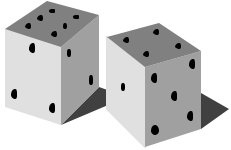


The Interpreter

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Don't Bet on It!



A recent survey by the University of Cincinnati indicated that gambling is alive and well on college campuses. Of the 648 Division I intercollegiate men's basketball and football respondents, 25.5% had gambled money on college sporting events, 3.7% had gambled money on a game in which they played and 0.5% received money from a gambler for not playing well in a game. But the perception that this is a football or basketball issue is just not true. Gambling can happen to anyone, including any student-athlete.

NCAA Bylaw 10.3 states that staff members of the athletic department and student-athletes shall not knowingly:

- ◆ Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition;
- ◆ Solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team;
- ◆ Accept a bet on any team representing the institution;

- ◆ Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value; or
- ◆ 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.

Having said all that, we should be reminded that the NCAA opposes all forms of legal and illegal sports wagering. Sport wagering has the potential to undermine the integrity of sport contests and jeopardize 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.

In addition, more than 20 NCAA Division I coaches, athletic administrators and college presidents spoke with members of Congress June 27, 2001 about the importance of proposed legislation that would extend a ban on legal sports wagering on college athletics to all states. The group is calling for passage on the Amateur Sports Integrity Act (S. 718) and the Student-Athlete Protection Act (H.R. 1110). Both bills would make it clearly illegal to gamble on college athletics in all states.

The NCAA Interpretation Committee has decided that the prohibition against student-athletes and athletic department staff members participating in gambling activities associated with professional sport events is applicable only to those sports in which the Association conducts championship competition,

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National Letter of Intent

Gambling

It's that time again...National Letter of Intent Signing Period! This is a time when a prospective student-athlete can commit to Florida State University by signing the National Letter of Intent before he or she is halfway through his or her senior year in high school.

It is important to note that although these individuals have signed with Florida State, all NCAA rules regarding booster contacts with prospects continue to apply. This includes prohibiting a booster from telephoning, writing or e-mailing a prospect to offer his or her congratulations on their signing.

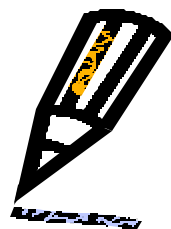
Upcoming NLI Signing Dates:

Football February 5, 2003—April 1, 2003

Soccer February 5, 2003—August 1, 2003

Basketball April 16, 2003—May 15, 2003

Other Sports Other Than Football, Basketball & Soccer
April 16, 2003—August 1, 2003



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Division I-A football, and emerging sports. If you place a bet of any kind on any college or professional sport, or if you give information to anyone who uses that information to make a bet, you risk being removed from your team, expelled from college, humiliated in news stories, an embarrassment to your family and team, banished from collegiate and professional sports, a victim of bookies and organized crime, ruined financially and even hurt physically, turned down for future jobs, and sent to jail. In short, sports wagering can destroy your life. For this reason, college athletic administrators, conference staff officials and college athletes may not gamble on college or professional sporting events.

From the Interpretation File

Completion of Core Courses After High School Graduation

The Academic/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet Subcommittee on Legislative Review/Interpretations has determined that a prospective student-athlete who repeats a term of attendance at the same high school from which he or she graduated for the purpose of completing initial-eligibility core-curriculum requirements shall not begin initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA institution until the following academic year, regardless of the length of time that has elapsed since the student-athlete's high-school graduation.

Permissible Practice Expenses

NCAA institutions should note that a member institution may provide its student-athletes with expenses for practice sessions only if they are associated with an away-from-home contest, or conducted at a site located within the member institution's state. If the practice session is held at a site outside the home state, it must be no more than 100 miles from the institution's campus.

In addition, any practices that are taken on an extended road trip

shall take place at the competition site, or on a direct route between two consecutive competition sites. An institution may *not* schedule practice sessions at alternate locations with the intention of providing entertainment opportunities for team members.

Many teams are accustomed to participating in traditional winter or spring trips outside of the institution's normal travel area. These trips *must* include actual competition, as listed on the official schedule, for expenses to be provided.



In the News....



Supplements at Northwestern

Northwestern University has acknowledged that there was widespread use of NCAA-banned supplements by football players who participated in a 2001 pre-season conditioning drill during which cornerback Rashidi Wheeler collapsed and died.

Wheeler's family has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Northwestern contending that Rashidi's death was the result of poor medical attention after he collapsed from an asthma attack.

Northwestern is suing the companies who manufactured the supplements, contending their products caused his death.

Ex-Coach Sentenced

Milton Kirk, a former assistant football coach at Trezevant High in Memphis, Tennessee plead guilty to a conspiracy charge involving a recruiting scandal. He was sentenced to three years probation, 200 hours of community service and a \$1,000 fine.

Lynn Lang, the former head football coach at Trezevant High, pled guilty last month to accepting \$150,000 from an Alabama booster to influence Albert Means' choice of a college. He could face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for May.

The NCAA punished Alabama for recruiting violations, some of which involved Means.

Vols Cleared of NCAA Probe

The NCAA enforcement staff informed the University of Tennessee that it will not conduct any further inquiries concerning football compliance issues.

The investigation surrounded allegations that former quarterback Tee Martin accepted money from a booster, which would have violated his NCAA amateur status.



Father Took Gifts From Booster

The father of former Michigan basketball star Chris Webber acknowledged that he took gifts from banned booster, Ed Martin.

Martin pleaded guilty in May to money laundering and admitted lending \$616,000 to four former Michigan players.

A university report said that Martin paid for a hotel room for an unidentified player's father and was repaid in cash. Martin violated NCAA rules when he paid for the hotel room. There are also claims of Martin giving the Webber family \$280,000.

Mayce Webber, Jr., his son, and his sister-in-law were indicted in September for conspiring to obstruct justice and making a false statement. Each charge is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Hogs Not Repeat Violators

The majority of a report released by the NCAA enforcement staff against Arkansas centered around the employment of 20 student-athletes at a Dallas trucking company and the faulty record-keeping of their employment by the athletic department.

The investigation revolves around Arkansas booster Ted Harrod. His Texas-based trucking company allegedly overpaid 20 Arkansas student-athletes by an average of \$215 each during the mid-1990's. Both football and basketball players were among the athletes.

The 23-page summary filed by the NCAA on January 3, 2003 does not recommend that Arkansas be treated as a repeat violator.

Arkansas already has reduced football scholarships and issued other self-imposed penalties. The NCAA Committee on Infractions will hear the case, ask questions and, at a later date, will announce whether the school's self-imposed penalties should be accepted or enhanced.

NCAA Upholds Stetson Penalties

The NCAA Division I Infractions Appeal Committee has upheld all findings issued by the NCAA involving a former head men's basketball coach at Stetson University. The coach was involved in violations of bylaws governing extra benefits, recruiting, and out-of-season practice.

RECRUITING CALENDAR



February



Football

Feb 1	Contact
Feb 2	Quiet
Feb 3-6	Dead
Feb 7-April 14	Quiet

Men's Basketball

Feb 1-28	Quiet/Eval
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Women's Basketball

Feb 1-28	Quiet/Eval
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Soccer

Feb 3-6	Dead
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Volleyball

Feb 1-14	Quiet
Feb 15-July 31	Contact/Eval

Softball

Feb 1-28	Contact/Eval
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