

NCSU COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is designed to provide student-athletes information about issues relating to compliance and eligibility. Please contact the Compliance Office Staff at anytime throughout the year with questions or concerns.

Gambling Reminders...

As a student-athlete you cannot knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to people involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities involving intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition (Bylaw 10.3).

Athletic Department staff members, the chancellor, faculty athletics representative and staff members of a conference office are also bound by this legislation.

Gambling: Did You Know?

- Did you know that once you become a student-athlete, the gambling provisions apply to you until your eligibility is exhausted?
- Did you know that even if the fantasy league awards a prize and not cash, you are still not allowed to participate without impacting your eligibility?
- Did you know that you cannot gamble on any sport sponsored by the NCAA at any level (high school, college or professional)?
- Did you know that you cannot bet amongst your teammates for anything of value? For example... I bet you a dinner that I can make this shot.
- Did you know that no matter how little the bet, it is still against NCAA legislation to gamble on sports sponsored by the NCAA?
- Did you know the gambling rules apply to online gambling?
- Did you know you cannot participate in bracket contests or pools if you pay to play or could win cash or prizes?

Gambling Case Study

Situation:

A current student-athlete asks her teammates if they are interested in doing a Men's NCAA Basketball Bracket. Several of the teammates are interested, but don't have much cash on hand at the moment. Instead of doing a cash prize, they will all go out to dinner and the teammate with the lowest total score will pay for the winner.

Question:

Is this permissible? The student-athletes are not putting in any of their own money and the prize is just a dinner out, something they do often.

Answer:

No. Anytime there is something of value or a risk involved, it is considered gambling.

This month...

This Newsletter covers the following topics:

- Gambling Reminders
- Gambling: Did You Know?
- Gambling Addiction



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NCAA Sport Wagering Study

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- NCAA President Myles Brand formed a national task force in 2004 to recommend strategies to counteract sports wagering among student-athletes and further analyze the data from the 2003 National Study on Collegiate Sports Wagering and Associated Health Risks.
- This study represented the first effort to collect information on sports wagering and associated behaviors from a nationally representative sample of student-athletes. It was groundbreaking in both the scope of inquiry and in breadth/number of student-athletes participating (greater than 20,000 student-athletes across all divisions and most championship sports).

Key Findings:

- Of 388 men's basketball players surveyed, 17 admitted to at least one of the following extreme gambling behaviors: taking money to play poorly in a game; knowing a teammate who took money to play poorly in a game; been threatened or harmed because of sports wagering; been contacted by an outside source to share inside information; actually providing inside information on a game.
- Of 2,000 football players surveyed, 102 admitted to at least one of the following extreme gambling behaviors noted above.
- This research shows that no campus is immune to the problems of sports wagering.

Myths & Facts About Gambling Addiction

MYTH: You have to gamble everyday to be a problem gambler.

FACT: A problem gambler may gamble frequently or infrequently. Gambling is a problem if it causes problems.

MYTH: Problem gambling is not really a problem if the gambler can afford it.

FACT: Problems caused by excessive gambling are not just financial. Too much time spent on gambling can lead to relationship breakdown and loss of important friendships.

MYTH: Partners of problem gamblers often drive problem gamblers to gamble.

FACT: Problem gamblers often rationalize their behavior. Blaming others is one way to avoid taking responsibility for their actions, including what is needed to overcome a problem.

MYTH: Problem gambling is easy to recognize.

FACT: Problem gambling has been called the hidden addiction. It is very easy to hide as it has few recognizable symptoms, unlike drug and alcohol use.

MYTH: Problem gamblers are irresponsible people.

FACT: Many problem gamblers hold, or have held, responsible community positions. However, when it comes to gambling they have trouble controlling their actions and do not know how to quit.

Contact the Compliance Office Staff if you think someone you know has a gambling problem or addiction.