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Southern Miss Bans Itself from Post Season Basketball Competition

Hattiesburg -- [National](#) and local [sports news](#) is reporting that Southern Miss' Basketball Eagles has voluntarily announced that it will not play in the Conference USA post season tournament or seek to be eligible for the NCAA tournament. In a tacit admission that the NCAA investigation of University conduct under former head coach Donnie Tyndall, Athletic Director [Bill McGillis](#) acknowledged, "This self-imposed penalty was a painful, but necessary decision based on information gathered during the review process and available to the university at this time." After two seasons at Southern Miss and two trips to the NIT, Tyndall departed to become head coach at the University of Tennessee.

Under the current CUSA tournament format, 12 of 14 teams would be entered in the postseason tournament. Under Doc Sadler, Tyndall's replacement, Southern Miss has an overall 5-11 win loss record, with a 0-5 record in Conference play. Thus, sources tells usmnews.net that Southern Miss' gesture of declaring itself tournament ineligible is meaningless and an effort to soften the anticipated penalties.