UPDATE-Penn State Slammed With Series Of Penalties For Child Sex Scandal

UM could face sanctions as well for its involvement in a scandal where a booster financially supported players.

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The NCAA has slammed Penn State with an unprecedented series of penalties, including a $60 million fine and the loss of all coach Joe Paterno's victories from 1998-2011, in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal.

Other sanctions include a four-year ban on bowl games, and the loss of 20 scholarships per year over four years.

NCAA President Mark Emmert announced the staggering sanctions Monday at a news conference in Indianapolis. Though the NCAA stopped short of imposing the "death penalty" - shutting down the Nittany Lions' program completely - the punishment is still crippling for a team that is trying to start over with a new coach and a new outlook.

Sandusky, a former Penn State defensive coordinator, was found guilty in June of sexually abusing young boys, sometimes on campus.

New Penn State coach Bill O'Brien says he's committed to the school despite the harsh sanctions imposed Monday by the NCAA, including a four-year postseason ban and a big loss in scholarships.

In a statement released by the school, O'Brien said, "I knew when I accepted the position that there would be tough times ahead. But I am committed for the long term to Penn State and our student athletes."

School President Rodney Erickson says Penn State accepts the penalties. He says the NCAA sanctions will help the school "define our course."

Penn State University is expected to learn today at 9:00 a.m. how long its football program will be handcuffed in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky child sex-abuse scandal.

While the NCAA will only officially say it will levy "corrective and punitive measures," one NCAA official says it will include probation, loss of football scholarships, bowl bans and a fine.

Florida Atlantic University Sports Management Program Director Dr. Jim Riordan believes Penn State will need to be continuously monitored.
While he feels the punishment will be worse than a one-year termination of the football program, he believes Penn State's other athletics programs and academics will eventually make people forgive.

The school won't be destroyed economically.

The University of Miami could find its football program on probation too for the Nevin Shapiro booster scandal.

Dr. Riordan feels State College's problems won't cause the NCAA to be more lenient on the U because they are two completely different violations.

While UM bent rules and committed immoral acts, it didn't physically and emotionally violate humans.