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COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER**

GAMBLING

With the NIT/NCAA tournaments underway it is important to remember that the NCAA prohibits participation in any gambling activity that involves either intercollegiate or professional athletics. This prohibition includes bets made through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method used by organized gambling.

More importantly, with this particular time of year, this prohibition includes participation in tournament bracket sheets in which money or any item of tangible value (dinner, t-shirt, dish-duty, etc.) may be won. If you have any question as to whether your participation in a tournament bracket sheet is permissible please contact the Compliance Office. Generally, unless you filled out the bracket sheet simply to prove how smart you are, your actions are likely to be ruled impermissible and it is best to simply stay away from the temptation.

Past cases of NCAA major infractions have included situations where student-athletes and/or staff members' have participated in organized gambling activities. These actions have ultimately resulted in a number of institutional corrective actions, including termination of employment and loss of eligibility.

The Compliance Office is here to answer any questions you may have, but as a general rule of thumb...

DON'T BET ON IT!

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IN THE NEWS... *University of Nebraska, Lincoln—January 2002. (www.ncaa.org)*

The University of Nebraska found themselves in front of the committee on infractions for allegations involving the wrestling coach and a wrestling student-athlete. The allegations against the University of Nebraska stated that the former wrestling coach had provided money to a former wrestling student-athlete in order to pay a gambling debt incurred during his time as a student-athlete. Additional allegations were also presented against the U. of Nebraska in this case.

The student-athlete, while at the University of Nebraska, met the bookmaker through some non-athlete friends. This acquaintance soon turned into participation and a debt of \$500 followed. Unable to pay the debt, the student-athlete turned to the wrestling coach. The coach lent the student-athlete the \$500 from his own pocket to be repaid from money earned at a summer job. Even though the money was to be repaid, as soon as the coach lent the money to the student-athlete, an extra benefit was provided in violation of the NCAA rules.

The student-athlete refused to name the bookmaker and in combination with the original gambling violation was found to be ineligible for further participation in intercollegiate athletics. This student-athlete's eligibility was not restored by the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Subcommittee. The former head coach was found to have engaged in unethical conduct and was asked to resign by the director of athletics. The wrestling program was placed on a two-year probation, and the newly hired staff were required to comply with salary regulations put in place by the athletic department who used such a tactic to ensure compliance. Additionally, the program was required to undergo additional education regarding NCAA rules and regulations.

***For more information regarding ethical conduct and gambling,
please do not hesitate to contact the Compliance Office.***

RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIOR PROSPECTS

A recruiting opportunity refers to either a contact or an evaluation. Sports other than Football and Basketball are allowed 7 recruiting opportunities. No more than 3 may be off campus contacts during the prospect's senior year. For example, all 7 could be evaluations, or 6 could be evaluations and 1 a contact. The break down within the limits is up to the individual coach. In Football, coaches are limited to 6 off-campus, in-person contacts and 3 evaluations (not more than one in the fall, and not more than two in the spring). In Men's Basketball, coaches are limited to 7 recruiting opportunities, not more than 3 in-person, off-campus contacts and not more than 130 person days. (Person days are counted each time a coach goes out on the road recruiting, two coaches on the road count as two days, etc.). In Women's Basketball, coaches are limited to 5 recruiting opportunities, not more than 3 in-person, off-campus contacts and not more than 85 person days. (Official visits are not included when counting the number of contacts made with a prospect). Recruiting opportunities are allotted per prospect.

Once a coach returns from a recruiting trip they are required to submit a contact and evaluation sheet to the Compliance Office. This sheet is to be attached to all requests for reimbursement, or copies of receipts acquired on the trip. This pack will be reviewed by the Compliance Office prior to being submitted to the Business Office, which will then process all requests for reimbursement or process P-Card expenditures. The Contact and Evaluation sheets should be filled out in their entirety. The name of the prospect, the site where the contact or evaluation took place, the dates of the contact or evaluation, was it a contact or evaluation, did you use both, what year in school is the prospect, how many recruiting opportunities have you used for this prospect, and finally rosters must be attached. Team sports need the roster of both the home team and the opponent (if applicable, e.g. practice evaluation would only need one roster). Individual sports need a roster, or bracket showing the prospect they watched and the name of the prospect they competed against (if applicable, e.g. academic evaluation would not need a roster, but it would need to be clearly marked as an academic evaluation). Incomplete contact and evaluation sheets will be sent back to the coach, which will delay the arrival of the receipts to the Business Office.

Please Contact the Compliance Office with any questions you have regarding this process.

ONCE A STUDENT-ATHLETE, ALWAYS A STUDENT-ATHLETE

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a booster designed to provide a student-athlete (current or former), their relative or friend, a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

Remember, just as a booster remains a booster forever, a student-athlete remains a student-athlete for life. The reasoning behind this concept is the idea that promises of extra benefits would simply be put off until the student-athlete is no longer a current player. By retaining their student-athlete status indefinitely, the temptation is eliminated.

A current student-athlete cannot accept a benefit arranged by our staff, coaches or boosters. Twenty years from now, that same student-athlete is still unable to accept a benefit arranged by our staff, coaches or boosters. A violation of the extra benefit legislation, at any point on the timeline is a violation for the university regardless of how many years removed the student-athlete is from playing.

Please contact the Compliance Office with any questions you may have with regard to extra benefits.

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camps are right around the corner. Please remember to include a disclaimer on all camp material indicating that your camp is privately owned and operated and not in any way affiliated with NC State. Also, those of you wishing to use a trademark logo, make sure to submit your licensing fee to Cindy Sears.

Pre-Camp paperwork can be found on-line. The numbers are intended to be estimates, which will be compared to the information provided on the post-camp documents. If you have any questions about the required pre-camp information do not hesitate to contact the Compliance Office.