bylaw 1-1-(a) [improper inducements] -- (i) The University's former head basketball coach provided the use of an automobile for approximately one week to a prospective student-athlete; (ii) On numerous occasions, the University's former head basketball coach provided the use of his outboard motorboat without charge to a prospective student-athlete; (iii) For an extended period of time during the summer and with the knowledge of the University's former head basketball coach, a prospective student-athlete received the benefit of cost-free lodging in a University dormitory; (iv) The University's former head basketball coach employed a prospective student-athlete at an excessive rate of pay to officiate a basketball scrimmage; (v) A former University assistant basketball coach gave a prospective student-athlete cash to purchase a pair of work boots and later gave the young man additional cash to spend for his own personal reasons; (vi) While on his official paid visit to the University's campus, a prospective student-athlete was given three shirts by a former University assistant basketball coach; (vii) The University's former head basketball coach offered to provide a prospective student-athlete cost-free commercial airline transportation between the University and his home during his attendance at the University; (viii) A representative of the University's athletic interests gave a prospective student-athlete cash; further, the representative offered to make a substantial cash payment and provide additional cash each month during the young man's attendance at the University if he would sign a letter-of-intent; (ix) A representative of the University's athletic interests gave a prospective student-athlete cash on at least six occasions during recruiting trips to the young man's home; (x) A representative of the University's athletic interests gave a friend of a prospective student-athlete cash on at least six occasions during recruiting trips to the prospective student-athlete's home; (xi) A representative of the University's athletic interests gave cash to the father of a prospective student-athlete during a recruiting visit to the prospective student-athlete's home; (xii) While recruiting a prospective student-athlete, a representative of the University's athletic interests offered to purchase new furniture for the young man's family home, a new automobile for the young man and to make a substantial cash payment to the young man's father in exchange for a commitment to enroll in the University; (xiii) The University's former head basketball coach offered to purchase a house for the mother of a prospective student-athlete and to pay all utility bills for the home during her son's enrollment in the University; (xiv) The University's former head basketball coach gave a relative of a prospective student-athlete a substantial amount of cash to be used as a down payment for the purchase of an automobile for the prospect and subsequently gave a portion of the cash to the relative when it was returned to the coach, and (xv) The University's former head basketball coach gave a relative of a prospective student-athlete cash to pay charges incurred by the young man for lodging and a meal.

8. NCAA Bylaws 1-1-(a) and 1-5-(e) [improper inducements and entertainment] -- (i) On at least three occasions, a representative of the University's athletic interests entertained a prospective student-athlete and two of his friends for dinner and, on each occasion, provided the young men cash to spend for their own personal reasons and (ii) A

representative of the University's athletic interests permitted a prospective student-athlete and two of his friends to use his personal automobile at no charge to the young men for their own personal reasons; further, on at least four occasions, the representative gave the prospective student-athlete cash to pay expenses incurred while operating the automobile.

9. NCAA Bylaws 1-1(a) and 1-6(a) [improper inducements and pre-college enrollment expenses] -- (I) The University's former head basketball coach arranged for a prospective student-athlete to receive a pre-paid commercial airline ticket at no charge to the young man to travel from his home to the campus to begin summer employment and (ii) The University's former head basketball coach gave cash to a prospective student-athlete to pay the young man's automobile transportation expenses to the University in order for the young man to enroll and begin classes at the University.

10 NCAA Bylaws 1-3 and 3-2-(b) [tryouts and out-of-season basketball practice] -- (i) A prospective student-athlete participated in a basketball workout with several student-athletes in the University's gymnasium; further, the University's former head basketball coach and a former University assistant basketball coach observed the workout and requested the student-athletes present to evaluate the prospective student-athlete's basketball ability; (ii) A prospective student-athlete participated in a basketball workout with two student-athletes in a junior college gymnasium; further, the workout was observed by a former University assistant basketball coach, and (iii) Two prospective student-athletes participated in a basketball workout with several student-athletes in the University's gymnasium; further, the workout was observed by the University's former head basketball coach and two former University assistant basketball coaches.

11. NCAA Bylaw 1-5-(d) [improper transportation] -- The University paid the commercial airline transportation costs of the parents of a prospective student-athlete to accompany the young man on his official paid visit to the University's campus.

12. NCAA Bylaw 1-5-(d)-(2) [improper transportation] -- (i) The mother of a prospective student-athlete was provided transportation in a privately owned aircraft, at no cost to her, to accompany her son on his official paid visit to the University's campus, and (ii) A prospective student-athlete was transported round-trip between Clemson, South Carolina, and his home in the privately owned aircraft of a representative of the University's athletic interests who was not present during the flight; further, the young man's father was transported on this aircraft during a portion of the flight at no charge to him, and was transported at no charge round-trip in an automobile of a representative of the University's athletic interests between his home and the site where he boarded the aircraft.

13. NCAA Bylaw 1-5-(d)-(2) and 1-5-(d)-(3) [improper transportation and entertainment] -- Two prospective student-athletes, their high school coaches and the parents of one of the young men were transported round-trip between the University and their homes for the young men's official paid visits in privately owned aircrafts which were not accompanied by their owners; further, the high school coaches' room, board and entertainment expenses during the visits were paid by the University.

14. NCAA Bylaw 1-5-(d)-(3) [improper entertainment] -- The University paid the room, board and entertainment expenses of two friends of a prospective student-athlete who accompanied the young man on his second paid visit to the University's campus.

15. NCAA Bylaw 4-6-(d) [questionable practice in light of NCAA requirements] -- With full knowledge on the part of the University's former head basketball coach that certain practices of the intercollegiate basketball program of the University were not in compliance with NCAA legislation, the chief executive officer of the University erroneously certified on May 9, 1974, the University's compliance with NCAA legislation.

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