



Date: September 18, 2008

Nipissing University Administrative Infraction (women's soccer)

In accordance with Section 90.40 – Conduct and Enforcement: Complaints, Investigation and Discipline Policy of the 2008 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Policies and Procedures, I have considered a self-disclosure submitted by Vito Castiglione, Manager of Sports and Recreation, Nipissing University. The self-disclosure details a breach of CIS Regulation 40.10.3.3.4 – Academic Standing Requirements, specifically with respect to the participation of a women's soccer player in two exhibition and three regular season games:

- August 22, 2008 vs McMaster University
- August 23, 2008 vs Brock University
- September 2, 2008 vs Laurentian University
- September 6, 2008 vs Ryerson University
- September 7, 2008 vs University of Toronto

Upon reviewing the Record of this matter, I have determined that there are grounds for a formal charge. It is my view that the Nipissing University breached CIS regulations as detailed above, as the returning student-athlete was placed into competition without having completed 18 credit hours (or equivalent) in the preceding year as a member of the Nipissing women's soccer team.

Pursuant to Policy 90.40.4.12, I consider the breach to be an inadvertent administrative infraction that is not regularly and consistently occurring at the institution. I am satisfied that the current self-disclosure is such that it does not warrant a discipline hearing otherwise specified to take place pursuant to Policy 90.40.5.

It is my opinion that Nipissing University has a satisfactory eligibility monitoring and verification system, although as with any system, improvements can always be made. The Nipissing infraction was the result of one individual's oversight with respect to a manual review of all Nipissing student-athletes and their compliance with Academic Standing Requirements from the preceding academic year.

The student-athlete, who was entering her second year of CIS competition in 2008-09, identified the issue of her academic ineligibility upon a more thorough review of the eligibility package provided to her by Nipissing. Nipissing immediately confirmed her ineligibility and withheld her from participating in further competitions. In the absence of the student-athlete's identification of her ineligibility, it is expected that the Registrar's office would have identified the matter during its review of the team's Eligibility Certificate prior to the October 1 submission deadline.

In recognition of the facts and circumstances of this case, I have determined that Nipissing University is to be fined \$500 for the administrative errors that led to the breach of CIS regulations, plus \$150 in costs to resolve this matter. Nipissing is also required to submit a follow-up report on the actions and proposed actions that it is taking to minimize the chances of a similar incident occurring in the future.

The above statements and determinations are made without prejudice and subject to change should subsequently discovered facts or evidence suggest otherwise.

Submitted by Aubrey Ferris, Designate of the President