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Tennessee was fined \$250,000 and met with a list of requirements from the SEC following the late-game incident Saturday in UT's football loss to Ole Miss, the conference announced Monday.

The penalty was announced in accordance with the league's regulations related to availability of alcoholic beverages at athletics events. Fans threw trash, including beer cans and water bottles, and other debris onto the field at Neyland Stadium following a fourth-quarter call.

Here is what the punishment means for Tennessee:

Tennessee's hit with a fine

Tennessee was hit with a fine of \$250,000, which UT does not pay to the SEC. It will be deducted from its SEC revenue distribution.

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The conference had \$729 million in total revenue for a fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 2020, according to a federal tax return that the conference provided in response to a request from USA TODAY Sports. As a result, the conference distributed roughly \$45.5 million to each of its 14 member schools.

UT has to seek individuals at fault

UT Chancellor Donde Plowman indicated Sunday that campus police are working to identify fans who threw trash on the field during the game to face disciplinary. UTPD is looking through video of the game, including security camera footage.

All individuals identified will be banned from attending UT athletic events for the remainder of the 2021-22 academic and athletic year.

Alcohol sales are not suspended — for now

The SEC is not suspending alcohol sales privileges for UT at this time but reserves the right to do so if other requirements outlined above are not met.

UT will be required to review and update its game-management procedures and alcohol availability policies to mitigate the likelihood of a recurrence.

The review "shall include an evaluation of agreed upon SEC Sportsmanship, Game Management and Alcohol policies to verify full compliance with existing standards."

Report back to the SEC

Tennessee must provide a report to the SEC prior to its next game at Neyland Stadium, which is Nov. 13 against Georgia.

The report must detail all of UT's efforts "to identify and penalize offenders and its plan to enact policies to prevent future similar incidents while ensuring compliance with Conference standards."

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