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TO: NCAA Head Football Coaches, Conference Football Coordinators of Officials, Division I Football Administrators and Divisions II and III Conference Commissioners.

FROM: Troy Calhoun, chair
NCAA Football Rules Committee.

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NCAA Football Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: Words/Logos on Team Jerseys.

The purpose of this memorandum is to draw attention the 2013 and 2014 NCAA Football Rules and Interpretations, Rule 1-4-5 and Appendix E, which govern design of the jersey. In particular, attention is directed to Rule 1-4-5, paragraph *b*, which restricts words and logos that may appear on the jersey. This paragraph reads as follows:

“Other than the player’s number, the jersey may only contain:

- Player’s name.
- School name.
- NCAA logo.
- Sleeve stripes.
- Logo for school, conference, mascot, postseason-game, memorial, the military.
- American flag.
- State flag.”

By interpretation, only military service academies may substitute words such as Honor, Integrity, etc. for the player’s name on the back of the jersey. This interpretation applies *only* to the military service academies; civilian institutions may not substitute other words for the player’s name. A single manufacturer’s or distributor’s normal label or trademark that does not exceed 2.25 square inches in area also may be included.

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The Rules Committee notes that this is not a new rule, but is one that has been in place for many years. However, due to the recent proliferation of other words and slogans being placed on the jersey, it is necessary to inform all parties that the rules allow only those words, logos and markings shown above, and no other. It should be noted that this interpretation has the full support of the College Football Officiating, LLC Board of Managers, which includes all Football Bowl Subdivision conference commissioners.

Teams wearing jerseys that do not conform to this rule will be asked to change into legal jerseys before the game and before the start of each quarter until the jerseys are changed. **Officials shall charge a team timeout at the start of each quarter the illegal jerseys are worn.**

TC/RR:bw

cc: Mr. Vince Thompson
NCAA Football Rules Committee
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