



USC Men's Basketball Release

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NCAA RULES ON MAYO SITUATION

USC had asked for an interpretation from the NCAA on whether it was a violation for O.J. Mayo to receive tickets to an NBA game from Carmelo Anthony, an individual with whom he had a pre-existing relationship. USC received an answer from the NCAA earlier today. The NCAA ruled it a violation, therefore at that time USC declared him ineligible and petitioned for his reinstatement. As a condition of his reinstatement, the NCAA said that he had to make a charitable contribution of \$460 based on the value of the tickets. He and his family did that today, therefore late this afternoon the NCAA restored his eligibility and he will be able to play in tomorrow's game against Oregon.

"We are happy with the outcome of this situation and are glad we can put this behind us," said USC head coach Tim Floyd. "I feel bad that I gave O.J. some incorrect advice. We all learned some lessons through this process. We appreciate the hard work done by our compliance office and the NCAA staff."

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