SOUTHERN MISS GUIDELINES FOR AGENTS
This guide has been developed by the Southern Miss Department of Athletics to educate individuals who are interested in representing Southern Miss student-athletes in professional sports negotiations. A copy of this guide will be distributed to all Southern Miss coaches, administrators and student-athletes. Included in the guide are Southern Miss policies, NCAA Bylaws, and the Mississippi Athlete Agents Act. Adherence by all parties to the regulations herein is required in order to receive assistance from the Department of Athletics. Due to the complexity of NCAA rules and Mississippi statutes, this guide should not serve as the exclusive source concerning your activity. It is recommended by the Department of Athletics that you contact the Athletics Compliance Office at 601-266-5485 to discuss the application of NCAA rules and athletic department guidelines.

SOUTHERN MISS REGULATIONS
NCAA legislation identifies institutional control of athletics as a fundamental requirement. The NCAA constitution provides that each institution must monitor its athletics program to ensure compliance with NCAA rules and regulations. All sports agents interested in representing Southern Miss student-athletes must adhere to the following institutional rules as set forth by The University of Southern Mississippi Department of Athletics:

1. Agents must register with the Southern Miss Department of Athletics prior to contacting student-athletes.
   Complete and return the Sports Agent Registration form via email to southernmisscompliance@usm.edu or by mail to:
   Southern Miss Department of Athletics
   ATTN: Sports Agent Registration, Box 5017.
   The form may be downloaded from the Compliance page at www.southernmiss.com or requested by calling the Southern Miss Athletic Compliance Office at 601-266-5485.

2. Agents must be properly licensed by the State of Mississippi.
   All agents who are interested in representing Southern Miss student-athletes are requested to provide a copy of their State of Mississippi agent license in addition to the information requested on the Southern Miss Sports Agent Registration form. Registration with the State is required by law under the Mississippi Athlete Agents Act. Agents may register online at www.sos.ms.gov.

3. Southern Miss student-athletes may have contact with sports agents with the prior approval of Anthony Martinez, Director of Athletic Compliance.
   It is not permissible for agents to contact Southern Miss student-athletes or their relatives by phone or in-person without the approval of the Athletics Compliance Office. Any contact with these individuals prior to providing written notification to the University is prohibited by the Athlete Agents Act. Doing so may result in civil and/or criminal prosecution.
   NOTE: Those not in compliance with this request will be included on a list of “NON-APPROVED AGENTS” distributed to Southern Miss student-athletes by the Southern Miss Department of Athletics.
4. All written correspondence from properly-registered agents should be sent directly to the designated person named below and will be distributed at the discretion of the Department of Athletics Athlete-Agent Contact.

Send all written correspondence in duplicate to:
Department of Athletics Agent Committee
c/o Anthony Martinez, Box 5017.
The original will be kept on file in the Department of Athletics Agent File. The copy will be given to the student-athlete. Correspondence will be forwarded to a student-athlete at the appropriate time as determined by of the Department of Athletics Agent Contact.

DO NOT request the address or telephone number of a student-athlete. Such information is not distributed to the public.

NCAA BYLAWS
12.3.1 General Rule
An individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she ever has agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport. Further, an agency contract not specifically limited in writing to a sport or particular sports shall be deemed applicable to all sports, and the individual shall be ineligible to participate in any sport.

12.3.1.1 Representation for Future Negotiations
An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if he or she enters into a verbal or written agreement with an agent for representation in future professional sports negotiations that are to take place after the individual has completed his or her eligibility in that sport.

12.3.1.2 Benefits from Prospective Agents
An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if he or she (or his or her relatives or friends) accepts transportation or other benefits from:

(a) Any person who represents any individual in the marketing of his or her athletics ability. The receipt of such expenses constitutes compensation based on athletics skill and is an extra benefit not available to the student body in general; or

(b) An agent, even if the agent has indicated that he or she has no interest in representing the student-athlete in the marketing of his or her athletics ability or reputation and does not represent individuals in the student-athlete’s sport.