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NCAA Upholds Penalties Against Islander Athletics Program

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee announced today (October 27) that it will uphold the penalties cited in March against the Islander Athletics program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

University officials have awaited a decision from the appeals committee since June when they sent a rebuttal when their appeal was denied. The Committee on Infractions had issued its findings in March that included major violations in women's volleyball, men's tennis and men's basketball. In May the University appealed penalties of scholarship reductions in women's volleyball and men's tennis, as well as a postseason ban for men's tennis.

“The Islanders have a great team of coaches who look forward to an exciting and rewarding athletic season, and we aren't letting this decision dampen the spirits of the University,” said Trent Hill, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. “We thank the NCAA for reviewing our rebuttal and will abide by the decision.”

Hill added that the University stepped forward during the first days of the NCAA's investigation in 2008 to create and implement a best practices approach for compliance, student advising, NCAA rules education and rules enforcement.

“We believe we have a model program among universities with athletic operations similar to ours,” said Hill. “Our coaches and athletic administrators are operating a very strong program with numerous measures that ensure major violations cannot occur again.”

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EDITORS/REPORTERS: The report from the NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee issued Oct. 27 can be found on the Web at <http://goislanders.com>