

## 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 these standards.

#### 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 Athletics Representative, President and other 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 and cannot bet on who will win the NBA finals.
- ⇒ Fantasy leagues based on college or pro sports, including daily fantasy leagues, are impermissible under NCAA rules if there is a fee to participate in the activity.
- ⇒ Wagering on sports is not permitted under NCAA rules, even though it is legal to do so in the State of Pennsylvania and many other states.
- ⇒ Insider Information - Everyone in Athletics must understand the importance of confidentiality with respect to team and student-athlete information. Information on S/A eligibility, injuries and general availability beyond what the University has chosen to share publically, must be closely held and not shared with any external parties. Sharing such information with gamblers violates NCAA rules and doing so inappropriately and without consent could impact your employment status with Penn State.
- ⇒ Intentionally changing the outcome of a contest or, a portion of a contest, for gambling purposes is against NCAA rules and Federal law. Suspicion of such behavior must be immediately reported to appropriate authorities.
- ⇒ The same rules that apply to staff members also apply to student-athletes. So, if you become aware that one of our student-athletes is involved in sports wagering activities, it is important to report this issue to the Athletics Compliance Office immediately.

#### QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding NCAA rules, please contact the Athletics Compliance Office before doing something that might negatively affect you or the University. Also, please report any suspected wrongdoing related to sports wagering the Compliance Office or any other appropriate authority.

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