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NCAA Championship Officials Conflict of Interest Policy

I. PURPOSE

This document establishes the NCAA Championship policy on game officials' conflict of interest that may render an official ineligible to officiate in any rounds of any of the NCAA championships.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

A conflict of interest may occur when a game official's activities or interests conflict or appear to conflict with his or her responsibility as an NCAA championship official. An activity could be considered a conflict of interest if it does or might:

1. Negatively impact any round(s) of any of the NCAA championships.
2. Negatively affect the NCAA's reputation or relations with others.
3. Create an actual or perceived conflict that would jeopardize the impartiality or fairness of the official's judgment or cause the NCAA undue risk.
4. Result in any conduct or other action(s) detrimental to collegiate athletics or the NCAA.

The items below are some examples of conflicts that could trigger further investigation and, based on the totality of circumstances, may render an official ineligible to officiate in any round(s) of any of the NCAA championships:

1. Prior criminal convictions or pending charges of any type.
2. Any direct or indirect attempts to improperly influence or manipulate the outcome or any other aspect of a sporting competition. The attempt to influence or manipulate does not require that the efforts be successful nor that the individual benefit financially from the wrongful conduct.
3. Betting, legally or illegally, on sports, either amateur or professional, in which the NCAA conducts a championship.
4. Participating in or benefiting financially from anyone else's sports betting activities or asking anyone to place a bet on sports, either amateur or professional, in which the NCAA conducts a championship.
5. Participating in a fantasy contest (e.g., daily, weekly, season long, etc.) in any sport, either amateur or professional, in which the NCAA conducts a championship, and in which anything of value is at risk with an opportunity to win a prize.
6. Participating in brackets or similar contests in any sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship and in which anything of value is at risk with an opportunity to win a prize.

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7. Current employment, ownership or association with any business organization in which the official is directly involved with the delivery of services involving sports betting.
8. Disclosing nonpublic, proprietary or other sensitive information that could potentially provide a betting advantage to any entity that does not have a legitimate need to know such information, unless explicitly authorized to do so by the NCAA.
9. Accepting anything of value from a casino, other gambling-related establishment or persons generally known to be professional or problem gamblers, or anyone who is involved with the operations of any sports betting activities.

In addition to the above, items from the NCAA completed background check may render the official ineligible to officiate in NCAA championships.

Additionally, officials are required to disclose the following:

1. Four-year institution(s), including graduate institution(s), where the official attended (year graduated, if applicable).
 - a. First institution attended – year graduated – degree attained.
 - b. Second institution attended – year graduated – degree attained.
 - c. Third institution attended – year graduated – degree attained.
 - d. Fourth institution attended – year graduated – degree attained.
2. Institution(s) where immediate family members attended or are attending.
3. Institution(s) where official has coached.
4. Institution(s) where official has relatives playing, coaching or otherwise employed.
5. Institution(s) where official has a personal affiliation, including any institution to which the official has made a financial contribution.
6. Institution(s) with which official has been involved in any legal proceedings, currently or in the past.

NOTIFICATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

1. The NCAA will notify potential Championship officials of the NCAA Championship Officials Conflict of Interest policy prior to selecting game officials for NCAA Championship assignments.
2. The NCAA will provide a reporting process for game officials to self-report any potential conflicts.
3. The NCAA will require all Championship officials to certify that they are conflict-free prior to Championship assignments.
4. The NCAA Officiating Background Check Review team will determine the eligibility of officials who have a potential conflict of interest.

III. WEB ADDRESS FOR THIS POLICY

https://ncaa.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/policies/EWN2UdtaYc1DgOFqL3DC0_EBFPXLD-ITkRYf1d2SFoSZOw

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IV. CONTACTS

Subject matter	Office name	Telephone number
Policy clarification and interpretation	Championships Operations	317.917.6604

For any policy compliance concerns, it is most effective to raise questions or concerns regarding possible unethical, questionable, unsafe or illegal activity to your direct supervisor. If you do not feel comfortable speaking with your direct supervisor or if you are not satisfied with the supervisor's response, you are encouraged to speak with a member of human resources, any other supervisor or the whistleblower coordinator, who is the NCAA's chief financial officer. Additionally, while the NCAA hopes staff members feel comfortable coming forward with their concerns, it acknowledges that may not always be the case. Therefore, the NCAA has contracted with a separate, third party, EthicsPoint, to allow staff members to anonymously report such activity. To make an anonymous report with EthicsPoint, call 1-855-257-4105 at any time or [click here](#).

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