



COMPLIANCE WEEKLY UPDATE

SPORTS WAGERING

If a student-athlete bets on sports, they can lose their eligibility.

If an athletics staff member bets on sports, they can lose their job!

It is an **NCAA violation**, and a potential federal crime, to wager on sports.

Wager = A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., Cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member’s or student-athlete’s own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest of a sport sponsored by the NCAA.

RISK + REWARD = VIOLATION

Without either/or, it is permissible to participate.

Possible Scenario	Permissible?
Facebook will have a bracket contest. You do not pay an entry fee, but there is a prize for the winner.	YES
You enter a bracket pool where each participant must enter \$5 and the winner gets all or a portion of the money collected as a prize.	NO
Your friend wants to make a friendly wager: if their team makes it to the Final Four, you have to buy them dinner and if their team doesn’t make it, dinner is on them.	NO
As a coach, you organized a scrimmage at practice and the team decides that the losing team will buy ice cream for the winning team.	NO
You’re in a fantasy league where each entrant must pay \$15. None of the winnings go to any participant of the league, and instead ALL the winnings goes to a charity.	YES
You and someone outside of Dartmouth Athletics are playing a round of golf. Each hole you play has different opportunities to bet/earn money (e.g., Lonest drive, closest to the pin, lowest score, etc.).	NO
There is a free, online contest where you can pick your favorite professional tennis player and if she does well in the tournament, you win a prize each round she wins.	YES

If situations arise that you are unsure of, be sure to check with compliance!