DEALING WITH AGENTS
INFORMATION TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR ELIGIBILITY

**DO**

- **DO** talk to your coaches or the compliance office about a future professional athletics career before talking with any sports agents.
- **DO** conduct research into the educational and professional backgrounds of potential agents.
- **DO** request information from a professional team or organization concerning your professional market value.
- **DO** speak with a financial advisor independent of an agent.
- **DO** explore the possibility of disability insurance to protect against future losses in the event of an injury.
- **DO** contact the compliance office if you are unsure about any agent issues.
- **DO** consider the possibility of forfeiting your collegiate eligibility when dealing with any agents – always remain cautious!

**DO NOT**

- **DO NOT** accept any kind of benefits from an agent (including transportation, money, and gifts, regardless of value).
- **DO NOT** let friends or relatives accept any kind of benefits from an agent on your behalf – it will impact your eligibility.
- **DO NOT** agree (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing your athletics ability or reputation if you wish to retain your collegiate eligibility.
- **DO NOT** participate in a tryout with a professional team or permit a professional team to conduct a medical examination during any part of the academic year.
- **DO NOT** agree (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent in the future after your eligibility has ended.
- **DO NOT** have anyone (including a coach or other member of athletics staff) directly or indirectly market your athletics ability or reputation to a professional organization.
- **DO NOT** accept benefits or preferential treatment because of your future potential as a professional athlete.
- **DO NOT** allow a lawyer or any “representative” to be present if you decide to meet with a professional sports organization (such presence is considered representation by an agent).