Gambling

- It is impermissible per NCAA rules for student-athletes or BCAD staff (e.g., coaches, administrators, recreation staff, volunteers, interns, graduate assistants, work-study students, part-time help, etc.) to be involved in any type of gambling activity that involves intercollegiate or professional athletics events. Both the NCAA and Boston College have a “zero tolerance” policy toward wagering on athletic events. This includes, but is not limited to the following activities:
  - Providing information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition, or
    - Soliciting a bet on any intercollegiate or professional team, or
    - Accepting a bet on any team representing the institution, or
    - Soliciting or accepting a bet on any intercollegiate or professional competition for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value, or
    - Participating IN ANY MANNER in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through a book maker or those working with or for a bookmaker, a parlay card, the internet, or any other method employed by organized gambling.
  - Gambling includes any type of internet gambling, office pool, or fantasy league, no matter what the dollar amount may be.
  - In addition, Boston College policy prohibits any form of gambling on campus.
  - For athletic department staff, the penalties for gambling range from suspension to termination, while for student-athletes, the penalties range from suspension from a team to loss of scholarship to expulsion. Therefore, the blanket prohibition on gambling includes, but is not limited to:
    - ANY wager related to an intercollegiate or professional game, be it between friends, relatives, acquaintances, or strangers, or
    - ALL pools involving intercollegiate or professional athletics, regardless of who sets them up (e.g., spouse’s/friend’s place of work, close friend, etc.), or
    - Picking “squares” or “boxes”, where the pay-outs are determined by the scores of the teams involved, or
    - Fantasy/rotisserie teams and leagues. Paying any fee or promising to pay any fee, regardless of the amount, in exchange for the opportunity to participate in any of these activities, is absolutely considered gambling.
  - All of the above prohibitions apply regardless of the medium used to affect the gambling activities (e.g., in person, via telephone, via Internet, etc.). Furthermore, the examples above are by no means exhaustive; they are meant to merely provide a representative cross-section of gambling methods.
  - Student-athletes and BCAD staff members are responsible for reporting to the Athletics Director or Associate Athletic Director for Compliance any proof or suspicions that a staff member or student-athlete may be involved with impermissible gambling activity. Failure to report violations by an Athletic Department staff member could be grounds for dismissal.
  - Gambling Education is provided to all student-athletes and BCAD staff members annually.
    - The Compliance Office provides all student-athletes with the following forms of gambling specific education:
      ▪ Meet with all student-athletes annually and specifically discuss gambling.
      ▪ Memos sent to all student-athletes from the Athletics Director regarding NCAA rules related to gambling at the beginning of the academic year, prior to the Super Bowl, and prior to the start of the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament.
      ▪ NCAA rules related to gambling printed in the Student-Athlete Handbook.
      ▪ Paragraph concerning gambling is printed in the Student-Athlete Codes of Conduct that each student-athlete must sign every year.
      ▪ Email correspondence is sent at applicable times during year.
The Compliance Office provides all BCAD staff members with the following forms of gambling specific education:

- Gambling is discussed during the orientation process for ALL new employees.
- The gambling policy is included in the BCAD Compliance Manual.
- Gambling is discussed at the beginning of the year coaches and staff meeting.
- Coaches are reminded to discuss the gambling policy with managers, work-study students, etc.
- Memos are sent to all employees from the Athletics Director regarding NCAA rules related to gambling at the beginning of the academic year, prior to the Super Bowl, and prior to the start of the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament.
- Email correspondence is sent at applicable times during year.

The institution also received the following forms of gambling specific education:

- The University also includes preventative gambling education as part of its freshman orientation program for all incoming students.

The University’s Student Life Handbook includes a section on the dangers of gambling as well as University policies related to gambling.