

Men's Tennis Dealt 4-Year Probation by NCAA

HATTIESBURG - As *The Hattiesburg American* [reported on](#) 30-Jan-2013, the USM men's tennis program has been dealt a four-year probation by the NCAA that will run from 30-Jan-2013 through 29-Jan-2017. As part of that probation, both the NCAA and the USM athletics department have imposed sanctions that include a ban on post-season play in 2013, show-cause hiring restrictions on two of USM's former men's tennis coaches, prohibition of foreign tour play through 2016, and vacating wins from the 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years. USM men's tennis finished 19-19 (wins-losses), before vacating any wins, over these two seasons.



According to the *THA* report, "[t]wo former University of Southern Mississippi men's tennis coaches were cited for unethical conduct for promising impermissible benefits to student-athletes, engaging in academic misconduct. Also, one of the coaches directed a student-athlete to lie during the investigation, according to a decision announced today by the Division I Committee on Infractions. Southern Mississippi also was cited for failing to monitor its men's tennis program." USMNEWS.net [reported on almost two dozen](#) NCAA infractions committed by USM [sports programs](#), including this particular one involving men's tennis, at least as far back in Aug-2011. In fact, one USMNEWS.net [report on the issues](#) involving men's tennis appeared in July-2011. Readers interested in this situation should check the *THA* story and these reports for more information.