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### LIGHTFOOT'S TAKE ON CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY'S FAILURE TO MONITOR

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On October 17, 2018, the Division I Committee on Infractions (COI) found that Charleston Southern University (CSU) failed to monitor its athletics program when it improperly certified 55 student-athletes in 12 sports over a six-year period. The university also did not monitor policies designed to ensure the correct administration of book scholarships. The case, resolved via the summary disposition process, was classified as Level II-Standard. After reviewing the summary disposition report, the COI panel proposed additional penalties in addition to those self-imposed by the institution, all of which CSU accepted.

#### BACKGROUND

There was no dispute as to the improper certification of student-athletes. The COI determined that many of the improper certifications resulted from the institution's failure to verify student-athletes' final amateurism status with the NCAA Eligibility Center. As a result of these missteps, student-athletes practiced, competed, received athletically related aid and/or received actual and necessary expenses while ineligible. [Read more.](#)