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NCAA Notice of Allegations Expected Soon

Numerous sources quoting CBS Sports are reporting [that Southern Miss is expected to receive NCAA notice of allegations soon](#). CBS Sports reported Wednesday, citing an anonymous source, the NCAA will deliver a notice of allegations to Southern Miss "within the next week". According to the report, Tyndall, who was fired for cause by UT, will be charged with rules violations. Consistent with earlier reports by usmnews.net, CBS Sports says that violations are premised on improper benefits and academic misconduct that allegedly occurred while Tyndall coached Southern Miss' basketball team from April 2012 until April 2014. As previously reported, Donnie Tyndall was fired as head basketball coach for the University of Tennessee in the wake of alleged NCAA violations while head basketball coach at Southern Miss. Not content with discretely easing Tyndall out the door, [ESPN reported](#) that "[Tennessee] athletic director Dave Hart says the university never would have hired him if they knew the details of his unethical conduct at [Southern Miss](#) program during his tenure there." The [public termination letter](#) also claims that Tyndall "acknowledged deleting emails that could have been relevant to the investigation."

Sources report that it is likely Tyndall will be disciplined under the NCAA coach control provisions of the rules, regardless of whether he was personally responsible for the violations. However, while accepting responsibility for any such misconduct, Tyndall's public statement appears to shift the burden for non-compliance to Southern Miss. "During my time at Southern Miss, I believed that our program followed NCAA rules and worked well with the university's administration to maintain an atmosphere of rules compliance," Tyndall said.

According to [GoVolsXtra](#), when the notice of allegations is delivered, the NCAA's investigation of Southern Miss will be concluded, but the proceedings are far from over. Tyndall, Southern Miss and any other involved individuals will have a 90 days in which to challenge the allegations. The NCAA will have 60 days to respond before the committee on infractions meets to consider the charges. If matters follow their typical course, punishments are assigned eight to ten weeks later.

The question remains what penalties will be attached to Southern Miss' basketball program.