Issues Related to Crowdfunding

Source: NCAA Educational Column published 11/6/2014

Q: What is crowdfunding?
A: The practice of funding a project or venture by raising monetary contributions from a large number of people, typically via the Internet.

Q: Is a student-athlete permitted to use his/her name or picture to advertise or promote a for-profit crowdfunding service?
A: No. (Exception: SA was involved in similar activities prior to full-time enrollment for reasons independent of athletics ability)

Q: Does a student-athlete become ineligible if his/her name, picture or likeness appears on a crowdfunding website?
A: A SA’s eligibility wouldn’t be impacted until he/she or the institution becomes aware of the website. At that time, the SA (or the institution on the SA’s behalf) is required to take steps to stop such an activity. A SA who doesn't take necessary steps to stop the activity immediately becomes ineligible for competition.

Q: Is a student-athlete’s eligibility affected if a crowdfunding entity solicits funds during the SA’s collegiate enrollment that are earmarked for the SA upon graduation or exhaustion of athletics eligibility?
A: Yes. If a student-athlete accepts the promise of pay, the SA has jeopardized his/her eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, even if funds aren’t disbursed until after the SA has exhausted eligibility.

Q: Is a student-athlete permitted to set up his/her own profile on a crowdfunding website to solicit funds to pay for expenses associated with competition and practice for an outside team?
A: Yes. A SA may receive actual and necessary expenses for competition and practice from an outside sponsor other than from an agent or a representative of the institution’s athletics interests.

Q: Is it permissible for a student-athlete to set up his/her own crowdfunding website and use his/her own name, picture, athletics reputation or skill to solicit funds to buy items (e.g., laptop, car, food, school supplies, athletic equipment)?
A: No. A SA’s eligibility to compete in intercollegiate athletics is jeopardized if he/she uses their name, picture, athletics sll or reputation to solicit pay in any form.

Q: Is an institution permitted to use a crowdfunding website as an institutional fundraiser?
A: Yes. However, it is not permissible to include a co-sponsorship with a for-profit organization and use a current SA’s name, image or likeness. Further, anyone donating to the institutional fundraiser would become a representative of athletics interest for that institution.
SUCCESS is not final
FAILURE is not fatal.
Is the courage to
continue that counts”
— Winston Churchill

SUPER BOWL LI

The Super Bowl is here again. Please remember all staff members, coaches and student-athletes MAY NOT participate in any form of gambling activity. This includes joining tournament brackets, internet gambling, sports pools, and intra-office pools. If there is a wager or cost, it is off limits!

**Boston College has ZERO tolerance on gambling.**

This total prohibition on gambling is applicable to all student-athletes, athletics department coaches staff members (including graduate assistants, part-time staff, volunteers, managers, work-study students, etc.) as well as other institutional staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department. Engaging in gambling activities can result in the loss of eligibility, scholarships, and/or enrollment for student-athletes, and loss of employment for coaches and staff members. There is no such thing as a friendly wager involving professional or intercollegiate athletics. Therefore, we would ask all of you to keep your eyes and ears open in an effort to prevent gambling here at Boston College.

DI student-athletes to have more time away from sports

New guidelines require time management plan for each sport, time off from athletics

Division I student-athletes will have more guaranteed time to use how they’d like, starting in the 2017-18 academic year.

The changes are the result of a division-wide effort to provide student-athletes with the opportunity to better balance their athletics and academic commitments. The changes adopted:

- Require the creation of a time management plan for each sport and an annual review of that plan.
- Prohibit athletically related activities during a continuous eight-hour period between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Require a seven-day break after the season and 14 additional days off during the regular academic year when classes are in session. The group approved some activities that can occur on those days off — return travel in limited circumstances and life skills activities that involve multiple sports.
- Require a day off per week during preseason and vacation periods.

Prohibit off-campus practice during vacation periods outside the championship season and unrelated to away-from-home competition.
Student-Athlete Drug Testing

Student-Athletes are subject to two types of drug tests throughout the academic year: NCAA and Boston College drug testing.

Student-athletes must disclose any prescription medications to sports medicine at the beginning of each academic year or as soon as they are prescribed during the academic year as some medications, or ingredients in certain medications, can trigger a positive test result.

If a student-athlete tests positive for a performance-enhancing drug (PED) on an NCAA drug test, the student-athlete will automatically lose one full year of eligibility and must be withheld from competition for a period of 365 days from the date of the test.

If a student-athlete tests positive for a street drug on an NCAA drug test, the student-athlete must be withheld from 50% of competitions in their season.

### 2016-2017 NLI Signing Dates

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