

# **SPORTS WAGERING**

## **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Within intercollegiate sports programs at the NCAA Division I level, the University of Evansville seeks to operate with the greatest integrity and fair play in athletic competition. Because the state of Indiana allows Sports Wagering on certain NCAA Division I sports, the general public may lawfully place Sports Wagers on University of Evansville's Division I sports teams and student-athletes in this state, as well as other states that allow collegiate Sports Wagering.

The University of Evansville prohibits student-athletes, coaches, athletic staff and those students and others that have responsibility within or over the athletic departments, including the members of the President's Council and the University President, from placing, accepting or soliciting a Sports Wager (on one's own behalf or on behalf of others) on any sport that is sponsored by the NCAA. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, any such Sports Wager that is:

- Placed, accepted or solicited on any NCAA sponsored sport, including professional level teams of a sport sponsored by the NCAA (ex. NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL, WNBA, MLS).
- Placed, accepted or solicited on any University of Evansville team, student-athlete or coach, whether in favor or against the team, student-athlete or coach.
- Placed, accepted or solicited on a pre-game or in-play basis
- Placed, accepted or solicited in any U.S. state or territory or in any other country
- Placed, accepted or solicited in person, online or via an application or betting intermediary
- Legal or illegal

Faculty and staff members found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate employment discipline, up to and including termination of employment.

Students found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate discipline under the guidelines of the University of Evansville Student Handbook.

In addition to the foregoing, certain faculty, staff, students and student-athletes may be subject to additional prohibitions under the NCAA's rules or Indiana state law beyond those noted in this policy.

## **REASON FOR THIS POLICY**

As wagering on college sports is legalized in more states and becomes more accessible via online applications, the University of Evansville endeavors to promote fair play, the integrity of competition and the well-being of student-athletes, coaches and others connected to its athletic programs. University of Evansville student-athletes, coaches, athletic staff and those students and others that have responsibility within or over the athletic departments, including the members of the President's Council and the University President, may be afforded greater access to information about the University's teams, student-athletes and coaches that could impact the outcome of competitions. When we refrain from placing Sports Wagers, we:

- i. Reduce the potential for deceit and ill-gotten gain,
- ii. Demonstrate respect and support of our student-athletes and lessen the potential for any of them to feel compromised, self-conscious or inhibited in the ordinary course of their activities as students or athletes, and

- iii. Protect members of the University community from any inference or profiteering from inside information, exercising undue influence or other improper conduct.

## **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

***[Indiana Gaming Commission information on sports wagering](#)***

***[NCAA official statement on college sports betting](#)***

***[NCAA publications \(links to division manuals\)](#)***