Don’t Bet On It!

With March Madness coming soon, we wanted to take this time to remind all coaches and administrators of the NCAA’s stance on gambling.

- The NCAA membership has adopted specific rules prohibiting athletics department staff members and student-athletes from engaging in gambling activities as they relate to amateur, intercollegiate or professional sporting events (includes both practice and competitions).
- Sports wagering is defined as putting something at risk, such as an entry fee, with the opportunity to win something in return. Because of this, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize.

1. Can I just wager a non-monetary item like a meal, item or drink?
   No, any item of value may not be wagered.

2. Can I bet on non sport events such as table games, horse racing, or dog races?
   Yes, sport wagering legislation only pertains to sports that are sponsored by the NCAA.

3. If SJSU does not sponsor the sport does the wagering restrictions still apply?
   Yes, despite whether or not SJSU sponsors the sport it is impermissible to wager on an NCAA sponsored event.

4. What are some examples of prohibited sports wagering activities?
   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 and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

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Compliance Brain Busters

1. Who must receive amateur certification prior to participation?:
   A. Incoming Freshman
   B. Continuing SJSU Students who are First-Time Participants
   C. Transfer Students
   D. All of the Above

2. A travel day may be used as an off day from CARA, so long as no athletically related activities occur.
   True
   False

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Quote of the Month

"A failure establishes only this, that our determination to succeed was not strong enough." - John Christian Bovee

Reporting Violations

As an employee at an NCAA Institution, you are required to report any knowledge of suspected or known violations of NCAA rules to the Compliance Office, your Department Head, Head Coach and/or the Athletic Director. Individuals who fail to report suspected or known violations of NCAA rules are in violation of 10.1 ethical conduct, which carries harsh penalties, including, but not limited to dismissal or suspension.

Bylaw 10.1 – Unethical Conduct: Unethical conduct by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former institutional staff member, which includes any individual who performs work for the institution or the athletics department even if he or she does not receive compensation for such work, may include, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Refusal to furnish information relevant to an investigation of a possible violation of an NCAA regulation when requested to do so by the NCAA or the individual's institution;
(b) Knowingly furnishing or knowingly influencing others to furnish the NCAA or the individual's institution false or misleading information concerning an individual's involvement in or knowledge of matters relevant to a possible violation of an NCAA regulation;
(c) Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or an institution's admissions office regarding an individual's academic record (e.g., schools attended, completion of coursework, grades and test scores);
(d) Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or the institution's athletics department regarding an individual's amateur status.

Brain Buster Answers

Compliance Education Sessions

Look for an announcement from Liz Jarnigan at the end of March, beginning of April, regarding the scheduling of the SJSU Admissions/NCAA Initial Eligibility Summit, which will take place in April. ALL coaching staff members, including Head Coaches, will be required to attend this Summit.

Interpretation Questions and Answers

**Question:** Can a coach bring in an outside consultant such as a sport psychologist to speak with the team and not offer any coaching advice. **Answer:** Yes, an NCAA Staff Interpretation on 7/2/2003 states that it is permissible for a sport to utilize a sport psychologist on its staff without counting the sport psychologist as a countable coach. This is permissible so long as the sport psychologist does not provide any coaching activities. If the meeting with the consultant is required, the activity must be counted as CARA.

**Question:** Can a coach speak at a banquet at which prospects are in attendance but takes place at a site other than a high school? **Answer:** Yes, per Bylaw 13.1.8.2, in all sports, a coach may speak at a meeting/banquet at which prospects are present as long as it is not during a dead period, the coach does not initiate the speaking engagement, there is no recruiting presentation, the coach does not have direct contact with the prospects or his/her family, and the coach does not conduct any evaluation activities.

**Question:** Is it permissible to pickup/drop off a recruit at the airport for an unofficial visit? **Answer:** No, per Bylaw 13.5.3, it is impermissible for an institution to provide any travel expenses during an unofficial visit. The only exception is to provide transportation to an off-campus competition site or regularly used practice site, in which a coach must be present.