Compliance in the News:

The University of Richmond recently suspended 5 baseball student-athletes for placing wagers on Fantasy Football this past fall. The student-athletes will remain suspended until they are reinstated by the NCAA. The NCAA defines a wager as any agreement in which an individual agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or Fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required. This would also include any bracket challenges in which an entry fee is required (see next page).

Spring Break Housing Notice:

If you live on-campus, your residence hall will be closing on Friday, March 10 at 6:00 P.M. and will remain closed until Sunday, March 19 at 8:00 A.M. If you are planning on staying on-campus during the break, you need to reserve a spot in Wilber Hall ASAP by going to https://forms.usm.edu/reslife-housing/view.php?id=13430.

Please remember to log on to your ARMs account on a routine basis and sign-off on any “Countable Activity Log Approval” forms that have been assigned to you. Although this might seem tedious, your feedback is vitally important to make sure the coaches are staying within the student-athlete time demands.
March Madness is just around the corner. Every year, College Basketball takes center stage in the sports world for a month. Brackets are made, and brackets are broken. It is permissible for you to fill out a bracket, just make sure no wagers (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) are placed on your bracket. You can enter bracket challenges that award prizes, so long as no entry fee (or other item of value) is required. Do NOT put your eligibility in jeopardy! #DontBetOnIt

**Bylaw in the Spotlight: 10.3 Sports Wagering Activities**

The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering or provide information to individuals involved or associated with any types of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur, or professional athletics competition:

- Staff members of an institution’s athletic department
- Nonathletic department staff members who have responsibilities w/ athletic department
- Staff members of a conference office
- Student-athletes

**Compliance Corner:**

The NCAA prohibits student-athletes from selling any equipment or memorabilia that has been given to them for their participation in college athletics. NCAA bylaw 16.11.2.4 states “An item received for participation in intercollegiate athletics may not be sold or exchanged for another item of value.” This not only includes, clothing, shoes and equipment, but also memorabilia and awards such as championship rings and trophies. For example, in 2010 five Ohio State football student-athletes were suspended for five games stemming from the sale of Big Ten championship rings, trophies and other miscellaneous items from substantial regular season victories. The students were responsible for paying back the amount of money received for the items that were sold for cash. The rule also applies when trading for an item other than money. In that case, some of the memorabilia was traded for discounted prices on goods and services such as tattoos. In the end, selling their memorabilia ultimately cost the involved student-athletes almost half of their season and several thousand dollars.