NCAA SPORTS BETTING TOPICS 2023



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Integrity and Sports Betting Issues

Recent news around collegiate sports betting issues raises awareness and concerns.

- Issues are not new, the environment is.
- 15 integrity related issues over last 50 years.
- Harassment concerns.
- Sports betting case increases in:
 - Student Athlete Reinstatement (SAR) and Enforcement.
 - Betting on own school: (a) same and (b) different sports;
 - Alleged inside information violations;
 - Student-athlete solicited by third-party to match-fix.



SPORTS WAGERING GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Student-athlete Well-being

- Social media and in-venue harassment.
 - Mental health.
- Peer-to-peer betting pressure.
- Game manipulation or inside information pressure.
- Advocacy.
- NCAA Eligibility.

Integrity of NCAA Competition

- Integrity service and monitoring
- Source and relationship development.
- Education and awareness.
 - Advocacy.

Integrity Initiatives

Integrity Services and Monitoring:

- Integrity monitor reviews 13,000 contests annually;
- Background screening of 19,000 officials and education.
- Relationships:
 - Developing and furthering relationships with key industry stakeholders like state regulators, law enforcement, proleagues, vendors, sportsbooks.

Integrity Initiatives

Awareness and Education

- E-Learning module October 2023
- NCAA and institutions provides education to teams, administrators and coaches, conferences, and officials on the potential dangers of sports betting.

Advocacy

- Mandatory collaboration between states and governing bodies.
- Prohibited bettor concepts.

Well-being Initiatives

Signify

Championship social media screening

Education

- Epic Risk Management; in-person lived experience problem gambling education to approximately 150 institutions/20,000 student-athletes per year;
- Institutions partner with education providers to assist in messaging.

Advocacy

• Harassment protections and prohibited bettor concepts.



Well-being Initiatives

Rules and Policies Review

- SAR review;
- Legislation review.
- Mental Health
 - SSI Mental Health Advisory Group discussing mental health best practices, including social media concerns.

Research

- Market study gathered data on 18–22-year-olds' sports betting behaviors;
- Initiated broad based survey of 20K student-athletes gambling behaviors.

Key Points, Takeaways, and Questions

- Sports betting harms do not favor NCAA divisions.
- Societal issue not just a bylaw 10.3 issue.
- Continuous education and awareness are critical.
- Creativity is key.
- Quest for profit outpaces RG efforts.
- Are we:
 - Adept at recognizing problem gambling behaviors?
 - Prepared to support students and staff through education and infrastructure across campus?

Thank You

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