

## NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION<sup>1</sup>

NCAA Member Institutions – Case No. 020420

September 10, 2025

### I. CASE SYNOPSIS

The NCAA enforcement staff believes a hearing panel of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions could conclude violations occurred pursuant to NCAA Bylaws 19.7.2 and 19.7.5.3 and Committee on Infractions Internal Operating Procedure (IOP) 4-7-1-2-2. The only involved individual, former California State University, Fresno, (Fresno State) men's basketball student-athlete Mykell Robinson (Robinson) is a non-participating party.

On January 17, 2025, a sports integrity monitoring service notified Fresno State and the enforcement staff that a Nevada sportsbook operator had flagged suspicious proposition (prop) bets on Robinson for Fresno State's January 7, 2025, men's basketball game against Colorado State University (Colorado State). Specifically, three prop bets were placed on Robinson for his under-line performance in several statistical categories. One bet was \$200 to win \$1,450; the second was \$800 to win \$5,800; and the third was \$1,200 to win \$8,700.

On January 23, 2025, Fresno State and the enforcement staff began a collaborative investigation, which included imaging Robinson's cellular phone. Communications on Robinson's phone substantiated that Robinson and former San Jose State University (San Jose State) men's basketball student-athlete Steven Vasquez (Vasquez), who was Robinson's roommate at Fresno State during the 2023-24 academic year, conspired to place bets on Robinson's under-line totals on points scored, rebounds, assists and three-pointers made during the January 7, 2025, Colorado State game for purposes of financial gain. Specifically, prior to the game, Robinson told his mother to transfer money via Apple Pay to Vasquez so Vasquez could coordinate a \$200 bet on Robinson's under-line on Robinson's behalf. Additionally, Vasquez and a sportsbook trader bet \$1,200 on Robinson's under-line to win \$8,700.<sup>2</sup> During the game, Robinson altered his performance, with three points scored, two rebounds, one three-pointer and no assists, to ensure the under-line bets won. After the game, Vasquez transferred a total of \$1,625 to Robinson via Robinson's mother, which included \$1,425 won from Robinson's \$200 bet Vasquez made on Robinson's behalf and an additional \$200 from Vasquez's own bet winnings.

Additionally, on June 24 and July 3, 2025, two daily fantasy sportsbook operators provided the enforcement staff information showing that Robinson placed 13 prop bets on himself totaling \$454 as part of different parlays on over and under-lines before other Fresno State men's basketball games on December 11, 28 and 31, 2024; and January 7 and 11, 2025. Robinson won \$618 on his own prop parlay bets.

On March 27, 2025, the enforcement staff made a request to the institution to interview Robinson. On April 2, 2025, Robinson advised the institution he would not participate in an

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<sup>1</sup> In reviewing this agreement, the hearing panel made editorial revisions pursuant to NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions (COI) Internal Operating Procedure (IOP) 4-7-1-2. These modifications did not affect the substance of the agreement.

<sup>2</sup> An unknown party placed the \$800 bet.

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interview. In June 2025, the enforcement staff attempted to contact Robinson directly on three occasions via email and phone calls to request an interview. Robinson did not respond. Robinson has one year of eligibility remaining.

On August 4, 2025, the enforcement staff provided Robinson with a confidentiality agreement to access the draft notice of allegations and an explanation of processing options. Robinson did not sign the agreement or access the draft notice of allegations. On August 8, 2025, Robinson advised the enforcement staff he would not participate in the processing of the case.

## **II. FINDINGS OF FACT, VIOLATIONS OF NCAA LEGISLATION AND VIOLATION LEVELS**

### **1. [NCAA Division I Manual Bylaws 10.01.1 and 10.3 (2024-25)] (Level I)<sup>3</sup>**

Between August 2024 and February 2025, Robinson participated in impermissible sports wagering activities, including betting on his own performance in intercollegiate competition to financially benefit himself and others. Specifically:

- a. On January 7, 2025, prior to Fresno State's basketball game against Colorado State, Robinson exchanged text messages with Vasquez regarding Robinson's plan to intentionally underperform during the game for purposes of placing and winning prop bets. Robinson coordinated with Vasquez to transfer \$200 from Robinson's mother to Vasquez so Vasquez could coordinate a bet on Robinson's behalf. Vasquez subsequently sent screen shots of three different prop bet slips to Robinson, including Robinson's individual \$200 bet, as well as an additional \$1,200 in bets by Vasquez and a third party. During the game, Robinson performed under the prop bets to ensure he, Vasquez and the third party won. In total, the \$2,200 in bets resulted in a payout of \$15,950. After the game, Vasquez coordinated with Robinson to transfer \$1,425 of the winnings to Robinson's mother. Additionally, on January 10, Vasquez provided \$200 from his own winnings to Robinson.
- b. From December 11, 2024, through January 11, 2025, Robinson placed 13 daily fantasy sports over-line and under-line prop bets on himself totaling \$454. Specifically:
  - (1) On December 11, 2024, prior to Fresno State's basketball game against Brigham Young University, Robinson placed two prop daily fantasy sports bets totaling \$20 on himself, taking the over-line for his rebounds as part of a five-leg parlay including himself, three men's basketball student-athletes at different

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<sup>3</sup> Because a student-athlete (and not a current or former institutional staff member) committed the violation alleged and is the named involved individual, the institution's portion of this case will be processed as Level III pursuant to Bylaw 19.1.1.

institutions and a professional hockey player, and a five-leg parlay including himself, three men's basketball student-athletes at different institutions and a professional basketball player. Robinson did not win any money on these bets.

- (2) On December 28, 2024, prior to Fresno State's basketball game against the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Robinson placed one \$20 daily fantasy sports prop bet on himself, taking the over-line for his rebounds as part of a four-leg parlay that included himself, Fresno State men's basketball student-athlete Jalen Weaver (Weaver) and two men's basketball student-athletes at different institutions. Before the game, Robinson told Weaver about the prop bet he placed on himself and Weaver. Robinson did not win any money on this bet.
- (3) Between December 29 through 31, 2024, prior to Fresno State's basketball game against the University of New Mexico, Robinson provided information to Weaver on different performance options for daily fantasy sports prop bets. Robinson then placed four prop bets totaling \$236 on himself, taking the over-line for his three pointers made, as part of (a) a two-person person parlay, including himself and a football student-athlete at a different institution; (b) a seven-leg parlay including himself, Weaver and five men's basketball student-athletes at different institutions; (c) a six-leg parlay including himself, Weaver and four men's basketball student-athletes at different institutions; and (d) a two-leg parlay including himself and a men's basketball student-athlete at a different institution. Robinson won \$618.
- (4) On January 7, 2025, prior to Fresno State's basketball game against Colorado State, Robinson placed three prop daily fantasy sports bets totaling \$65 on himself, taking the under-line for points, rebounds, assists and steals, as part of several four-leg parlays including: (a) himself, two other men's basketball student-athletes at different institutions and a professional hockey player; (b) himself and three other professional men's basketball players; and (c) himself and three other men's basketball student-athletes at different institutions. Robinson did not win any money on these bets.
- (5) On January 11, 2025, prior to Fresno State's basketball game against the University of Nevada, Reno, Robinson placed three prop daily fantasy sports bets totaling \$113 on himself, taking the over-line for his rebounds as part of (a) a three-leg parlay including himself, one men's basketball student-athlete at a different institution and a professional football player; (b) a five-leg parlay including himself, three men's basketball student-athletes at different

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institutions and a professional football player; and (c) a four-leg parlay including himself and three other men's basketball student-athletes at different institutions. Robinson did not win any money on these bets.

2. [NCAA Division I Manual Bylaws 19.2.1, 19.2.1-(d), 19.2.2, 19.2.2-(a) and 19.2.2-(b) (2024-25)] (Level I)

From March 27 through June 24, 2025, Robinson failed to cooperate with the enforcement staff when he refused to participate in an interview with the institution and enforcement staff.

### **III. OTHER VIOLATIONS OF NCAA LEGISLATION SUBSTANTIATED; NOT ALLEGED**

None.

### **IV. REVIEW OF OTHER ISSUES**

None.

### **V. PARTIES TO THE CASE**

Robinson declined to participate in the case.

### **VI. AGREEMENTS<sup>4</sup>**

The enforcement staff believes this case can be processed through the NCAA negotiated resolution process as outlined in Bylaw 19.10 and pursuant to Committee on Infractions IOP 4-7-1-2-2, and a hearing panel comprised of members of the Committee on Infractions will review the negotiated resolution.

The enforcement staff notified the involved nonparticipating party of the following:

- The negotiated resolution contains findings of fact of NCAA violations based on information available at this time.

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<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to Committee on Infractions IOP 4-7-1-2-2, after appropriate notice from the enforcement staff, a party who knowingly chooses not to participate in the negotiated resolution process, and who does not contest or otherwise respond to the allegations, shall be in default and their non-participation shall be viewed as acceptance of the terms of the agreement. The hearing panel may approve the negotiated resolution in the defaulting party's absence.

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- Nothing in this resolution precludes the enforcement staff from investigating additional information about potential rules violations.
- Pursuant to Bylaw 19.1.2, the violations identified in this agreement occurred and should be classified as Level I.
- This negotiated resolution may be voidable by the Committee on Infractions if any of the involved parties were aware or become aware of information that materially alters the factual information on which this negotiated resolution is based.
- The hearing panel, subsequent to its review of the negotiated resolution, may reject the negotiated resolution.
- Should the hearing panel reject the negotiated resolution, the hearing panel will issue instructions for processing of the case pursuant to hearing resolution (Bylaw 19.8) or limited resolution (Bylaw 19.9) and prior agreed-upon terms of the rejected negotiated resolution will not be binding.
- Should a hearing panel approve the negotiated resolution, there are no NCAA hearing and appellate opportunities.

### **VII. DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS APPROVAL**

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 19.10.1, the panel approves the resolution. The panel's review of this resolution is limited. Panels may only reject a negotiated resolution agreement if the agreement is not in the best interests of the Association or if the agreed-upon penalties are manifestly unreasonable. *See* Bylaw 19.10.4. In this case, the panel determines the uncontested facts and violations are appropriate for this process. Pursuant to Bylaw 19.10.6, this resolution has no precedential value.

NCAA COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS PANEL

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