

# Part 5 - Gambling, the NCAA and You

## NCAA BYLAW 10.3—GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Staff members of the athletics department of a member institution and student-athletes shall not knowingly:

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  1. Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition;
  2. Solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team;
  3. Accept a bet on any team representing the institution; or
  4. Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.

**Examples of violations of this legislation include betting on the Superbowl, participating in a “March Madness” NCAA basketball pool, fantasy leagues, and reporting information on team injuries to outside individuals.**

The NCAA opposes all forms of legal and illegal sports wagering. Sports wagering has the potential to undermine the integrity of sports contests and jeopardizes the welfare of student-athletes and the intercollegiate athletics community. Sports wagering demeans the competition and competitors alike by a message that is contrary to the purposes and meaning of “sport”. Sports competition should be appreciated for the inherent benefits related to participation of student-athletes, coaches and institutions in fair contests, not the amount of money wagered on the outcome of the competition.

Student-athletes are viewed by organized crime and organized gambling as easy marks. When student-athletes place bets with a bookie, they have jeopardized their eligibility and have broken the law. The bookie is now in control. If a student-athlete is sufficiently indebted or addicted, point shaving often is introduced as a way out. Bookies also use students as “runners” to collect debts and parlay sheets for which the bookie pays a commission. Gamblers also pay a commission for information related to sports teams (e.g., injury reports, morale, game plans and discipline issues).

***IF ANYONE APPROACHES YOU REGARDING WAGERING ON SPORTING EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR HEAD COACH, AN ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR OR THE COMPLIANCE OFFICE.***