

GENERAL POLICIES
GAME OFFICIALS BACKGROUND CHECK PROGRAM
BASEBALL

1. The NCAA enforcement staff administers the program. Specifically, the staff will review the results of the background checks and advise the appropriate NCAA committee of any officials who are not eligible to officiate. In an effort to protect the privacy of officials, the enforcement staff are the only individuals involved in administering the program.
2. The following convictions will deem an official permanently ineligible to officiate in any future NCAA postseason baseball tournament game regardless of when the conviction occurred:
 - Any felony conviction;
 - Any sports wagering offense (felony or misdemeanor): and/or
 - Placement on the National Sex Offenders List or any state sex offenders list (for sexual assault or violations of child predator laws).
3. The following items will deem an official ineligible to officiate in that year's NCAA postseason baseball tournament games:
 - Not completing the online background check process by the required deadline;
 - Not attending a clinic;
 - Not taking and passing the online rules test by the required deadline;
 - Failure to submit the requested US Citizenship documents before the deadline; and/or
 - Failure to return, prior to the deadline, the final authorization form confirming consent for the NCAA to perform a comprehensive background check.
4. Any one of the items below will trigger further investigation and thus, based on the totality of circumstances, may also render an official ineligible to officiate in that year's NCAA postseason baseball tournament games. **These items are not an automatic disqualification.** The results of the investigation will be presented to an NCAA internal committee that will make the determination of eligibility. This committee will be presented only with the data -- they will not know the name of the official. Decisions by this committee are final -- there is no appeal process.
 - Casino employment (any capacity) or employment by an entity engaged in gambling activity;
 - Bankruptcy (currently in bankruptcy or any within the past five years);
 - Collections (a pattern of financial delinquencies within the past five years);
 - Tax liens (any current federal or state lien or lien history within the past five years); and/or
 - Unusual transactions (as may be disclosed by the applicant or otherwise learned through the background check process).
5. The NCAA shall retain the discretion to disqualify an individual up to the time of a scheduled assignment in the event that information surfaces pertaining to the individual's conduct that casts doubt on the integrity of the NCAA championship.

6. It is the responsibility of the official to notify the NCAA enforcement staff if at any time after completion of the initial background check and up to the time of a scheduled assignment, the official is charged with a crime that is awaiting adjudication or the official is convicted of a violation of law.
7. The NCAA will notify officials who are determined ineligible and if that ineligibility is permanent or for one year only.
8. Conferences that assign officials will be notified that an official is not eligible and if that ineligibility is permanent or for one year only. The specifics of that ineligibility will not be disclosed.
9. Prior to the start of the comprehensive background check, the NCAA will contact those officials selected to undergo the background check to confirm their consent. You will be required to sign a final authorization to confirm your consent for the background check to proceed. This final authorization form will be sent via email approximately the end of February. You must print the final authorization form, read, sign and return via traceable mail as it is the officials responsibility to verify proof of delivery. The final authorization must be postmarked no later than the date noted in the email. Forms postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted; thus, rendering the official ineligible to officiate. You may decline consent with the understanding that you will not be eligible to officiate any 2012 postseason baseball tournament games. If requested, officials will be provided the information generated by the background check.
10. The NCAA will select an external agency to conduct the background checks, and the information gathered will be retained by the NCAA and will become the property of the NCAA.
11. If the fact (such as mistaken identity) of a conviction is an issue, an official may submit a written appeal. However, an official will not be permitted to appeal the merits of a conviction.
12. All officials are required to submit the online documents each year to be eligible for selection to officiate an NCAA postseason baseball tournament game.