

## Gambling and Bribery

It is hoped that you, as a student-athlete, will never be approached in an attempt to involve you in a gambling or bribery situation. However, on many campuses today students have become involved in organized gambling activities. The results of this involvement have been both severe and tragic, not only for the individual, but the entire University athletics program.

Be aware that the gambling industry is constantly seeking sources for information. It is possible that you may be approached and questioned about the condition and attitude of other team players. You may be asked to alter a game in some manner and be offered favors for doing so. If this occurs, **you must report the incident to your coach** immediately. The University and the Athletics Department are committed to combating all forms of gambling and bribery. Gambling is one of the major sources of revenue for organized crime as well as individuals involved in betting activities. Operators need inside information to set the betting line or odds. An attempt to procure this information through bribery of a sports participant is a felony.

**You should keep in mind that your participation in gambling interests, even in the most minor fashion, may jeopardize your athletic career.** Because of the extreme importance of this problem, you are asked to observe these guidelines:

- Report to your coach any attempt to secure information concerning situations which might alter the normal performance of your team.
- You are required by both the department and NCAA to report any individual who offers gifts, money, or favors in exchange for supplying information or for attempting to alter the outcome of any contest.
- Be aware of the legalities of gambling at an institutional and state level. Understand that the consequences at the University level may be expulsion and that the University will also assist with the enforcement of federal, state, and local anti-bribery laws.

**Any of the following activities may render a student-athlete ineligible** or result in severe disciplinary action:

- Accepting any money from a “fan” for a game “well played.”
- Attempting to sell your complimentary tickets.
- Discussing the condition, morale, or attitude of your team with anyone other than your teammates or coaches.
- Accepting a bet or bribe, or agreeing to throw, fix, or influence illegally the outcome of any intercollegiate athletics contest.
- Participating through a bookmaker in any gambling activity involving intercollegiate athletics.

**Student-athletes shall not knowingly:** (NCAA Bylaw 10.3)

- Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition;
- Solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team;
- Accept a bet on any team representing the institution;
- Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value; or
- Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, a parlay card, or any other method employed by organized gambling.

### **PAC-10 CONFERENCE STATEMENT (5/26/95)**

There is genuine and growing concern today in higher education and intercollegiate athletics about the increase in **gambling activity** in the United States and the numerous attempts of **sports agents** and their assistants to circumvent the rules of amateurism of college athletics.

Increased opportunities for gambling mean more participants, more losers of personally devastating amounts of money, and more individuals vulnerable to pressures or suggestions that such losses could be recovered by influencing the outcome of athletic contests.

With the advent of very large professional athletics salaries has come a large group of sports agents and would-be agents, accompanied frequently by intense competition and unprofessional conduct, attempting to sign college student-athletes to representation agreements.

Inducements which professionalize student-athletes often are offered. The basketball team of one Pac-10 member had its NCAA Championship prospects severely damaged by such activities this year.

The Pac-10 Conference recognizes that gambling is legal in some jurisdictions, but still regards the activity as a threat to the integrity of intercollegiate athletics. Gambling has the unfortunate potential of destroying lives of young men and women student-athletes.

The right of any college student to leave college for any reason, including professional athletics, is acknowledged, but the Conference regrets the loss of educational opportunity and degree success which often results, and decries the disregarding of college rules, with dire consequences for teams and other athletes, by agents who have only personal gain as an objective.

The Conference solicits all who coach, administer, participate in, or appreciate college athletics to support efforts to keep gambling-related activities away from college athletics, to warn of gambling dangers, and to advance attempts to prevent agents from causing damage to intercollegiate athletics competition. It calls for laws restricting agents to be passed in more states, to be made more restrictive in others, and to be vigorously enforced in all.

Changes in society's morals inevitably pressure many traditions and enterprises. College athletics seems particularly susceptible to the effects of such changes. The Pac-10 will continue efforts to affect positive changes in the exceptional athletics programs of its member institutions.