

President Emmert on Friday (Feb. 23) provided the following communication to the NCAA presidential governing bodies related to the Southern District of New York investigation and recent media reports:

"This morning you likely read articles regarding information allegedly from the SDNY investigation released to the press about agent activity leading to possible NCAA violations [Yahoo Sports](#). I have responded to this agent behavior which could further erode confidence in college basketball in particular and our sports system in general [NCAA Response](#). In an effort to learn the scope of these allegations, our outside counsel is communicating with the court and the counsel in the criminal cases to get greater visibility and access to this information consistent with the protective order in the case. Further, our regulatory staff has developed a process to expedite questions of eligibility arising from the membership. We will update you as we learn more."

Full statement on [NCAA.org](#)

NCAA statement on Yahoo! Sports story

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"These allegations, if true, point to systematic failures that must be fixed and fixed now if we want college sports in America. Simply put, people who engage in this kind of behavior have no place in college sports. They are an affront to all those who play by the rules. Following the Southern District of New York's indictments last year, the NCAA Board of Governors and I formed the independent Commission on College Basketball, chaired by Condoleezza Rice, to provide recommendations on how to clean up the sport. With these latest allegations, it's clear this work is more important now than ever. The Board and I are completely committed to making transformational changes to the game and ensuring all involved in college basketball do so with integrity. We also will continue to cooperate with the efforts of federal prosecutors to identify and punish the unscrupulous parties seeking to exploit the system through criminal acts."

— NCAA President Mark Emmert