

The University of Tulsa Athletics Compliance

NCAA Bylaw 10.3 - Sports Wagering Activities





Bylaw 10.3 Application

- Bylaw 10.3.1 states:

“The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (Intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship.”
- This does not include casinos or animal races (horses, dogs), though all forms of gambling are highly discouraged.



Bylaw 10.3

- Student-athletes, Conference staff members, Athletics staff members and Nonathletics staff members who have athletics responsibilities may not:
 - Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate 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 a tangible value; or
 - Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.



What This Means

- No placing bets on sports in person, over the phone or online
- No sharing information about your team with **ANYONE** involved with sports wagering.
 - Any information that could impact someone's wager (injuries, team morale, new game plans, etc.)



What This Means

- No involvement with fantasy sports or sports “pools” where an entry fee is required and/or a prize is awarded to the winner.
 - Includes “March Madness” brackets
 - Includes “Auction” bets where teams are picked based on their highest bid
 - Does not include fantasy sports where no entry fee is required and no prize is awarded.



Sports Wagering

- Penalty for placing bets on professional and collegiate sports (not involving your institution):
 - First violation: One-year suspension and loss of one season of eligibility
 - Second violation: Permanent loss of all remaining eligibility in all sports.
- Potential Legal ramifications – Sports wagering is illegal in every state but Nevada
- Professional ramifications – As an administrator, sports wagering lead to losing your job



Sports Wagering Activities

- **Point Shaving**

- Purposely influencing the score and/or outcome of the game for a benefit
- Ex: Keeping your team from covering the point spread to win a bet or help others win a bet
- Ruins the integrity of the competition
- Point Shaving is also illegal in all states



Sports Wagering Activities

- Penalty for “point shaving” and/or betting on any team from your institution:

**Permanent loss of ALL
remaining eligibility in ALL
sports**



Sports Wagering Activities

- **Warning Signs of Gambling Trouble**

- Skipping team/family meals or work gatherings to gamble;
- Gambling alone or in secret;
- Interest in little-known or little-publicized games;
- Gambling with money needed for bills;
- Lying, stealing or borrowing to get money to gamble;
- Continuing to gamble in an effort to make back what you lost;
- Gambling to fight feeling depressed or to celebrate



Sports Wagering Activities

- **How should we deal with gambling?**
 - Step 1: Understand that gambling occurs everywhere, including on campus.
 - We can't control every aspect of what happens on our campus or with students, faculty and staff.
 - Widespread growth of internet gambling makes sports wagering quick and easy.
 - If it can happen in small towns or with small universities, it can happen anywhere.
 - Higher percentages of DII and DIII athletes gamble than DI



Sports Wagering Activities

- **How should we deal with gambling?**
 - Step 2: Provide both rules-based and consequence-based education
 - Even if students know that gambling violates the NCAA rules, some will likely continue gambling
 - The best thing we can do is make sure student athletes understand what they are risking so they can make an informed choice.
 - Personal and social consequences (addiction, lost friends) and Punative consequences (punishment for breaking laws and NCAA bylaws)

Sports Wagering Activities

- **How should we deal with gambling?**
 - Step 3: Let student athletes, coaches and administrators know that there is help available.
 - On-campus and/or local support
 - Alexander Health Center (918-631-2241)
 - TU Compliance (918-631-3507)
 - Tulsa Gamblers Anonymous Meetings (5 meetings on 5 different days within 7 miles of campus)
 - National organizations
 - National Council on Problem Gambling
 - Gamblers Anonymous