



COMPLIANCE WEEKLY UPDATE

SPORTS WAGERING

Purpose: The NCAA takes a very hard stance on ANY form of sports wagering, at ANY level. *The NCAA sees wagering on sports as an act which undermines the integrity of sports contests and jeopardizes the welfare of student-athletes and the intercollegiate athletics community.* Penalties associated with a violation of this rule are severe.

Rule: The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition:

- a) Staff members of an institution's athletics department;
- b) Non-athletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports);
- c) Staff members of a conference office; and
- d) Student-athletes.

Definition: A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., Cash, clothes, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of winning that, or another item of value.

Entry Fee + Prize Opportunity = **NOT Permissible**

Without either an entry fee OR an opportunity to win, it is not considered a wager, and therefore permitted for you to participate (e.g., An activity in which there is NO entry fee, but there is an opportunity to win a prize, would be permissible).

Scope: The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional).

