

## Georgia Tech Placed On Probation

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The NCAA has put Georgia Tech on four years probation for violations that also include problems in the men's basketball program.

The Yellow Jackets were also fined \$100,000 and stripped of its victory in the 2009 Atlantic Coast Conference championship game. Georgia Tech will not lose any scholarships and the Yellow Jackets have not been ruled ineligible for post-season play. But the men's basketball team had a number of recruiting days and official visits reduced for the next two years. The NCAA said Georgia Tech should have declared an unidentified football player ineligible after he allegedly accepted \$312 worth of clothing from a friend who was employed by a sports agency. The NCAA also said the school failed to cooperate with the investigation, and said it was hindered by a school staff member who alerted the player about potential eligibility concerns before his interview with NCAA investigators.

The NCAA has vacated the final three games of the football team's 2009 season— a loss to rival Georgia, the Atlantic Coast Conference title game victory over Clemson and the Orange Bowl loss to Iowa. It was the Yellow Jackets' first season under coach Paul Johnson.

The basketball violations involved a youth basketball tournament held on campus in 2009 and 2010. A graduate coaching assistant helped administer both tournaments, which violates NCAA rules on scouting; in 2010 an academic adviser for the team evaluated potential prospects and reported those observations to the coaching staff.

The NCAA said the violations were considered major. School president Bud Peterson and athletic director Dan Radakovich were planning a late afternoon news conference in response to these violations.