



COMPLIANCE WEEKLY UPDATE

SPORTS WAGERING

If a student-athlete bets on sports, they can lose their eligibility.

If an athletics staff member bets on sports, they can lose their job!

It is an **NCAA violation**, and a potential federal crime, to wager on sports.

Wager = A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., Cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest of a sport sponsored by the NCAA or Dartmouth Athletics.

RISK + REWARD = VIOLATION

Without either a risk or reward, it is permissible to participate.

Possible Scenario	Outcome?	Why?
Facebook is having a march madness bracket contest. The contest is available to all Facebook users and there is no paid entry fee, but there is a LARGE prize for the winner.	PERMISSIBLE	Risk + Reward (NONE) (\$)
You enter a bracket pool where each participant must pay \$5 and the winner gets all, or a portion, of the money collected as a prize.	VIOLATION	Risk + Reward (\$) (\$)
You and a friend outside of DCAD want to make friendly wager on march madness. The person with the fewest teams in the Final Four pays for a dinner. <i>Don't worry, it's a friendly bet, only dinner, right?</i>	VIOLATION	Risk + Reward (dinner) (dinner)
A charitable organization is putting on a bracket contest. Each entrant must pay \$15, but the ENTIRE pool of money goes to the charity and none of the winnings, or anything else of value, goes to any participant.	PERMISSIBLE	Risk + Reward (\$) (NONE)
As a coach, you organized a scrimmage at practice where the losing team will buy ice cream for the winning team.	VIOLATION	Risk + Reward (treat) (treat)
You and a family member are playing a round of golf. Each hole you play has different opportunities to bet/earn money (e.g., Longest drive, closest to the pin, lowest score, etc.).	VIOLATION	Risk + Reward (\$) (\$)
There is a free, online contest where you can pick your favorite professional tennis player and if she does well in the tournament, you win a prize (tennis balls, rackets, gear, etc.) each round she advances.	PERMISSIBLE	Risk + Reward (NONE) (prizes)

If situations arise that you are unsure of, be sure to check with compliance!