

The Ram Rules
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A newsletter designed to educate University of North Carolina student-athletes about NCAA rules. *As a UNC student-athlete, it is YOUR responsibility to review the contained information to preserve your eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics.*

With the NCAA basketball tournaments beginning, please remember that NCAA regulations prohibit athletics department staff members, student-athletes, and other individuals associated with intercollegiate athletics (e.g., Chancellors, Faculty Athletics Representatives) from participating in any gambling activities. **This precludes your participation in NCAA Tournament Bracket Pools, even if the cost is minimal (e.g., \$5.00 pools).** If there is ANY entry fee for you to participate and the opportunity to potentially win cash or a prize at the end, your participation would violate NCAA rules and subject you to penalties, which could include losing your eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics!

Please note that this prohibition does not apply to contests held by certain websites (e.g., www.espn.com), which has a bracket contest that is free of charge. Since there is no fee associated with this contest, it would be permissible for you to participate, even though there is the opportunity for a prize at the end.

We ask that you take approximately 15 minutes to view the video found at the below website. This video was created by the NCAA in an effort to further educate student-athletes on the perils of gambling.

<http://dontbetonit.org/>

As you know, the Department of Athletics takes a strong stance against gambling. Please do not take this regulation lightly.

Thanks for your attention to this matter. Please contact the Compliance Office (962-6000) if you have any questions.

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