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Ethical Conduct

The NCAA imposes a standard of ethical conduct on each of its member institutions. As a member institution, NC State is bound by these ethical conduct standards. As student-athletes at NC State, you too are bound by the ethical conduct standards placed upon you by the NCAA. Bylaw 10 of the NCAA Division I Manual defines ethical conduct in the negative, by stating that which it has determined to be unethical.

UNETHICAL CONDUCT:

- Refusal to furnish information relevant to an investigation of a possible NCAA violation;
- Knowing involvement in arranging for academic fraud;
- Knowing involvement in offering or providing a prospect or enrolled student-athlete an improper inducement or extra benefit or improper financial aid;
- Knowingly furnishing the NCAA or member institution false or misleading information concerning the individual's involvement in or knowledge or matters relevant to a possible NCAA violation;
- Receipt of benefits by an institutional staff member for facilitating or arranging a meeting between a student-athlete and an agent, financial advisor or runner;
- Knowing involvement in providing a banned substance or impermissible supplement to student-athletes;
- Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA or institution's admission office regarding an individual's academic record (e.g. schools attended...);
- Fraudulence or misconduct in connection with entrance or placement exams;
- Engaging in any athletics competition under an assumed name or with intent to otherwise deceive.

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IN THE NEWS... UNIVERSITY OF IOWA November 2, 2006 (www.ncaa.org):

Some of you may be aware of the transfer regulation requiring a student-athlete to sit out a year prior to competition if they change schools. While there are some exceptions (e.g. permission from the first institution), a student-athlete is bound to this rule regardless of their personal opinion of its application.

Three former student-athletes at the University of Iowa attempted to circumvent this rule, with the help of the former head coach. When the three former student-athletes applied for admission to the university, they simply did not state that they had previously attended another college or university.

If you look at the above list of unethical actions, the third from the bottom states "Failure to provide complete and accurate information regarding academic records". By not listing the previously attended institution, the three former student-athletes were guilty of Unethical Conduct. The report from the Committee on Infractions states that the former head coach was aware that these student-athletes had previously attended universities, and further that one of the former student-athletes was utilized to recruit the second and third former student-athletes to attend the University of Iowa.

As a result of the unethical conduct of both the former student-athletes and the former head coach, the University of Iowa has been placed on two year's probation, public reprimand and censor, the former head coach resigned, the Men's swimming grants-in-aid have been limited to 8.9 from the NCAA permitted 9.9 equivalency, the former student-athletes were dismissed from the university, the university was forced to pay \$5,000 for allowing ineligible student-athletes to participate in competition, all points and awards earned due to the participation of the three former student-athletes have been forfeited from the university, the former head coach must show cause for future employment, and Iowa must create a plan of action so that this situation does not occur in the future.

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

Participation in Promotional Activities

As a student-athlete, you are of interest to the public. People around Raleigh, North Carolina, the country, etc. are going to recognize you and the institution you represent. The talent you possess and provide to NC State programs becomes of particular interest to individuals as they try to sell a product or raise money for a charity.

The NCAA has rules surrounding a student-athlete's participation in promotional activities. If you are ever approached by someone who would like you to participate in an activity that would promote their product or their cause, your first thought might be "Wow, what an honor", but your second needs to immediately be, "I can't commit to anything until I talk to Tonya Washington in the Student-Athlete Development Office at NC State."

The NCAA links participation in promotional activities with amateurism and participation in an activity that is not approved could jeopardize your ability to participate further in Wolfpack athletics, and NCAA athletics generally. The following rules can be complicated and it is always in the student-athlete's best interest to maintain open communication with the Compliance Office prior to any participation in promotional activities.

The NCAA prohibits participation in a promotional activity that:

- Is for a commercial product;
- Suggests sponsorship of a commercial product;
- Results in a student-athlete missing class;
- Results in a student-athlete being provided more than actual and necessary expenses;
- Uses a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance to promote a commercial venture of a nonprofit agency;
- Allows for a student-athlete's name, likeness or picture be sold at any location other than one controlled by the NCAA institution.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

As a student-athlete, NC State is able to provide you with complimentary tickets.

The ticket office is in charge of distributing complimentary tickets. They have policies and procedures set up to ensure compliance with NCAA legislation.

For each event that a student-athlete is a participant, he or she is allowed four complimentary tickets; regardless of whether the student-athlete ends up competing in the event. The names of the individuals who will be utilizing these tickets should be given to the team staff member who is responsible for collecting the names prior to pre-game. That staff member will then send the names to the ticket office so that a pass list can be created. No "Hard Tickets" are allowed to be distributed for complimentary admissions.

For those events at which a student-athlete is not a participant but is being honored (e.g. golf team being honored during half-time of a football game), three complimentary admissions may be provided to the parents, legal guardian or spouse; admissions will be given via a pass list.

WHEN WOULD I QUALIFY FOR A MEDICAL HARDSHIP WAIVER?

The NCAA allows a student-athlete five years in which to complete the permissible four years of competition. However, should a student-athlete be incapacitated resulting from an injury or illness, he or she may qualify for a medical hardship waiver if that injury or illness occurred:

- In one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition at any two-year or four-year collegiate institution, or subsequent to the first day of classes in the student-athlete's senior year in high school;
- Prior to the completion of the first half of the playing season the concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport and results in an incapacity for the remainder of that playing season; and
- When the student-athlete has not participated in more than two contests or dates of competition or 20% of the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in his or her sport.

The NCAA has determined that scrimmages and exhibitions are excluded from the calculation of participation.