The total prohibition on gambling is applicable to all student-athletes, athletics department coaches, staff members (including GA’s, 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 a loss of eligibility, scholarships, and/or enrollment for student-athletes; and a loss of employment for coaches and staff members. There is no such thing as a friendly wager involving professional or intercollegiate athletics.

Spring Break Practice Reminders

Spring Break vacation runs from March 6-11. Please remember the following regarding practice activities:

**FOR SPORTS IN SEASON**
- Daily and weekly hour limitation do not apply.
- Practice may be held at any location.
- **Expenses and Meals**
  - S/A’s required to remain on campus during spring break for practice and/or competition may receive room & board expenses.
  - If a S/A lives at home during spring break, the cost of room & board may not be provided, except for a meal that is incidental to participation in required activities.

**FOR SPORTS NOT IN SEASON**
- A S/A may not participate in any CARA related activities if your sport is not in season.
- S&C coaches may conduct and design specific workout programs for S/A’s provided that the workouts are voluntary and at the request of the S/A. Participation in these activities may not be reported back to the coaching staff and the S/A may not be subjected to penalty if he or she elects not to participate in the activity.
Ole Miss will self-impose a one-year postseason ban in 2017 after receiving an official notice of allegations from the NCAA, which concluded its investigation into violations made by the football program, the school announced Wednesday.

According to Ole Miss, the NCAA has come to the conclusion that the "scope and nature of the violations demonstrate that the university lacked institutional control and failed to monitor the conduct and administration of its athletics program." Ole Miss will contest this serious Level I violation, among others.

Ole Miss received the official notice of allegations from the NCAA, which included eight new charges against the football program as well as the expansion of a ninth initially made against the program earlier as part of 13 violations announced in a notice of allegations last May. That brings the total number of football-related charges against Ole Miss to 21.

The self-imposed bowl ban, which will also include the school forfeiting approximately $7.8 million in SEC postseason revenue, comes on top of Ole Miss previously self-imposing an 11-scholarship reduction in football (one from 2015, two from 2016 and four from 2017 and 2018 incoming classes), suspending two assistants from recruiting, accepting a $159,352 fine and putting its staff through additional NCAA rules training. The postseason ban is the first postseason ban by an SEC football program since Mississippi State in 2004.

Of the new charges, including the lack of institutional control and failure to monitor allegation, seven are Level I violations and two are considered Level III violations. None of the violations are supposedly tied to issues raised around the 2016 NFL Draft involving Laremy Tunsil.

Ole Miss announced that there are three allegations against the school which it believes there is sufficient evidence to prove the violations occurred. They are:

- A recruit went hunting near campus on the private land of a program booster on multiple occasions after he had enrolled at the school. (Level III)
- Between March 2014 and January 2015, a former Ole Miss staff member arranged for lodging and transportation for one recruit and his companions on multiple visits to campus, as well as impermissible transportation to another recruit on one occasion. The total value of these benefits between the two recruits was approximately $2,272. The first recruit did not enroll at Ole Miss. (Level I)
- The same ex-staffer knowingly committed NCAA recruiting violations between March 2014 and February 2015 and provided false and misleading information to the school and enforcement staff in 2016. (Level I)

There's a fourth new allegation against the school of which Ole Miss agrees there is some evidence to support part of the charge but not the entirety of it.

- The ex-staffer allegedly "initiated and facilitated two boosters having impermissible contact" with a recruit who enrolled at another school. "It is further alleged that these two boosters provided [the recruit] with impermissible cash payments during that timeframe and that [the ex-staffer] knew about the cash payments. The value of the alleged inducements according to the NCAA is between $13,000 and $15,600." (Level I)

Ole Miss agrees there's evidence to support the contact between the parties took place, but claims there isn't enough evidence to support the total of the alleged payments. Ole Miss says they are still evaluating those claims and plan to "make that determination over the course of the next 90 days."

These are the other five new allegations that Ole Miss says it plans to contest "in full."

- The ex-staffer arranged for different recruits and some of their friends to "receive impermissible merchandise" totaling approximately $2,800 "from a store owned by a booster" from 2013-16. (Level I)
- A current coach had impermissible contact with a recruit off campus. (Level III)
- A booster that owned a restaurant "provided money, food and drinks" to a recruit and those that joined him on two or three occasions between March 2014 and January 2015 at a value of $200-$600. (Level I)
- Coach Hugh Freeze "violated head coach responsibility legislation" as being responsible for the allegations that occurred between October 2012 and January 2016. (Level I)
- The overall "scope and nature of the violations demonstrate that the university lacked institutional control and failed to monitor the conduct and administration of its athletic program." This was an extension of the one of the previous 13 violations. (Level I)

Contact Restrictions at a PSA’s Competition

(The following legislation applies to all sports other than Men’s & Women’s Basketball)

In-person contact with a prospective student-athlete may not be made prior to any athletics competition in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant during the day or days of that competition. This includes official and unofficial visits. Therefore, a PSA cannot meet with a coach on campus prior to their competition at a nearby site. They may take an unofficial visit and meet with you after their competition has concluded and they are released (provided it is not a dead period).

In-person contact may be made with a PSA’s parent or legal guardian prior to or during a PSA’s competition as long as your sport is in a contact period, the PSA is of permissible age to contact, and the contact is recorded as one of your permissible contacts with a PSA in JumpForward.

Recent legislation has now made it permissible to send electronic correspondence (texts, emails) and make telephone calls to a PSA who is on call for competition at the competition site.

2016-2017 NLI Signing Dates

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