

**Santa Monica College**  
**Athletics Report-Probation**  
**May 5, 2015**

**Summary:**

On or about February 5, 2015, the former Assistant Athletic Director, Byanca Barajas, was made aware of a student ineligibility issue occurring last year involving the Swim and Dive Head Coach Steve Contarsy. During the 2014 Swim and Dive season, a student athlete who had not been cleared for competition competed. Contarsy had the student swim after repeated weekly eligibility reports which showed the student to be ineligible to compete. Based on the weekly eligibility reports, some e-mails between the former Athletic Director and Contarsy, and a discussion with Contarsy, it was clear Contarsy should not have had the student participate in any competition.

After a discussion with SMC Senior Management staff, a “self-report” letter from Dr. Tsang was generated on February 10, 2015, and sent to Commissioner White documenting the incident(s) and proposing sanctions for SMC Swimming and Diving.

Commissioner White accepted the self-imposed sanctions and the removal of the Head Coach, Steve Contarsy; however, several previous violations of the CCCAA Constitution and By-Laws, some of which are listed below, had occurred and were also “wrapped” into the latest incident:

1. *Although football is under the jurisdiction of the Southern California Football Association (SCFA) and Commissioner Jim Sartoris, I am aware of a variety of sanctions which resulted in placing the Football Program on probation and denying them Post Conference (PC) participation.*
2. *In the Fall of 2013, the Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams had their coaches sanctioned by the CCCAA for failing to properly report Statewide Stats.*
3. *In the Fall of 2014, the WSC sanctioned the SMC Basketball Program and placed them on a one year probation. The head coach received a two game suspension and the assistant coach a three game suspension.*
4. *In the Spring of 2015, I received the letter from President Tsang reporting that the SMC Men’s Swim and Dive Program had an ineligible athlete participating in four meets. This occurred after the coach had been properly notified.*

As a result of the review by the WSC-Commissioner White, the following sanctions were issued to Santa Monica College and accepted by Dr. Chui Tsang. Please reference CCCAA Constitution Bylaw 7.4.12.10.2

1. ***The entire Athletic Program will be placed on probation for a period of one year, 2015-2016.***
2. ***The Swim and Dive Program will be banned from Post Conference competition for the year 2015-16.***
3. ***Santa Monica College will submit an overall written plan to address eligibility, recruiting, and game day issues.***
4. ***Santa Monica College will submit in writing a weekly report summarizing the progress being made and identifying any other problems and how they were handled.***