

Revisiting Sports at Southern Miss, Sanctions

Aren't college coaches supposed to set a standard for their young charges? Shouldn't those standards include [respecting and following the rules](#)?

USM Reports Almost Two Dozen NCAA Violations

HATTIESBURG – According to [two](#) separate 27-Aug-2011 [reports](#) for *The Hattiesburg American* by Patrick Magee, the USM athletics department reported 21 separate NCAA violations across seven sports during only a two-year period under current president Martha Saunders. According to these reports, the infractions range from current USM football coach Larry Fedora giving a radio interview (in 2008) at a local high school game, to current USM head women's basketball coach Joye Lee-McNelis using her son, himself a prospective student-athlete, in multiple practice sessions (in 2010) with the Lady Eagles. Among the more egregious self-reported violations are (1) former USM head men's tennis coach agreeing to pay one of his players \$200 for a singles victory during a 30-Oct-2009 tennis match at the University of Alabama, (2) Viator's decision to take the USM men's tennis team to the Bahamas during 2008 for what amounted to only a practice session, (3) Viator's \$150 payment in 2009 to a member of the men's tennis team to write a term paper for another member of that team, (4) Lee-McNelis'