

USM Reports Devastating Potential NCAA Violation

According to the [Bleacher Report](#), the NCAA has announced that Southern Miss is under investigation for "... how tuition, living expenses and other fees were paid for "Prop 48" recruits who signed with the Golden Eagles but were academically ineligible out of high school or junior college."

What are "Prop 48" recruits? According to [Sporting News](#),

Prop 48 ... is an NCAA regulation that sets a standard for athletic eligibility based on a prospective student-athlete's grades.

One of the rules of the proposition is that student-athletes must complete a minimum of 16 core courses (in high school) before he or she is eligible to participate in collegiate athletics.

The second prong of Prop 48 is that prospective student-athletes' grades and test scores are measured on a sliding-scale, meaning that someone with a higher GPA doesn't need to score as high on a standardized test as someone with a lower GPA and vice versa.

AD [Bill McGillis](#) claims "The university is working together with the NCAA to review potential issues related to our men's basketball program. In order to maintain the integrity of our joint process, and pursuant to NCAA policy, we cannot comment further regarding any details of our review at this time." As sources have pointed out, the university regularly hides its dubious and actual misconduct behind claims of confidentiality.

In fact, a number of sources have reminded usmnews.net that at the time Tyndall was hired, USM had to know that he had previously broken NCAA rules controlling how his recruits paid for their tuition and living expenses.

According to Sporting News, Tyndall "was slapped with two years' worth of probation in addition to sanctions in August of 2010 as the head coach at Morehead State after [the NCAA determined, among other infractions, that a booster had offered to pay one prospective student-athlete's tuition.](#)"

Other sources have commented that this infraction is likely only the tip of an iceberg of USM violations of NCAA. Many believe this scandal has the potential to dwarf the University of North Carolina academic scandal. Are USM's athletes "masquerading as students" while others write papers, take exams and they are steered to "no-show" classes.

Former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon. Today, Mr. O'Bannon [took the stand](#) and testified:

“I was an athlete masquerading as a student,” O’Bannon said Monday. “I was there strictly to play basketball. I did basically the minimum to make sure I kept my eligibility academically so I could continue to play.”

[Rashaad McCants](#), a star on the 2005 Tarheels team claimed “tutors wrote his papers, he went to his classes about half the time and advisers and counselors steered him to no-show classes in the African- and Afro-American Studies Department.”

How do academic institutions have any claim to ethical conduct or integrity, if this behavior “happens everywhere”?