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### UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY REPRIMANDED BY NCAA

MISSION, KANSAS.--The United States Military Academy has been publicly reprimanded by the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee on Infractions for violations of NCAA legislation occurring primarily in the conduct of its intercollegiate football program.

The action by the NCAA will not affect the academy's eligibility for postseason competition or NCAA television appearances.

Allegations of violations in the conduct of the academy's intercollegiate football program have been widely publicized during the past two years. Investigations conducted by the institution and the NCAA confirmed that violations had occurred, primarily involving policies implemented by the athletic department during the 1976-77 academic year.

"Of significance to the committee in determining a penalty in this case," said Charles Alan Wright, chairman of the NCAA Committee on Infractions, "were the corrective actions taken by the academy and its demonstrated commitment during the period the case was processed to conform its operating procedures to NCAA regulations."

"Another significant mitigating factor in considering a penalty," noted Mr. Wright, "was that the violations did not appear to be the result of an organized effort to circumvent NCAA legislation, but rather, they appeared to result from an inadequate review of athletic department policies in light of NCAA requirements."

The NCAA found violations of NCAA legislation related to recruitment and athletic personnel limitations.

The following is a complete text of the penalty imposed and a summary of the violations found in the case.

#### Penalty to be Imposed Upon Institution

1. The United States Military Academy shall be publicly reprimanded and censured, and admonished to avoid a recurrence of similar violations in the future.

### Summary of Violations of NCAA Legislation

1. NCAA Bylaws 1-7-(b) and 1-7-(f) [recruiting visits] -- Prospective student-athletes visiting the academy were permitted to receive more than one meal and admission to athletic events on campus without counting such visits as official paid visits
2. NCAA Bylaw 1-7-(b) [recruiting visits] -- During the 1976-77 academic year, the academy exceeded the permissible number of official paid visits (95) in the sport of football.
3. NCAA Bylaws 6-1 and 6-1-(c) [personnel limitations] -- From January 1976 to January 1978, the number of individuals permitted to perform coaching duties on behalf of the academy exceeded the permissible number under NCAA legislation.
4. NCAA Bylaws 6-1-(c) and 6-1-(f) [personnel limitations] -- During the 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79 academic years, individuals designated as part-time or volunteer football coaches were permitted to receive income not permitted by NCAA legislation for performing such coaching duties.
5. NCAA Bylaw 1-5-(a) [tryout rule] -- During official paid visits to the academy's campus in the 1976-77 and 1977-78 academic years, certain prospective student-athletes participated in recreational physical activities with student-athletes; further, in certain instances, the intercollegiate golf or ice hockey coaches were involved as observers of such workouts in those sports.
6. NCAA Bylaws 1-2-(a)-(1), 1-2-(a)-(2) and 6-1-(e) [recruiting and personnel limitations] -- Certain prospective student-athletes were contacted in person, off campus for recruiting purposes on more than three occasions due to contacts involving members of the football coaching staff and additional contacts by admissions personnel concerning the admissions procedures of the academy.
7. NCAA Bylaw 6-1-(j) [personnel limitations] -- During the fall, 1977-78 academic year, an academy football coach precluded by NCAA regulations from off-campus recruiting activities was permitted to make one off-campus recruiting trip in the sport of football.
8. NCAA Bylaws 1-1-(b) and 1-7-(j) [recruiting inducements and transportation] -- (a) A representative of the academy's athletic interests transported a prospective student-athlete round trip by automobile between his home and an Army post to take a required medical examination for admission to

the academy and purchased a meal for the young man on this occasion; (b) During the 1977-78 academic year, the head golf coach entertained a prospective student-athlete's father with an on-campus meal that was not provided in conjunction with an official paid visit, and (c) During the fall, 1978-79 academic year, the head golf coach provided lodging at his home and complimentary football tickets to a prospective student-athlete's mother and father during a weekend visit to the academy that was not related to an official paid visit to the campus.

9, NCAA Bylaws 1-1-(b), 1-5-(a) and 1-7-(j) [improper recruiting inducements] -- Through the arrangements of the head golf coach, two prospective student-athletes and their father were entertained for a day of golf at no cost to them; further, each young man displayed his athletic abilities in the sport of golf by playing with the coach.

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