

PENN STATE ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE OFFICE



NCAA Rules and Regulations for Gambling Activities

GAMBLING AND INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS – What Do You Need To Know?

In order to keep you up-to-date and informed regarding NCAA regulations that pertain to your involvement with any gambling activities, the following rules materials have been put together for your benefit and information. It is important for you to abide by all the information presented in this document and to realize that you have individual accountability for compliance with the standards noted below.

WARNING! GAMBLING AND INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS DO NOT MIX!

- ⇒ NCAA sports wagering rules apply to all student-athletes, coaches and staff members.
- ⇒ Wagering on sports is not permitted under NCAA rules, even if you are in a jurisdiction where such activities are legal.
- ⇒ 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 can't wager in a Las Vegas sports book, and you cannot bet with your teammates on who will win the NBA finals.
- ⇒ Impermissible gambling activities involve more than just wagering on sporting event. They can also include giving information to gamblers, changing the outcome of contests you compete in and participation in fantasy leagues that require money in order to play.
- ⇒ At some time during your intercollegiate athletics participation, it is likely that you will be faced with an opportunity to participate in gambling activities that are contrary to NCAA rules. It is important that you prepare in advance to walk away from these situations so that you don't end up making a decision you will regret on the spur of the moment.
- ⇒ If you become aware of impermissible gambling activity involving our intercollegiate athletics program in any manner, it is your obligation to take that information forward to the appropriate officials.

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.

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If you have any questions regarding NCAA rules, please contact the Athletics Compliance Office before doing something that might negatively affect your eligibility, team or the University.

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