



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT
OCTOBER 17, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Sports Wagering Guidelines.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee ratify amendments to the sports wagering guidelines, as specified. [Attachment]
- (2) Effective date. Immediate, for violations reported on or after May 2, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. The NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement substantially modified its guidelines for sports wagering violations during its May 2023 in-person meeting, signaling an understanding of the evolving sports wagering landscape while maintaining substantial consequences for violations that may most compromise the integrity of intercollegiate competition. These May 2023 guidelines were reviewed in June 2023 by the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee and NCAA Division I Council and ultimately ratified. The committee noted that more substantial modifications to its sports wagering guidelines would first require legislative change. On recommendation from the NCAA Division I Council and Collegiate Commissioners Association, the committee re-examined its guidelines during its October 2023 meeting and again amended the guidelines, further recognizing the unique sports wagering landscape as it pertains to NCAA student-athletes. Specifically, the committee affirmed its stance that violations involving point shaving, use or sharing of insider information, and wagering on a student-athlete's own team constitute significant integrity concerns and warrant permanent ineligibility, absent extenuating circumstances. The committee also affirmed its dollar-value-based approach to "other" sports wagering violations, including situations involving wagering on professional sports and wagering on college sports at other institutions not involving the student-athlete's own sport. The committee also noted that student-athletes who wager on teams at their own institution, other than their own team, should still have meaningful withholding conditions; however, the committee believes a reduction from the previous starting point of permanent ineligibility down to sit-one-season, charge-two-seasons, is appropriate. The committee specifically noted that wagering on teams at

your own institution, even if not your own team, presumes an integrity concern given the unique nature of the shared experience of student-athletes on many Division I campuses including, but not limited to: shared living space; shared academic space; shared athletics facilities and training rooms; and shared student-athlete communication mediums. Deregulating the approach to sports wagering consequences for this category of violations would be a dangerous move that could undermine the credibility of college sports and expose student-athletes to greater risks of corruption, exploitation, and addiction. Further, the committee noted the current long-standing policy of prohibiting all forms of sports wagering applies equally to student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and staff. Reducing penalties for student-athletes while not taking a similar action for others governed by the same policy would create unnecessary confusion and inequitable application. Sports wagering can create conflicts of interest, compromise the fairness of competition, and undermine the educational mission of the NCAA. Finally, the committee affirmed its stance that student-athletes wagering on other sports at their institution is a situation that has the potential to compromise the integrity of competition and believes this behavior warrants a stringent outcome. These recommendations are based on the principle of protecting the integrity of college sports and the well-being of all participants. The newly amended guidelines continue to offer the opportunity for the committee and NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to review cases on an individual basis and consider the totality of the circumstances while recognizing the Association's continued emphasis on preserving the integrity of competition and student-athlete protections from third-party harassment.

Finally, the committee recommends that student-athletes who are reinstated after violating the NCAA sports wagering legislation also complete a gambling addiction/gambling risk awareness program during the academic year in which the violation is submitted and with oversight by the member institution.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will be provided the benefit of additional consideration of mitigating factors, as appropriate.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Future meetings.** The committee established the following future meeting dates and locations:

- December 4, 2023, videoconference; and
- May/June 2024 (exact date TBD), Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Rick Christensen, Duquesne University.
Vice Chair: Paia LaPalombara, The Ohio State University.
Staff Liaisons: Brad Rochman, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Jerry Vaughn, Academic and Membership Affairs.

NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement October 17, 2023, Meeting	
Attendees:	
	Rick Christensen, Duquesne University.
	Jason Greco, University of Utah.
	Paia LaPalombara, The Ohio State University.
	Terry Porter, Towson University.
	Marielle vanGelder, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
Absentees:	
	Ashley Cozad, University of North Florida (student-athlete).
NCAA Support Staff in Attendance:	
	Connor Bush, Jennifer Henderson, Sarah L’Hommedieu, Jess Rigler, Brad Rochman and Jerry Vaughn.