

## CASE SUMMARY

### **Former Indiana women's volleyball assistant coach violated sports betting rules**

Sports betting violations occurred at Indiana when former women's volleyball assistant coach Brett Agne placed impermissible bets on professional and collegiate games over a five-month period, according to an agreement released by a Division I Committee on Infractions panel. Agne did not bet on the Indiana volleyball team but did bet on other teams at Indiana.

Agne and the enforcement staff agreed that Agne used online betting platforms to place more than 700 bets totaling \$327,000. Of those bets, 27 were on the Indiana football or men's basketball programs. Agne stated that he used an unregulated computer program to place bets on games automatically based on an algorithm, and as a result, he was not aware of which games he was betting on — including the Indiana games.

Agne acknowledged that he participated in sports betting activities despite receiving rules education from coaches and staff at Indiana, and he was aware that his conduct violated NCAA ethical conduct rules.

In October 2024, NCAA rules went into effect allowing sports betting violations that do not compromise the integrity of collegiate contests and/or involve lack of institutional oversight to be processed at different levels for the involved individual and school. Based on the nature of Agne's conduct, the panel classified his case as Level II–Standard.

The parties agreed to the following penalties for Agne:

- A two-year show-cause order for Agne in which any employing member school must require Agne to complete meaningful sports betting education and provide sports betting education to his peers.
- A suspension from 10 regular-season contests (the equivalent of 30% of the women's volleyball regular season) during the 2026 season. During that suspension, Agne cannot participate in any coaching activities, including being present or communicating with women's volleyball coaching staff members or student-athletes.
- A public reprimand and censure through the release of the negotiated resolution agreement.

Members of the Committee on Infractions are drawn from the NCAA membership and public. The panel members who reviewed this case are:

- Tricia Turley Brandenburg, deputy athletics director, chief leadership officer and senior woman administrator at Army and chief hearing officer for the panel.
- Susan Lipnickey, senior associate athletics director for compliance and student-athlete resources and senior woman administrator at Xavier.
- Christian Spears, former athletics director at Marshall.

# NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION<sup>1</sup>

NCAA Member Institutions – Case No. 020366

November 4, 2025

## I. CASE SYNOPSIS

Brett Agne (Agne), then assistant women's volleyball coach at Indiana University, Bloomington (Indiana), and the NCAA enforcement staff agree with the violations and penalties detailed below.

The investigation began April 29, 2024, when the enforcement staff received information that Agne engaged in substantial sports wagering activities using online betting platforms. Spreadsheets provided by the platforms Agne used showed Agne had placed over 700 bets during a five-month period, including 27 bets on contests involving Indiana football and men's basketball. He did not bet on the Indiana's women's volleyball team.

During his interview with the institution and enforcement staff, Agne admitted to his involvement in violations of NCAA sports betting legislation and noted that nobody else at the institution had knowledge of his gambling activity. Agne stated he had been fully educated on bylaws prohibiting wagering on sports by coaches and staff but chose to do so for pecuniary gain. He also reported that he placed bets utilizing an unregulated computer program which would automatically place wagers on games based upon an algorithm. Agne noted that he did not choose or even know what games he bet on via this computer program and any wagers on Indiana contests were coincidental. Agne was suspended from his position the day after his interview and resigned the following week.

## II. PARTIES' AGREEMENTS

### A. Agreed-upon findings of fact, violations of NCAA legislation and violation levels.<sup>2</sup>

#### 1. [NCAA Division I Manual Bylaws 10.01.1 and 10.3 (2023-24)] (Level II)

Agne and the enforcement staff agree that between September 26, 2023, and March 2, 2024, Agne violated the principles of honesty and sportsmanship when he knowingly participated in sports betting activities. Specifically, Agne placed over 700 bets totaling \$327,000 on intercollegiate and professional sports competitions, including 27 bets placed on Indiana football and men's basketball.

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<sup>1</sup> In reviewing this agreement, the hearing panel made editorial revisions pursuant to NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions (COI) Internal Operating Procedure (IOP) 4-7-1-2. These modifications did not affect the substance of the agreement.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 19.1.1.1, the institution's portion of the case was processed separately as a Level III violation.

**B. Agreed-upon aggravating and mitigating factors.**

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 19.10.3-(e), the parties agree that the aggravating and mitigating factors identified below are applicable.

The parties assessed the factors by weight and number and agree that this case should be properly resolved as Level II – Standard.

**Involved Individual (Agne):**

1. Aggravating factors (Bylaw 19.12.3.2).
  - a. Violations were premeditated, deliberate or committed after substantial planning [Bylaw 19.12.3.2-(c)].
  - b. Conduct intended to generate pecuniary gain for the individual. [Bylaw 19.12.3.2-(h)].
  - c. Intentional, willful or blatant disregard for NCAA bylaws [Bylaw 19.12.3.2-(i)].
2. Mitigating factors (Bylaw 19.12.4.2).
  - a. Prompt acknowledgement and acceptance of responsibility for the violations [Bylaw 19.12.4.2-(b)].
  - b. Affirmative steps to expedite final resolution of the matter, including timely submission of a negotiated resolution pursuant to Bylaw 19.10 [Bylaw 19.12.4.2-(d)].
  - c. The absence of prior conclusions of Level I, Level II or major violations [Bylaw 19.12.4.2-(e)].

**III. OTHER VIOLATIONS OF NCAA LEGISLATION SUBSTANTIATED; NOT ALLEGED**

None.

#### IV. REVIEW OF OTHER ISSUES

None.

#### V. PARTIES' AGREED-UPON PENALTIES<sup>3</sup>

All penalties agreed upon in this case are independent and supplemental to any action that has been or may be taken by the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics through its assessment of postseason ineligibility, historical penalties or other penalties.

Pursuant to Bylaw 19.10.3-(e), the parties agree to the following penalties:

##### **Core Penalties for Level II – Standard Violations (Bylaw 19.12.7)**

1. Show-cause order: Agne violated the principles of honesty and sportsmanship when he knowingly participated in sports betting activities. Therefore, Agne shall be subject to a two-year show-cause order from **November 4, 2025, through November 3, 2027**. In accordance with Bylaw 19.12.7.4 and NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions Internal Operating Procedure 5-15-5, any employing member institution shall require Agne to complete meaningful sports betting education (such as attending sports betting-related sessions at the NCAA Regional Rules Seminar) and provide sports betting education to his peers. Any member institution that employs Agne in an athletically related position during the two-year show-cause period, shall abide by the terms of the show-cause order unless it contacts the Office of the Committees on Infractions (OCOI) to make arrangements to show cause why the terms of the order should not apply.
2. Suspension: Bylaw 19.12.7.5 and Figure 19-1 penalty guidelines contemplate suspensions. Therefore, any employing member institution shall suspend Agne from the first 30% of the 2026 regular women's volleyball season. This suspension corresponds with 10 contests. The provisions of this suspension apply to all athletically related duties and require that Agne not be present with or have contact or communication with women's volleyball coaching staff members or student-athletes during the suspension period. The prohibition includes all coaching activities for the suspension period that begins at 12:01 a.m. on the day of the first contests and ends at 11:59 p.m. on the day of the tenth contest. During the suspension period, Agne may not participate in any coaching activities, including, but not limited to, team travel, practice, video study, recruiting and team meetings.

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<sup>3</sup> All penalties must be completed during the time periods identified in this decision. If completion of a penalty is impossible during the prescribed period, the institution shall make the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions aware of the impossibility and must complete the penalty at the next available opportunity.

Any employing institution may not utilize Bylaw 11.02.2.1 to replace Agne on a temporary basis during the period of suspension.

**Additional Penalties for Level II – Standard Violations (Bylaw 19.12.9)**

3. Public reprimand and censure through the release of the negotiated resolution agreement.

**VI. OTHER AGREEMENTS**

The parties agree that this case will be processed through the NCAA negotiated resolution process as outlined in Bylaw 19.10, and a hearing panel comprised of members of the Committee on Infractions will review the negotiated resolution. The parties acknowledge that the negotiated resolution contains agreed-upon findings of fact of NCAA violations and agreed-upon aggravating and mitigating factors based on information available at this time. Nothing in this resolution precludes the enforcement staff from investigating additional information about potential rules violations. The parties agree that, pursuant to Bylaw 19.1.3, the violations identified in this agreement occurred and should be classified as Level II – Standard.

If a hearing panel approves the negotiated resolution, Agne agrees that they will take every precaution to ensure that the terms of the penalties are observed. Agne acknowledges that they have or will impose and follow the penalties contained within the negotiated resolution, and these penalties are in accordance with those prescribed in Bylaws 19.12.7, 19.12.8, 19.12.9 and 19.12.10. The OCOI will monitor the penalties during their effective periods. Any action by Agne contrary to the terms of any of the penalties or any additional violations may be considered grounds for prescribing more severe penalties or may result in additional allegations and violations.

The parties acknowledge that this negotiated resolution may be voidable by the Committee on Infractions if the parties were aware or become aware of information that materially alters the factual information on which this negotiated resolution is based.

The parties further acknowledge that the hearing panel, subsequent to its review of the negotiated resolution, may reject the negotiated resolution. Should the hearing panel reject the negotiated resolution, the parties understand that the hearing panel will issue instructions for processing of the case pursuant to hearing resolution (Bylaw 19.8) or limited resolution (Bylaw 19.9) and prior agreed-upon terms of the rejected negotiated resolution will not be binding.

## **VII. DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS APPROVAL**

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 19.10.1, the panel approves the parties' resolution. The panel's review of this agreement is limited. Panels may only reject a negotiated resolution agreement if the agreement is not in the best interests of the Association or if the agreed-upon penalties are manifestly unreasonable. *See* Bylaw 19.10.4. In this case, the panel determines that the agreed-upon facts, violations, aggravating and mitigating factors and classification are appropriate for this process. Further, the parties classified this case as Level II-Standard for Agne. The agreed-upon penalties align with the ranges identified for core penalties for Level II-Standard cases in Figure 19-1 and Bylaw 19.12.7 and the additional penalties available under Bylaw 19.12.9. Pursuant to Bylaw 19.10.6, this negotiated resolution has no precedential value.

The COI advises Agne that he should take every precaution to ensure that he observes the terms of the penalties. Any action by Agne contrary to the terms of any of the penalties or any additional violations shall be considered grounds for prescribing more severe penalties and/or may result in additional allegations and violations.

### **NCAA COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS PANEL**

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