

NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION¹

NCAA Member Institutions – Case No. 020525

August 20, 2026

I. CASE SYNOPSIS

Jared Nuness (Nuness), former Baylor University (Baylor) assistant men's basketball coach, and the NCAA enforcement staff agree with the violations and penalties detailed below. The parties also agree that this case should be resolved as Level II – Standard for Nuness.

On November 16, 2025, Baylor received a notification from a third-party sports wagering monitoring system regarding potential impermissible sports betting activities involving Nuness. As a result, Baylor conducted an internal investigation and promptly provided a summary of its investigation and relevant documentation to the enforcement staff. The enforcement staff began a collaborative investigation with the institution on December 11, 2025. Nuness cooperated with the investigation and facilitated the enforcement staff's access to additional relevant documentation. During Nuness's February 5, 2026, interview with the enforcement staff, he acknowledged that he violated NCAA rules by placing bets on professional sports using two online sportsbooks. Additionally, Nuness stated that he provided his minor son access to his betting accounts and that it was his son, who placed the three wagers involving NCAA Division I men's basketball games. None of the three college basketball bets involved Baylor or Baylor's student-athletes. However, Nuness acknowledged his responsibility for all betting activity on his accounts.

II. PARTIES' AGREEMENTS

A. Agreed-upon findings of fact, violations of NCAA legislation and violation levels.²

1. [NCAA Division I Bylaws 10.01.1 and 10.3 (2020-21 through 2025-26)] (Level II)

From December 29, 2020, through November 28, 2025,³ Nuness violated the principles of honesty and sportsmanship when he knowingly participated in sports betting activities. Specifically, Nuness placed approximately 3,387 bets totaling approximately \$37,985 on professional and intercollegiate sports competitions, including three bets on NCAA sports competitions totaling \$170. Nuness did not place bets on his institution's sports teams.

¹ In reviewing this agreement, the hearing panel made editorial revisions pursuant to NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions (COI) Internal Operating Procedure (IOP) 4-7-1-2. These modifications did not affect the substance of the agreement.

² Pursuant to NCAA Division I Bylaw 19.1.1.1, the institution's portion of the case was processed separately as a Level III violation.

³ Pursuant to Bylaw 19.7.1.1-(b), the violations in the case indicate a pattern of willful violations by the involved individual, which began before and continued into the four-year period of the statute of limitations.

B. Agreed-upon aggravating and mitigating factors.

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 19.10.3-(e), the parties agree that the aggravating and mitigating factors identified below are applicable.

Assessing the factors by weight and number and agree that this case should be properly resolved as Level II – Standard.

Involved Individual (Nuness):

a. Aggravating factors. [NCAA Bylaw 19.12.3.2]

- (1) Conduct intended to generate pecuniary gain for the individual.
- (2) Intentional, willful or blatant disregard for NCAA bylaws.

b. Mitigating factors. [NCAA Bylaw 19.12.4.2]

- (1) Prompt acknowledgement and acceptance of responsibility.
- (2) Affirmative steps to expedite final resolution of the matter.
- (3) The absence of prior conclusions of Level I, Level II or major violations.

III. OTHER VIOLATIONS OF NCAA LEGISLATION SUBSTANTIATED; NOT ALLEGED

None.

IV. REVIEW OF OTHER ISSUES

None.

V. PARTIES' AGREED-UPON PENALTIES⁴

All penalties agreed upon in this case are independent and supplemental to any action that has been or may be taken by the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics through its assessment of postseason ineligibility, historical penalties or other penalties.

Pursuant to Bylaw 19.10.3-(e), the parties agree to the following penalties:

Core Penalties for Level II – Standard Violations (Bylaw 19.12.7)

1. Show-cause order: Nuness violated the principles of honesty and sportsmanship when he knowingly participated in sports betting activities. Therefore, Nuness shall be subject to a two-year show-cause order from **August 20, 2026, through August 19, 2028**. In accordance with Bylaw 19.12.7.4 and NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions Internal Operating Procedure 5-15-5, any employing member institution shall require Nuness to complete meaningful sports betting education (such as attending sports betting-related sessions at the NCAA Regional Rules Seminar) and provide sports betting education to his peers. Any member institution that employs Nuness in an athletically related position during the two-year show-cause period, shall abide by the terms of the show-cause order unless it contacts the Office of the Committees on Infractions to make arrangements to show cause why the terms of the order should not apply.
2. Suspension: Bylaw 19.12.7.5 and Figure 19-1 penalty guidelines contemplate suspensions. Therefore, any member institution that employs Nuness in an athletically related position shall suspend Nuness for 10% of the men's basketball regular season contests during the first season of employment within the show-cause period. This suspension corresponds with three regular season contests. The provisions of this suspension apply to all athletically related duties and require that Nuness not be present with or have contact or communication with men's basketball coaching staff members or student-athletes during the suspension period. The suspension begins on the date of the first scheduled contest within the show-cause period. The prohibition includes all athletically related activities for the suspension period that begins at 12:01 a.m. on the day of the first contest and ends at 11:59 p.m. on the day of the last contest. During the suspension period, Nuness may not participate in any coaching activities, including, but not limited to, team travel, practice, video study, recruiting and team meetings. Any employing institution may not utilize Bylaw 11.02.2.1 to replace Nuness on a temporary basis during the period of suspension. The results of those contests from which Nuness

⁴ All penalties must be completed during the time periods identified in this decision. If completion of a penalty is impossible during the prescribed period, the institution shall make the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions aware of the impossibility and must complete the penalty at the next available opportunity.

is suspended shall not count toward the coach's career record if he is in the role of a head coach at the time of suspension.

Additional Penalties for Level II – Standard Violations (Bylaw 19.12.9)

3. Public reprimand and censure through the release of the negotiated resolution agreement.

VI. OTHER AGREEMENTS

The parties agree that this case will be processed through the NCAA negotiated resolution process as outlined in Bylaw 19.10, and a hearing panel comprised of members of the Committee on Infractions will review the negotiated resolution. The parties acknowledge that the negotiated resolution contains agreed-upon findings of fact of NCAA violations and agreed-upon aggravating and mitigating factors based on information available at this time. Nothing in this resolution precludes the enforcement staff from investigating additional information about potential rules violations. The parties agree that, pursuant to Bylaw 19.1.3, the violations identified in this agreement occurred and should be classified as Level II – Standard.

If a hearing panel approves the negotiated resolution, Nuness agrees that they will take every precaution to ensure that the terms of the penalties are observed. Nuness acknowledges that they have or will impose and follow the penalties contained within the negotiated resolution, and these penalties are in accordance with those prescribed in Bylaws 19.12.7, 19.12.8, 19.12.9 and 19.12.10. The Office of the Committees on Infractions will monitor the penalties during their effective periods. Any action by Nuness contrary to the terms of any of the penalties or any additional violations may be considered grounds for prescribing more severe penalties or may result in additional allegations and violations.

The parties acknowledge that this negotiated resolution may be voidable by the Committee on Infractions if any of the parties were aware or become aware of information that materially alters the factual information on which this negotiated resolution is based.

The parties further acknowledge that the hearing panel, subsequent to its review of the negotiated resolution, may reject the negotiated resolution. Should the hearing panel reject the negotiated resolution, the parties understand that the hearing panel will issue instructions for processing of the case pursuant to hearing resolution (Bylaw 19.8) or limited resolution (Bylaw 19.9) and prior agreed-upon terms of the rejected negotiated resolution will not be binding.

Should a hearing panel approve the negotiated resolution, the parties agree that they waive NCAA hearing and appellate opportunities.

VII. DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS APPROVAL

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 19.10.1, the panel approves the parties' negotiated resolution agreement. The panel's review of this agreement is limited. Panels may only reject a negotiated resolution agreement if the agreement is not in the best interests of the Association or if the agreed-upon penalties are manifestly unreasonable. *See* Bylaw 19.10.4. In this case, the panel determines the agreed-upon facts, violations, aggravating and mitigating factors, and classifications are appropriate for this process. Further, the parties classified this case as Level II-Standard for Nuness. The agreed-upon penalties align with the ranges identified for core penalties for Level II-Standard cases in Figure 19-1 and Bylaw 19.12.7 and the additional penalties available under Bylaw 19.12.9. Pursuant to Bylaw 19.10.6, this negotiated resolution has no precedential value.

The COI advises that Nuness should take every precaution to ensure that he observes the terms of the penalties. Any action by Nuness contrary to the terms of any of the penalties or any additional violations shall be considered grounds for prescribing more severe penalties and/or may result in additional allegations and violations.

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