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NCAA Gambling and Sports Wagering Rules

As March Madness begins, please remind your student-athletes, coaches, conference staff members, athletic administrators, and non-athletics staff members who have responsibilities within or over athletics departments about the NCAA regulations regarding gambling and sports wagering.

NCAA bylaws prohibit student-athletes, coaches, conference staff members, athletics administrators and non-athletics staff members who have responsibilities within or over athletics departments from engaging in sports wagering activities.

Sports wagering is defined as putting something at risk, such as an entry fee or tangible item, with the opportunity to win something in return. Therefore, all student-athletes, coaches, conference staff members, athletics administrators and non-athletics staff members who have responsibilities within or over athletics departments may not participate in sports wagering activities where there is an entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. This would include fantasy leagues, Super Bowl pools and March Madness brackets.

Potential Consequences for Student-Athletes:

- Permanent Ineligibility if you engage in activities designed to influence a portion or final outcome of a sports contest (i.e., point-shaving, spot fixing).
- Minimum of one year ineligibility if you participates in a sports bet of any kind via internet, a bookie or parlay card.

Ineligibility length to be determined if you participate in a sports bet of any kind by putting something at risk (i.e., money, entry fee or tangible item) for the opportunity to win something. (This would include fantasy leagues, Super Bowl pools and March Madness brackets.)

NCAA Bylaw 10.3.1 The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the Association conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women. (*Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

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March 2015 FCS Recruiting

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Quiet Period– March 1-31

 Quiet Period

Staff Interpretation

Student-Athletes Selling Items Received for Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics

Date Published: December 5, 2013

Item Ref: a

Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a student-athlete may not sell, or exchange for another item of value, any item received for athletics participation. (e.g. institutional and conference championship gifts and awards).

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.5.2.1 (advertisements and promotions after becoming a student-athlete); 12.1.2 (amateur status); 16.1.4 (types of awards, awarding agencies, maximum value and numbers of awards); and 16.11.2.1 (general rule)]



Official Interpretation

Student-Athlete Performing Required Field or Facility Preparation or Maintenance

Date Published: December 21, 2011

Item Ref: 1

Interpretation:

The committee determined that field or facility preparation or maintenance that is performed by a student-athlete, related to practice or competition and required, supervised or monitored by a coaching staff member is not a countable athletically related activity.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.02.1 (countable athletically related activities), 17.1.6.1 (daily and weekly hour limitations -- playing season), 17.1.6.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season); and a staff interpretation (10/20/11, Item No. a), which has been archived]



Staff Interpretation

Student-Athlete Providing Opinions on a Commercial Product or Service

Date Published: February 20, 2015

Item Ref: c

Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a student-athlete may provide an opinion about a commercial product or service, as long as no individual associated in any manner with the commercial product or service is involved in directing the student-athlete to issue the opinion, and the student-athlete does not receive any benefits from any source in conjunction with his or her opinion.

[References: NCAA Bylaw 12.5.2.1 (advertisements and promotions after becoming a student-athlete) and an official interpretation (10/06/94, Item No. 2, which has been archived)]