



## **OP 01.02: SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES**

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Operating Policy and Procedure (OP) is to ensure compliance with National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) legislation regarding sports wagering activities, to outline the University's expectations of its students, employees, representatives, and agents regarding such activities, and to provide awareness to the University community of its responsibilities regarding sports wagering activities.

### **POLICY:**

Pursuant to NCAA legislation, the following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition:

- a. Employees or representatives of the University's Athletics Department;
- b. Non-athletics department employees who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., President, faculty athletics representative, any individuals to whom athletics reports); and
- c. Student-athletes.

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. 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 any entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize. A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women. The prohibition also applies even if sports wagering is permitted by state or federal law.

In addition, all employees, officials, representatives and agents of the University are prohibited from sharing sensitive information (e.g., academic or disciplinary status of a student-athletes, injury or medical status of a student-athlete, etc.) not otherwise available to the general public that may directly or indirectly impact sports wagering activities unless there is a legitimate educational or lawful purpose for providing such information and the recipient of the information has a legitimate, lawful purpose for receiving the information.

It is also violation of this policy to aid, abet or assist another to violate this policy; to influence another to violate the policy by means of coercion, duress, fraud, or intimidation; or, attempt to do any of the acts prohibited by this policy.

Any individual who violates this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the University or termination of employment.

**REVIEW:**

This OP will be reviewed every four (4) years or whenever circumstances require an earlier review by the Director of Athletics.

This policy has been superseded.

**REVIEWED BY:**

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Director of Athletics

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/s/ Mark Keenum  
President

08/27/2018  
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This policy has been superseded.