



## SPORTS WAGERING FAQ AUGUST 2018

**1. What is the impact of the recent Supreme Court ruling that allows for legalized sports wagering on existing NCAA rules?**

There is no direct impact on the NCAA Bylaws. The Association continues to prohibit sports wagering. NCAA rules, common to all three divisions, currently prohibit student-athletes, coaches, conference office staff members, institutional athletics staff members, and nonathletics department institutional staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports) from betting on amateur, collegiate and professional sports in which the NCAA conducts a championship.

There is also a prohibition on the provision of information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities.

[NCAA Bylaws referenced: 10.02.1, 10.02.2, 10.3, 10.3.1 and 10.3.1.1]

**2. What will happen if a student-athlete violates existing sport wagering prohibitions?**

Student-athletes found in violation of NCAA sports wagering rules will be ineligible for competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. The appropriate penalties will be considered on a case-by-case basis based on the division's student-athlete reinstatement sports wagering penalty guidelines.

[NCAA Bylaws referenced: 10.4]

**3. What will happen to a staff member who violates existing sport wagering prohibitions?**

Institutional staff members found in violation of NCAA sports wagering rules will be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as outlined in the rules governing the NCAA infractions process.

[NCAA Bylaws referenced: 10.4 (Divisions I, II and III); 19.9 (Division I); and 19.5 (Division II and III)]

**4. What should campuses be doing to educate their student-athletes and staff?**

NCAA member institutions should continue to educate their student-athletes and staff about eligibility, integrity of the game, and student-athlete well-being issues impacted by sports wagering. NCAA rules also require student-athletes to sign the student-athlete statement each year that includes a section regarding the student-athlete's involvement in gambling. Additionally, NCAA Division I rules require that institutional basketball and football camps include an educational session related to gambling and other topics (e.g., agents, drug use, initial-eligibility, etc.).

The NCAA national office will also be developing enhanced educational offerings on sports wagering during the 2018-19 academic year.

**5. What resources are available for those who seek help for problem gambling behaviors?**

National Council on Problem Gambling ([www.ncpgambling.org](http://www.ncpgambling.org)):  
Help line: (phone) [1-800-522-4700](tel:1-800-522-4700) or (text) [1-800-522-4700](tel:1-800-522-4700).