



XAVIER UNIVERSITY

Prohibiting Participation in Sports Wagering

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Responsible University Office: Human Resources and Student Affairs

Responsible Executive: Vice President for Administration

Scope: All students, faculty, and staff, as well as contractors, employees of contractors, and volunteers who provide any services to the Xavier University Department of Athletics, Xavier University's intercollegiate athletic teams, and/or student athletes. ("Prohibited Persons").

A. REASON FOR POLICY

Many states where Xavier University's intercollegiate athletic teams may compete have enacted legislation making lawful Sports Wagering on certain NCAA Division I sports. Xavier University establishes this policy prohibiting Sports Wagering, even where legalized, to promote and honor fair play in intercollegiate athletics; to avoid any inference of or actual profiteering from inside information, exercising undue influence, or other improper conduct; to protect our student athletes who are deemed especially vulnerable to manipulation because of their accessibility, age, and role at Xavier; to uphold the integrity of athletic competitions that Xavier student athletes participate in; and to hold ourselves to a standard of honesty, integrity and good sportsmanship beyond reproach for each other and as a model to our students.

B. POLICY

Xavier University's Prohibited Persons are not permitted to make or place a Sports Wager on their own behalf or on behalf of others, or ask another to make or place a Sports Wager on their own behalf or on behalf of others, on any athletic event or contest (including practices) in which a Xavier University intercollegiate athletic team and/or student athlete participates. Similarly, Prohibited Persons may not knowingly disclose nonpublic information regarding Xavier University intercollegiate athletic teams and/or student athletes for the purpose of influencing Sports Wager activities by any third person. Student athletes and those employees

associated with the Athletic Department are also subject to certain prohibitions by the NCAA and the Big East Conference, which are hereby incorporated. In case of discrepancies, the rule most prohibitive of Sports Wagering and supporting the reasons for this Policy governs. Employees (including student employees) are also bound to confidentiality and privacy by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and other such privacy policies of Xavier University and, in case of discrepancies with such laws or policies, the rule most protective of student privacy and supporting the reasons for this Policy governs.

This Policy applies even if Sports Wagering is legally permitted in the state where the wager is placed.

C. DEFINITIONS

- a. **Sporting Event** means any athletic event, any Olympic or international sports competition, any motor race event, any esports event, or any other special event authorized for sports gaming, the individualized performance of athletes or participants in such an event, or a combination of those, or practice or contest in which any Xavier University intercollegiate athletic team and/or Xavier University student athlete participates. Sporting Events do not include: fantasy contests; or a wager between Xavier and another University, or between the Presidents of the respective universities, where the amount involved is nominal and representative of the teams or the localities (i.e., Cincinnati chili against Kansas City barbecue).
- b. **Sports Wager or Sports Wagering (also referred to as Sports Gaming or Sports Betting)** includes placing, accepting, facilitating, or soliciting a bet or a wager of any type, or to risk a sum of money or thing of value on an uncertain occurrence, with any individual or organization on any Sporting Event. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, one person directly or indirectly betting on another; the use of a bookmaker; exchange wagering, parlays, spreads, over-under, moneyline, in-game wagering, single game bets, teaser bets, in-play bets, proposition bets, pools, pari-mutuel sports wagering pools, or straight bets. A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.
- c. **Prohibited Persons** includes all students, faculty, and staff, as well as any contractors, employees of contractors, and volunteers who provide any services to, or on behalf of, the Xavier University Athletic Department and/or its student athletes.
- d. **Nonpublic Information** includes information that could in any way affect or influence the outcome of an athletic event or performance of a team or individual student athlete, such as,

but not limited to, player availability, data or other statistics, health status, academic eligibility status or other factors that only those in close proximity with the student athlete or athletic team could readily ascertain.

D. VIOLATIONS

Any individual who violates this Policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the applicable Xavier University procedures that implement sanctions for students, faculty, and staff. Independent contractors and their employees will be subject to action by the Vice President for Finance and Administration.

Disciplinary penalties may include written reprimand, formal warning, suspension, termination or dismissal, or such other penalties as the University deems appropriate and consistent with the gravity of the offense. In the case of faculty, violation of this Policy may constitute grounds for dismissal of a tenured or untenured faculty member, as determined by the processes described in the Faculty Handbook.

Any action taken by a state licensing or regulatory board against an individual who may have violated this policy does not preclude Xavier University from issuing discipline in accordance with applicable procedures.

E. HISTORY

The Policy Prohibiting Participation in Sports Wagering was updated in December 2025.

F. POLICY REVIEW SCHEDULE

Next Review: To be determined.

Other applicable policies and/or resources:

It is noted that University Trustees are governed by comparable policy developed by the Board.