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Monthly Compliance Webinar

Sports Wagering – Can I or Can't I?

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Game Plan.

- A Brief Review of Yesterday.
- Rules and Resource.
- Can I or Can't I?
- I Can't, But I Did – Now What?
- Questions.



A Brief Review of Yesterday.



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Rules and Resource.



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Rules and Resource.

Bylaw 10.02.1 defines sports wagering activities.

Bylaw 10.02.2 defines a wager.

Bylaw 10.3 outlines the scope of the sports wagering rules.

January 6, 2007, Educational Column (in LSDBi) is super helpful when answering sports wagering questions.

- Title: Ethical Conduct -- Sports Wagering Activities.



Can I or Can't I?



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Can I Bet on the Kentucky Derby, NASCAR or Pickleball?

You can!

The sports wagering rules apply to institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in *sports in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.*



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I'm the Volunteer Assistant Equipment Manager, Can I Bet?

You can't!

The rules apply to...

Student-Athletes

Nonathletics Staff With Athletics Oversight

Conference Office Staff

Athletics Dept Staff



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Can My President Have a Wager With a Rival School?

They can!

Sports wagering rules are **not applicable** to traditional wagers between institutions (e.g., traditional rivalry) or in conjunction with particular contests (e.g., bowl games).



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Can Corey & Julie Have a Friendly Wager On A Round Of Golf?

We can!

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Can I Be In A March Madness Pool Where I Don't Pay To Enter, But Might Win A Prize?

You can!

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to *give up* an item of value in exchange for the *possibility of gaining* another item of value.

This scenario isn't a wager because you didn't give anything up.



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Can I Be In A Fantasy League Where I Pay To Enter But There's No Prize To Win?

You can!

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to *give up* an item of value in exchange for the *possibility of gaining* another item of value.

This scenario isn't a wager because there's no possibility to gain.



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Can I Be In A March Madness Pool Where I Pay To Get In And There's A Prize At The End?

You can't!

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to *give up* an item of value in exchange for the *possibility of gaining* another item of value.

This scenario *is* a wager because you gave up the entry fee and you have a possibility to win a prize.



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Can Our Team Sell Super Bowl Squares As A Fundraiser?

You can't!

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager of any type on any intercollegiate, amateur or *professional team* contest.

Since Super Bowl squares are specific to the outcome of a *professional* football game, this is a no-go.



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Can Our Team Use State Lottery Numbers For A Fundraiser?

You can!

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager of any type on any *intercollegiate, amateur or professional team contest*.

Since lotto numbers aren't related to sports, this can be permissible. Just make sure everything meets 12.5.1.1, including having all the \$ go directly to the institution.



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I Can't, But I Did – Now What?



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Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

Gather all of your facts!

- How much money was wagered/won?

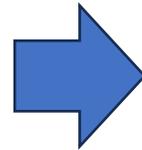
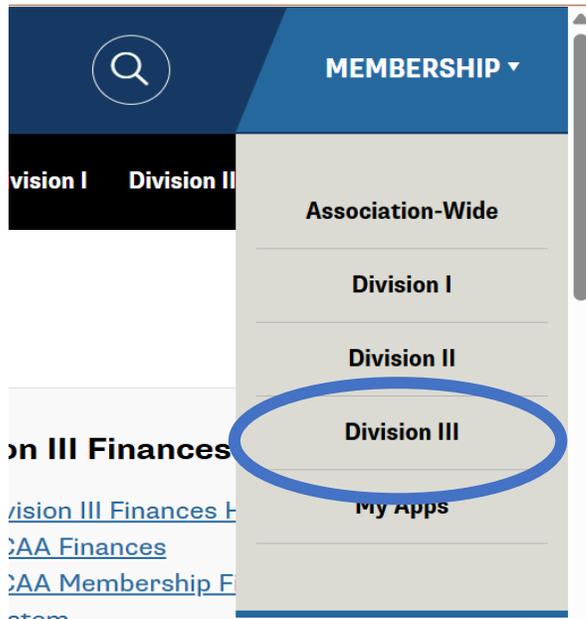
Any mitigation? What's the story?

Relevant case precedent



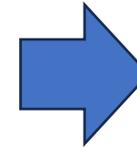
What Will The Outcome Be?

The Reinstatement Guidelines Are Here to Help!



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- [Division III Rules Test](#)
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SAR Guidelines for Case Analysis

- [Division I SAR Committee Guidelines](#)
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Reinstatement Guidelines.

All cases are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and the guidelines are starting points.

- Sports wagering rules & prevention education
- Based on the dollar value of the amount wagered, there could be a withholding condition.
- Repayment of any winnings.

For all other violations of Bylaw 10.3 (e.g., in-game betting, person-to-person wagers), the following guidelines shall apply (dollar value is cumulative amount wagered or risked):

- a. \$200 or less = participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
- b. Greater than \$200 to \$500 = 10% withholding condition and participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
- c. Greater than \$500 to \$800 = 20% withholding condition and participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
- d. Greater than \$800 = 30% withholding condition and participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
- e. In cases where the impermissible sports wagering activity greatly exceeds \$800, the committee directed staff to consider whether additional withholding may be appropriate. *(December 2011, affirmed May 2013, May 2023, updated May 2025)*
- f. In addition, for any violation where a student-athlete receives winnings associated with any sports wagering activity, the student-athlete must make repayment of full value received. *(December 2011, affirmed May 2013, affirmed May 2023)*
- g. If the student-athlete is determined to have been involved in a later violation of any portion of Bylaw 10.3, the committee directed staff to assess the student-athlete's situation to determine whether the student-athlete's actions warrant reinstatement. If it is determined that the student-athlete should be reinstated, the starting point is to charge the student-athlete with a season of participation and require the student-athlete participate in sports wagering rules and prevention education. *(May 2023, updated May 2025)*



A Different “Bucket” of Violations.

Integrity issues (point shaving, influence outcomes)

- Significant, including permanent eligibility.

Wager on your sport at another college institution?

- Starts at 50% withholding.



Questions.



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