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NCAA vacates Iowa football wins

Punishment comes following Kirk Ferentz recruiting violation in 2022

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Twenty months ago, Kirk Ferentz stood in front of media members and Iowa Athletics Director Beth Goetz with a remorseful tone.

Iowa's longtime football coach was accepting a one-game, self-imposed

suspension over a recruiting violation involving the late-2022 acquisition of ex-Michigan quarterback Cade McNamara.

"The bottom line is this," Ferentz said on Aug. 22, 2024. "I tell our players, we abide by the rules. And in this specific case, I did not do that. I made a mistake during the recruiting process. Twenty-six years as a head coach, this is the first

potential Level II (NCAA) violation that I've had. And it won't happen again."

This episode in Iowa football history was revisited on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, as the NCAA handed down the final word over the violation, which involved impermissible contact with McNamara. The one-game suspensions for Ferentz

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Iowa's Kirk Ferentz coached former quarterback Cade McNamara for two seasons, 2023 and 2024.

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The Pullman Bar & Diner in Iowa City has one of the best brunches in town.
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THE BEST BRUNCHES IN MIDDLE AMERICA

Where to stop on a road trip spanning from Milwaukee to Iowa City

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Brunch has always been a weekend indulgence, but across the Midwest, it has become something closer to a ritual — a reason to settle in, order another drink and treat the middle of the day like the main event. From long-standing neighborhood favorites to buzzy dining rooms that turn Sunday morning into a scene, these restaurants under-

stand that brunch isn't just about eggs and pancakes. It's about atmosphere, personality and food bold enough to justify the wait.

In Ames, Iowa City, Des Moines, Sioux Falls and Milwaukee, brunch menus strike a comfortable balance between comfort and creativity, pairing globally inspired plates with Midwest generosity. Think scallion pancakes alongside French toast, biscuits and gravy chased by cocktails and cafés so reliably packed they feel like part of the city's fabric.

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Iowa City pledges to keep 53 families housed

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Iowa City continues to invest in housing stability for dozens of residents by updating its voucher policies, ensuring that vulnerable populations do not lose rental assistance as federal emergency programs sunset.

Federal Emergency Housing Vouchers (HUD) created during the COVID-19 pandemic are set to expire by the end of 2026. The Iowa City City Council recently approved policy changes to the Iowa City Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program, which will allow households currently receiving assistance to transition to long-term vouchers.

The Housing Choice Voucher Program, commonly known as Section 8, is distributed by the Iowa City Housing Authority. The organization extends beyond city limits, helping residents across Johnson County and portions of Iowa and Washington counties. Currently, the Iowa City Housing Authority's waiting list has no open spots.

City council members unanimously approved an amendment to the Housing Authority's administrative plan on April 7 that transitions households currently using Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) to regular Housing Choice vouchers without reopening

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