



SPORTS WAGERING DEFINED:

Any time you put something of value at risk, whether it be \$1, a t-shirt, dinner, or \$5000, for the chance of winning a prize based on the outcome of some athletics performance, you have participated in sports wagering.

WARNING! GAMBLING AND INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS DO NOT MIX!

- ⇒ NCAA sports wagering rules apply not only to athletics department staff members, but also to the Faculty Representative and non-athletics staff members within the University who have Athletics responsibilities or oversight.
- ⇒ Any form of wagering on any sport played at the college level (including professional contests in those sports) is impermissible. This is true regardless of the legality or formality of the wager. *For instance, you may not pay \$5 to enter a college basketball bracket contest with your high school friends.*
- ⇒ You may not accept a bet on any team representing the University of South Carolina or participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate or professional athletics through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.
- ⇒ Fantasy sports leagues which require a fee to enter and provide a prize for the winner are considered sports wagering by the NCAA.
- ⇒ You may not knowingly provide information to individuals involved in any type of organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition.
- ⇒ The Southeastern Conference has a “no tolerance” policy that could result in the termination of an athletics staff member involved in betting on college or professional sports in any sport regulated by the NCAA.

Gambling activities can be a violation of federal law and can result in a fine and/or imprisonment.

- ⇒ It is a Federal offense to influence or attempt to influence, in any way, a sporting contest by bribery. This statute covers not only the outright “throwing” of contests, but also “point shaving,” and applies not only to the maker of the bribe, but also to the recipient of the bribe.
- ⇒ It is a Federal offense to make use of interstate facilities, including the telephone or mail, for the placing of illegal bets.
- ⇒ A violation of these Federal Laws may result in a fine up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment up to five years.
- ⇒ The South Carolina Department of Athletics strongly discourages your presence at any facility in which gambling activities take place (i.e. casinos), even if those gambling activities are not related to sports.

Remember to Always Ask Before You Act!

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