



October 22, 2009

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VIA FACSIMILE: 317/917-6736

Ms. Henderson:

Please accept this letter and attachment as a supplement to the October 8, 2009 NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Request submitted by Oklahoma State University ("University") on behalf of Desmond Bryant ("Dez"). On October 22, 2009, the NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs ("AMA") staff determined that a violation of NCAA Bylaw 12.1.2.1.6 occurred after reviewing agreed upon facts prepared by Marcus Wilson of the NCAA Agents, Gambling and Amateurism ("AGA") staff and the University. This document is attached to this letter.

Dez was not aware that his visit to the facility constituted a violation of NCAA Bylaws. Dez visited the facility on two separate occasions. According to the record, Dez was never stopped by an employee at the facility and asked to check-in or pay any fees for his visit. The visit in question was requested by Mr. Sanders and the purpose of the visit as stated by Mr. Sanders was not a customary use of the turf.

As indicated in the interpretation request the charge for use of the turf for one hour is \$140.00. The facility charge is not a per person charge. The University asserts that Dez should only be responsible for repayment of half the \$140.00 fee (\$70.00). Mr. Sanders used the facility during the same time period and should be responsible for sharing half the cost. As a condition of reinstatement, Mr. Bryant will repay the value of the \$70.00 benefit to a charity of his choice.

The University also asserts in accordance with the Reinstatement Guidelines that a withholding condition is not appropriate for this violation. Specifically, the value of the benefit received is valued at less than \$100.00 and the student-athlete had no culpability in committing this violation.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please feel free to call me at (405) 742-4588 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Scott Williams  
 Associate Athletic Director for Compliance

Attachment

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## MEMORANDUM

October 21, 2009

TO: NCAA academic and membership affairs staff,   
activities staff.

SUBJECT: Interpretation request on preferential treatment issue.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Oklahoma State University and the NCAA agent, gambling and amateurism activities staff agree to the following statement of facts:

Desmond Bryant is a football student-athlete at Oklahoma State University (Oklahoma State), where he is currently enrolled as a junior. Bryant was born November 4, 1988, in Lufkin, Texas, where he resided until enrolling at Oklahoma State in the fall of 2007. Bryant now resides in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

In January 2009, Bryant introduced himself to Deion Sanders, who resides in Prosper, Texas, at a restaurant in Dallas, Texas. Since that time, Sanders has served as a "mentor" to Bryant. Sanders regularly sends inspirational text messages to Bryant. The two have also met in person on two other occasions. Oklahoma State and the NCAA agent, gambling and amateurism activities staff are in agreement that Sanders' relationship with Bryant did not pre-date Bryant's status as a prospective student-athlete; furthermore, the relationship developed at least in part as a result of Bryant's athletics reputation and notoriety related thereto.

On one particular occasion during the summer of 2009, Bryant and Sanders met at a fitness facility in Frisco, Texas, approximately eight miles from Sanders' home in Prosper, Texas. The facility has been described as an "upscale YMCA," which includes several basketball courts and an indoor turf field.

In June 2009, a member of the agent, gambling and amateurism activities staff approached and met with an individual involved in the management of the facility (an on-the-record "source") at the facility to inquire about a Prime U camp that was believed to be taking place in Frisco, Texas.

The source stated that in early February 2009, Sanders and another individual visited him at the facility. The source stated that on this occasion, Sanders indicated that he wanted to use the facility to train athletes under the "Prime U" umbrella. Prime U is a pre-NFL Combine training program that Sanders has recently founded. Although Sanders serves as the front man for the

*OSU's appeal application*

*Appeal sent on OCT. 28*

**NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT**

**REQUEST TO APPEAL DECISION OF STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT STAFF**

1. Institution: Oklahoma State University
2. Sport(s): Football
3. Legislation involved: NCAA Bylaw 10.1-(d)
4. Is the student a prospect or an enrolled student-athlete? Enrolled Student-Athlete
5. Name of student-athlete: Desmond Bryant
6. Was student-athlete recruited?  Yes  No (please circle one)
7. Date of signing National Letter of Intent: February 2007
8. Date completion of secondary education: Spring 2007
9. Dates and attendance at any collegiate institutions.

List in chronological order the student-athlete's or prospect's educational and participation history below:

Academic Year	Name of Institution	Part time (check)	Full time (check)	Two Year (check)	Four Year (check)	Practice? (check)	Received athletics aid? (check)	Competed? (check)
2007-2008	Oklahoma State University		X		X	X	X	X
2008-2009	Oklahoma State University		X		X	X	X	X
2009-2010	Oklahoma State University		X		X	X	X	X

10. Date institution submitted reinstatement request to NCAA staff: 10/8/2009
11. Date verbal decision given by NCAA staff: 10/27/2009
12. Date of involved student-athlete's next competition: 10/31/2009
13. Rationale/basis for appeal of staff's decision (attach additional documentation if needed):  
Please see attached letter
14. Case precedent in order of relevance (include date and case number): Please see attached letter
15. Institutional action taken: Please see attached letter

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 Appeal Decision of Student-Athlete Reinstatement Staff  
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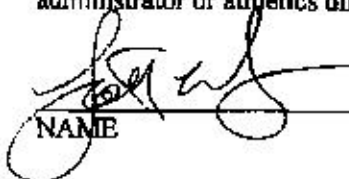
16. For an appeal involving a violation of NCAA Bylaw 12 (Amateurism), please include the completed chart:

Name of Professional Team/Country	Year(s) Competed	Total number of contests competed in, prior to first opportunity to enroll in college	Total number of contests competed in, after first opportunity to enroll in college	Name of any agent/individual representing the PSA/SA	Compensation received? (e.g., received more than actual and necessary expenses?)		Contract Signed (Yes/No)
					In column "A" list the amount.	In column "B" list the type of compensation.	
					"A"	"B"	

For complete information regarding the appeal process, please refer to the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Policies and Procedures.

Please include this completed form with any supporting documentation for the appeal.

The institution's written appeal of the staff's decision shall be submitted by the chief executive officer (or individual designated by the chief executive officer), faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator or athletics director.

  
 NAME

Associate Athletic Director  
 TITLE

\*This form may be faxed to Jennifer Henderson, director of Academic and Membership Affairs, at 317/917-6736.