



# COMPLIANCE CORNER



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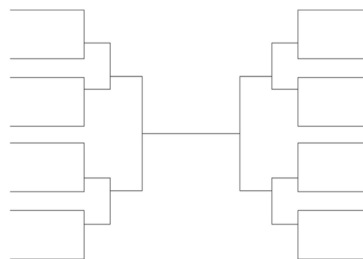


# FOCUS OF THE MONTH

## MARCH MADNESS GAMBLING REMINDER



## March Madness Gambling Reminder



As a student-athlete, coach, or institutional staff member with the University of Cincinnati Athletics, you **CANNOT** engage in any gambling activities related to **March Madness or any other sport that has a NCAA Championship.**

## REMINDERS AND UPDATES

- With March Madness beginning on March, this is a reminder that all student-athletes, coaches, and staff are not permitted to wager on any conference tournament or NCAA tournament games, as well as any other sport that has a NCAA-sponsored championship.
- Reminder that you can fill out a March Madness bracket if it is a free competition or pool. For example, you could enter an ESPN bracket challenge with a \$100,000 winning prize as long as you don't have to pay to participate in that pool.
- Dead Period Update
  - The NCAA announced that the temporary dead period will be extended from April 15th to May 31st.

# PRE-EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS

Pre-existing relationships for student-athletes can be tricky. If a student-athlete comes to you with questions about receiving benefits from outside of their immediate family, please make sure that they contact the compliance office before accepting any potential benefits that may impact their eligibility. There is also a four part test below that you can use.



Question 1: Did the relationship begin because of athletics?

Answer: No

Question 2: Did the relationship begin before high school?

Answer: Yes

Question 3: Did the relationship begin before gaining an athletic reputation?

Answer: Yes

Question 4: Is there a pattern of similar benefits prior to gaining an athletic reputation?

Answer: Yes

If the answers are different than above, then accepting benefits may jeopardize their eligibility.

## SOUTH CAROLINA INFRACTIONS CASE

- A former South Carolina men's basketball assistant coach violated NCAA ethical conduct rules when he accepted between approximately \$3,300 and \$5,800 in bribes from an individual associated with a professional sports agent.
- In exchange for the bribe payments, the coach agreed to arrange meetings with a South Carolina student-athlete and his family and influence them to retain the agent's services.
- The arrangement with the agent's associate and acceptance of bribes violated NCAA rules. Athletics department staff members are prohibited from receiving benefits for facilitating or arranging a meeting between a student-athlete and an agent, financial advisor, or a representative of an agent or advisor. Athletics staff members also are prohibited from representing, directly or indirectly, individuals in the marketing of their athletics ability or reputation to an agency, and from accepting compensation for the representation.
- This infractions case is related to the ongoing FBI investigation into corruption and bribery in college basketball.

### PENALTIES

- Two years of probation.
- A reduction of official visits by 25 for the 2020-21/2021-22 two-year rolling period and a reduction in recruiting person days by 17 during the 20-21 and/or 2021-22 academic years.
- A prohibition on unofficial visits for a total of four weeks during the fall of 2021 and/or 2022 and a six-week prohibition of telephone recruiting during the 2020-21 and/or 2021-22 academic years.
- A ten-year show-cause order for the former assistant coach.

## RECRUITING CALENDARS

Contact Period	Evaluation Period	Dead Period	Recruiting Shutdown
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All Sports						
Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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			

The NCAA adopted Emergency Legislation to establish a temporary recruiting dead period for all NCAA Division I sports, effective immediately, and in effect until at least May 31, 2021.